The Children’s Mental Health Act  
(M.S. 245.487 to 245.4888)

Local Coordinating Council

**Members:** Mental health, social services, correctional services, education services, health services, vocational services, tribal representative, juvenile court

**Role:** Meet at least quarterly to develop recommendations to improve coordination and funding of services to children with severe emotional disturbances.

Local Children’s Advisory Council

**Members:** Consumer, parent of a child with a severe emotional disturbance, children’s mental health professional, representatives of minority populations of significant size residing in the county, a representative from the LCC, a family community support services program representative.

**Role:** seek input about needs of children with emotional disturbances and services needed by families; make recommendations on the children’s mental health system, present a report to the county board on unmet needs. The county board shall consider the advice of its LAC is carrying its authorities and responsibilities.

The Children’s Mental Health Integrated Fund (M.S. 245.491 to 245.496)

**Integrated Service System**

Components:
- integrated funding
- individualized rehabilitation services (wraparound)
- multi-agency plan of care
- coordinated assessment process
- improved outreach
- early identification and intervention across systems
- strong collaboration between parents and professionals for identification, access

Reduced system fragmentation by:

- Shared resources: the Integrated Fund
- Shared service coordination/planning: Collaborative Board, Collaborative Agreement, coordinated assessment process, integrated service system.
- Shared service teams: wraparound
- Shared plans: multi-agency plan of care
Minnesota's State-Supervised, County Administered Public Mental Health System

3 agencies/organizations are responsible for funding and assuring quality mental health services:

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<td><strong>SMHA:</strong> Part of the Department of Human Services. Children's mental health is within the Children and Family Services Administration, Partnerships for Child Development Division. 30 members appointed by the Governor. Serves as the state's planning council.</td>
<td><strong>LMHA:</strong> The County Board of Commissioners and its administrative agency, or multi-county mental health authority. Local Advisory Council and Local Coordinating Council.</td>
<td><strong>Providers:</strong> Contracted by counties and children’s mental health collaboratives.</td>
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<td><strong>State’s Role:</strong> To define and disseminate statewide policy, to supervise the development and coordination of locally available CMH services by the county boards, and to provide technical assistance to the county boards to improve system capacity and quality.</td>
<td><strong>County’s Role:</strong> Responsible for the day-to-day administration of local community mental health systems. Each county is responsible for: system planning, implementing and coordinating programs of service delivery among local providers, coordinating client care through case management, deciding how to allocate locally generated funds and state funds which flow through the county and reporting data and information requested by the state mental health authority.</td>
<td>– Outpatient services are typically provided by contracted community mental health centers, outpatient clinics of community hospitals, and county-run mental health centers. There are 25 community mental health centers in the state.</td>
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