

# Act 334 – The Coordinated Services Team Initiative Legislation

## Summary of Significant Changes Made to 46.56

Sources: Assembly Bill 296, Act 334, and ss 46.56

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This document serves as a summary to a larger document, “Act 334 – The Coordinated Services Team (CST) Initiative Legislation: Changes Made to 46.56 and Implications for Sites”. Please reference the larger document for more detail/information (the sections to reference in the larger document are listed in italics for each section below).

### General:

- Semantics: name of program changed to “The CST Initiative”; similarly, names of forms, processes, etc. have also been updated to “CST” language.
- Language and information related to tribal initiatives has been included throughout the legislation

*Reference in larger document: 1. Semantics; Note: information related to tribal initiatives is referenced in sections throughout the document*

### Target Group Expansion:

- An SED diagnosis is no longer required, although children with SED are “required to be a priority target group”.

*Reference in larger document: 2. Target Group; 10. Eligibility of Children and Families*

### Expanded Coordinating Committee Membership:

- Expanded discretionary membership which may include local elected officials, vocational & technical school, local businesses, county board, regional offices of the department, faith-based community, probation and parole, economic support agencies & Wisconsin Works

*Reference in larger document: 3. Coordinating Committee Membership*

### Expanded Coordinating Committee Responsibilities:

- Planning for sustainability
- Establishing and monitoring policies and procedures
- Quality assurance
- Development of an orientation plan for new coordinating committee and family team members
- Identifying gaps in service
- Performance of client & partner agency satisfaction surveys
- Public relations / education
- Oversight of other activities that may be delegated to the initiative coordinator. Activities include data maintenance, reporting evaluation results, development of additional funding sources, and development of advocacy for families.
- Development of a formal conflict management policy

*Reference in larger document: 4. Coordinating Committee Responsibilities; 15. Conflict Management*

### Clarifies the role of the Administering Agency:

- Gives direction for the Administering Agency to work with the Coordinating Committee to fulfill its responsibilities

- Specifies that every county and tribe develop written policies and procedures specifying the selection process for the initiative coordinator.

*Reference in larger document: 6. Role of the Administering Agency*

Expanded requirements for the Interagency Agreement. Additions include:

- The mission & core values
- Expectations for organizations such as the funding match requirement

*Reference in larger document: 7. Interagency Agreement*

Creates the role of “Initiative Coordinator” and defines duties.

*Reference in larger document: 9. Roles of the Initiative Coordinator*

Expanded definition of requirements for referral, assessment, planning, and closure processes – strengthening the role of parent and service coordinator, and emphasizing meaningful outcomes.

*Reference in larger document: 11. Referral; 12. Assessment and Plan of Care*

Expands specific programs with which initiatives shall coordinate its activities to include, “other support programs, including comprehensive community services or office of justice assistance programs”.

*Reference in larger document: 14. Relation to Other Programs*

Expands statewide evaluation requirements. *Note: details are currently being worked on by the Department.*

*Reference in larger document: 19. Evaluation*