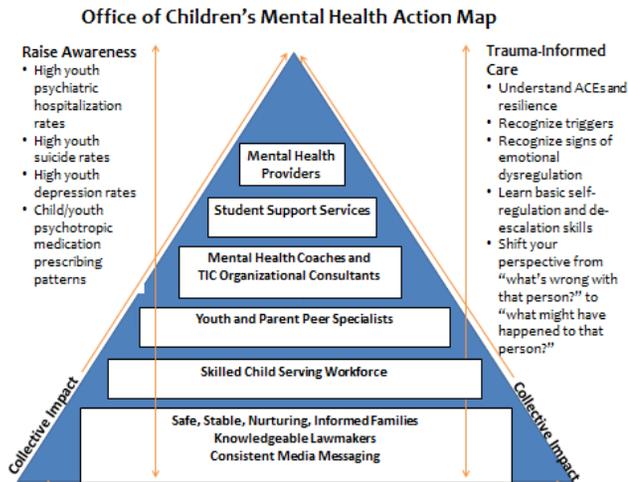


The Wisconsin Office of Children's Mental Health (OCMH) has a unique charge. Instead of focusing on program development or providing direct services, the OCMH was created to enhance communication within and between state agencies serving children and families, coordinate initiatives, and monitor program performance. Additionally, the OCMH is charged with identifying administrative efficiencies and improving access to services provided by the Department of Children and Families, Department of Corrections, Department of Health Services, the Department of Public Instruction, as well as county and community-based organizations serving Wisconsin's children. The OCMH aims to fulfill these charges in three ways: Innovate, Integrate, and Improve.

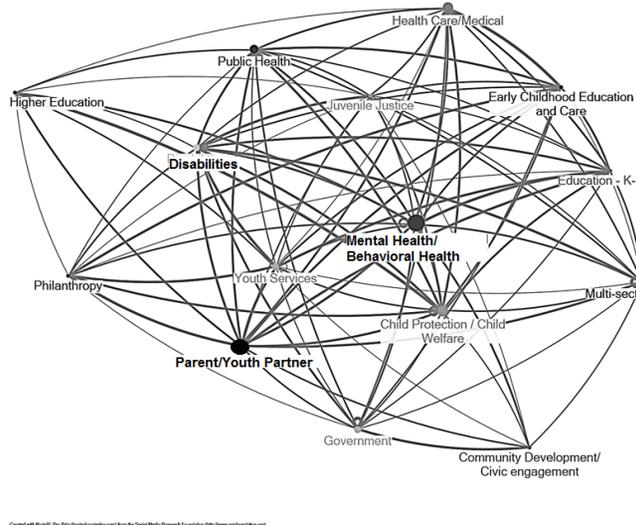
## INNOVATE

**Goal Statement:** The OCMH uses a public health approach to mental health that includes increasing awareness of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)<sup>1</sup> and promoting resilience.<sup>2</sup> OCMH brings this approach to change systems, policies, and programs by partnering with parents and youth with lived experience.



## INTEGRATE

Web of Cross-Sector Relationships Supporting Children's Mental Health



**Goal Statement:** Children's mental health stakeholders create a unified vision, aligned goals, effective intervention, and shared metrics.

OCMH connects multi-sector agencies through the Collective Impact change process, with three current workgroups:

- Spreading Trauma-Informed Care
- Teaching & Integrating Resilience
- Access to Supports & Services for Children and Families

## IMPROVE

**Goal Statement:** Services and supports are accessible and lead to recovery and resilience. Identifying and understanding the child and family service data will guide our improvement efforts. Our initial work outlines some of the challenges we face:

- a shortage of mental health providers,
- high rates of children's psychiatric hospitalizations,
- high rates of sanctions for children with mental health issues,
- a youth suicide rate higher than the national average, and
- pronounced racial disparities in school discipline, juvenile detentions, and foster care placement.

Up to 1 in 9 Wisconsin kids has "Severe Emotional Disturbance"



Up to 1 in 5 Wisconsin kids has any mental health challenge



Find out more about the Wisconsin Office of Children's Mental Health at [children.wi.gov](http://children.wi.gov)

<sup>1</sup> <http://wischildrenstrustfund.org/index.php?section=adverse-childhood>

<sup>2</sup> <http://resiliencetrumpsaces.org/>