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[Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse
Services - establishing pilot project -
effective date]

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 5-521 of Title 43A, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services shall establish a pilot project for the delivery of mental health services to children and adolescents through a community-based system of care, contingent upon the availability of funds. The pilot project shall include, but not be limited to, requirements for:

1. The active participation and assistance of:
 - a. local public agencies and private child-serving agencies receiving state funds through contracts with state agencies,
 - b. local offices of state agencies having health, mental health or social or other service responsibilities related to children and adolescents, and
 - c. the local school district;
2. The use of comprehensive treatment plans that cross individual agency boundaries;
3. Case managers responsible for the coordination of service delivery;

4. Flexible funding to provide traditional or nontraditional services for which no other source of funding is available;

5. A coordinated database for children receiving services through the pilot project; and

6. Outcome measures to evaluate the service and cost effectiveness of the project.

B. The community-based system of care for mental health services for children and adolescents shall be funded through available agency funds, federal grants, and private grants or other funds. Each state agency required by this act to participate in the pilot project shall also assist with funding, including any required state matches to federal funds.

As used in this section, "community-based system of care" means a consortium of public and private agencies within a community that establishes a coordinated team approach for the delivery of services to children and adolescents who require mental health services and their families. Services provided under a community-based system of care may include, but shall not be limited to, case management and service coordination, counseling, day treatment, special education services, family support, health services, homebound services, respite care, residential care, transitional services, psychiatric consultation, medication, transportation and wrap-around or nontraditional services.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 1999.

Passed the Senate the 10th day of March, 1999.

President of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____ ,
1999.

Speaker of the House of
Representatives