

Child and Adolescent Service System Program (CASSP)

REACHING OUT TO YOU

The Pennsylvania State Child and Adolescent Service System Program (CASSP) initiative was developed to provide a comprehensive system of care for children and adolescents with mental health needs. This system was developed to ensure that all services for children adhere to several key principles.

Child – Centered: meet the needs of the individual child. They are developmentally appropriate, strengths based and child specific.

Family Focused: recognize the family as the primary support system for the child. Families participate as a full partner in decision making and treatment planning.

Community Based: Whenever possible, services are delivered in the child's home community – using formal and informal community supports.

Multi – System: Services are planned with all systems involved in the child's life.

Culturally Competent: recognize and respect the ideas, values, beliefs and practices of a child's ethnic group.

Least restrictive/Least intrusive: Services take place in settings that are the least restrictive/intrusive to meet the child's needs. We encourage you to speak to your provider regarding the CASSP principles.



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