# Care Management Organizations (CMOs) New Jersey Children's System of Care (CSOC)

#### Presented on behalf of the 15 CMOs in New Jersey

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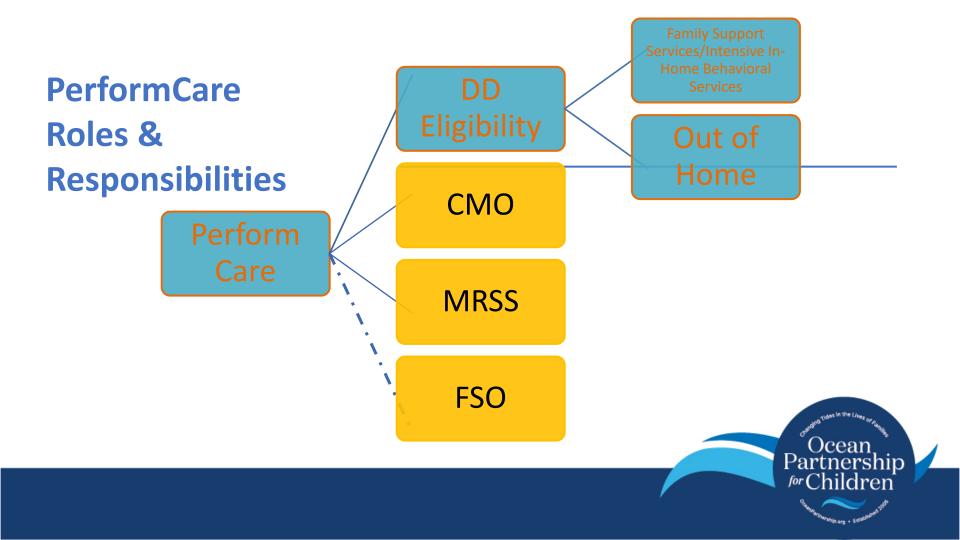


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#### Gateway to CMO Services PerformCare 1-877-652-7624

- Who to Call to Access CMO Services
- Available 24 Hours a Day, 7 Days a Week and 365 Days Per Year
- Parent/Legal Guardian calls PerformCare Directly
- PerformCare triages the initial call and determines next steps, based on Level of Need

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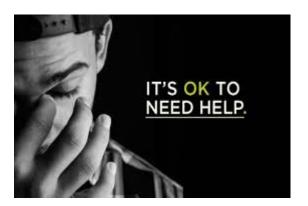




#### New Jersey Children's System of Care Care Management Organizations

- Every County in NJ is covered by a CMO.
- Some Cover One, Two or Three Counties.
- CMOs Independent Nonprofit Agencies with a contract with CSOC.
- Because CMOs are nonprofit agencies, all have a volunteer Board of Trustees.





# CMOs Who Do We Serve?

- Youth with high to moderate needs up to the age of 21 years and their families.
- Youth with mental health challenges and their families.
- Youth with substance use disorders and their families.
- Neurodiverse youth (intellectual and developmental disabilities) and their families.
- Youth involved with DCP&P/child welfare.
- Youth in the Juvenile Justice System/Court.



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# Care Management Organizations (CMOs)

CMOs provide care coordination and linkage to resources for youth and their families.

- CMOs utilize the wraparound approach.
- CMOs provides professional treatment supports (Intensive In-Community IICs; Behaviorists)
- CMOs link to natural supports.
- CMO's goal is to keep youth at home, in the community and in school.
- But if Out of Home treatment is needed, CMOs work with CSOC and PerformCare for Intensity of Service and options.



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# CMOs/CSOC Values It's all about WRAPAROUND!

# **Based on Wraparound Values**

Strength Based	Youth and Family Voice	Individualized
Community Based	Collaborative	Unconditional Care
Culturally Competent	Sustainable	Comprehensive





# How do CMOs Work/What to Expect from CMO?

- CMOs receive youth referrals from PerformCare every day of the week.
- Care Managers are assigned to youth based on need and availability.
- Care Managers outreach the youth and family to:
  - Develop a Family Crisis Plan
  - Set a time to meet (in-person) for the Strengths and Needs Assessment





# How do CMOs Work? (continued)

- CMOs help organize a Child & Family Team (CFT).
- CFTs are made up of anyone involved with the youth and family.
- CFTs include formal, informal, and natural supports.
- An Individualized Service Plan (ISP) is developed.
- The ISP includes strengths, vision, needs and strategies.
- The Care Manager ensures that all involved are working the plan & makes adjustments as needed.





# How do CMOs Work? (continued)

- The goal of the CMO is to work themselves out of a job!
- Average length of stay with CMOs vary depending on the need and resources available.
- CMOs have proven success:
  - Keep youth in the community.
  - Reduce out of home placements.
  - Using wraparound and our network of providers, transition youth and families to sustainability.

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CMOs are Similar BUT Different!

- While CMOs operate with the same model, they are different based on their own community needs.
  - Some CMOs have outreach centers.
  - Some CMOs have developed specific programs and services for neurodiverse/IDD Youth and Families.

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- 4 CMOs have Behavioral Health Homes.
- 4 CMOs have School Homeless Navigators



ADDITIONAL SERVICES AT OPC Ocean Partnership has developed additional services to meet our community's needs:

- Your Authentic Self Groups
- Girls Empowerment Group
- Game Changers Group
- Specialized Trainings





# HOW IS CMO FUNDED?

- CMO bills care management services to Medicaid.
- State has special funds for CMO youth not covered by Medicaid.
- Private insurance is accessed if available.
- Overall, there is NO cost to the youth and family for CSOC services.





# **Special Funding**

- FLEX FUNDS
  - Each CMO has flex funds to assist with non-Medicaid needs of youths and families.
- COMMUNITY RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT FUNDING
  - Each CMO has funding to develop unique, innovative services specific to their community's needs.

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- OUTPATIENT TREATMENT FUNDING
  - Each CMO received special funding to provide outpatient treatment for youth on wait lists.



# CMO Challenges & Opportunities

**Pandemic Aftermath** 

Number of Youth Skyrocketing (Youth Mental Health Crisis)

**Basic Needs Challenges** 

**Great Resignation/Staffing/Workforce Issues** 

**Provider Issues** 

Telehealth vs. In-Person

Undocumented Youth & Families/Newcomer Immigrants



#### New Jersey ResourceNets



Atlantic & Cape May Counties: Managed by Cape Atlantic INK



Bergen County: Managed by Bergen's Promise



Burlington County: Managed by Partners for Kids and Families, Inc.



Camden County: Managed by Camden County Partnership for Children



Cumberland, Gloucester and Salem Counties: Managed



Essex County: Managed by Partnership for Children of Essex



Hudson County: Managed by Hudson Partnership CMO



Mercer County: Managed by Capitol County Children's Collaborative



Middlesex County: Managed by Coordinated Family Care



Monmouth County: Managed by MonmouthCares, Inc.



Morris and Sussex Counties: Managed by Caring Partners of Morris & Sussex, Inc.

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Ocean County: Managed by Ocean Partnership for Children, Inc.



Passaic County: Managed by Circle of care for Families and Children of Passaic County, Inc.



Warren, Hunterdon and Somerset Counties: Managed by Tri County CMO



Union County: Managed by Families and Community Together

# **RESOURCE NET**

- ResourceNet is a FREE web directory of programs, supports, services and events for families specific to County of Residence in NJ.
- It is mobile friendly, can be translated to different languages, printed and shared through social media.
- Every ResourceNet is administered by the respective CMO in each County and supported by CSOC.





# **CSOC/CMO RESOURCES!**

Children's System of Care: <u>www.state.nj.us/dcf/families/csc/</u>

PerformCare Member Services: 877-652-7624 www.performcarenj.org

> NJCMO https://njcmo.org/







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