

# Council on Children's Mental Health

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## **LEGISLATION: SB 2582/HB 2502, Public Chapter 1062**

Establishes a council on children's mental health care to design a plan for a statewide system of mental health care for children.

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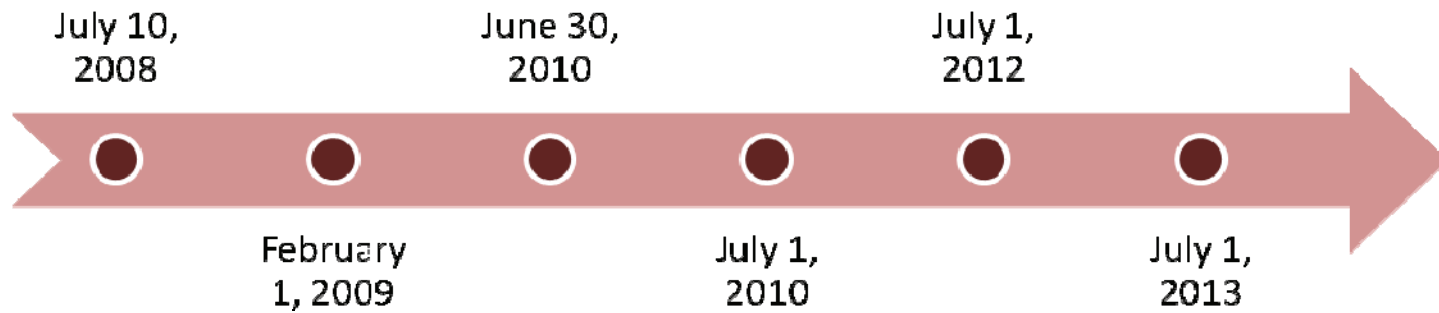
**Requires Council to develop a plan for a statewide system of care where children's mental health services is child-centered, family-driven, and culturally and linguistically competent, and provides a coordinated system of care for children's mental health needs in the state.**

Council to be co-chaired by the Commissioner of the Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities and the Executive Director of the Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth. Council Members must include but not limited to:

- Commissioners or designees of the Departments of Children's Services, Finance and Administration, Health, Human Services, Education, TennCare Bureau, Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities (representatives familiar with children and youth services and alcohol and drug abuse services).
- Commission on Children and Youth Chairman or designee
- Member of Governor's staff
- Senator
- Representative
- Comptroller of the Treasury representative
- Four (4) parents of children who have received mental health services
- Two (2) persons under 24 years of age who are receiving or have received mental health services
- Three (3) representatives of Community Services Agencies
- Two (2) representatives of a statewide agency that advocates for children's mental health needs
- Two (2) representatives of providers of children's mental health services
- Three (3) juvenile court judges, one from each grand division

- Requires the plan to provide a service delivery system that focuses on the principles of care for a system of care and enumerates those principles.
- The plan should also include a core set of services and supports that appropriately and effectively address the mental health needs of children and families.
- The Council must develop a financial resource map and cost analysis of all federal and state funded programs for children's mental health, updated on an annual basis, to guide and support the plan.
- Other duties include stimulating more effective use of resources, assisting in developing interagency agreements, determining whether programs are evidence-based, research-based and theory-based and submitting those findings.
- Authorizes the Council to: establish by-laws and operational matters; request/receive cooperation from agencies; enter into contracts; advise Governor and heads of Departments; hold hearings, conduct research, etc.; review relevant data, research, etc.

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07/10/2008 Submit Council Membership Nominations

02/01/2009 Report timeline for development of the overall plan; barriers; programs Currently in place and whether evidence-, research-, or theory- based; interagency cooperation; financial resource map; cost analysis; and recommendations for improving children's mental health.

06/30/2010 Section 13 sunsets the Council

07/01/2010 Report a plan for implementing demonstration sites in at least three areas of the state, at least one in each grand division.

07/01/2012 Report a plan to extend to ten areas, if 2010 plan is funded by the legislature.

07/01/2013 Report a plan to expand statewide, if 2012 plan is funded by the legislature.