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Children's System of Care

The Children's System of Care (CSOC) is New Jersey's public behavioral health system. CSOC serves youth under age 21 with emotional and mental health care needs, substance use challenges, and/or intellectual/developmental disabilities and their families. CSOC provides community-based, culturally competent services and supports based on the needs of the youth and family.

PerformCare, the Contracted Systems Administrator for the Children's System of Care, is the single point of access to CSOC's wide array of behavioral health, substance use, and intellectual and developmental disability services for youth and families throughout New Jersey.

To learn more and to access services, call the [PerformCARE](#) 24-hour, toll-free access line at 1-877-652-7624, or visit the [PerformCare website](#).

Behavioral Health and Developmental Disability Services for Children and Youth Under Age 21

The Children's System of Care offers a wide range of services for children and youth with emotional and mental health care needs. These services include community-based services, in-home services, out-of-home residential services, and family support services. For more information or to access **behavioral health for children and youth**, call PerformCare or visit the [PerformCare website](#).

Substance Use Treatment Services

The Children's System of Care offers a comprehensive array of substance use treatment services, including withdrawal management, outpatient, intensive outpatient, and residential services, including community-based residential treatment for youth with co-occurring mental health and substance use challenges. For more information or to access substance use **services for children and youth**, call PerformCare or visit the [PerformCare website](#).

Developmental Disability Services

The Children's System of Care offers a wide range of services for children and youth with intellectual and developmental disabilities. These services include community-based services, in-home services, out-of-home residential services, and family support services. Developmental Disability Family Support services are intended to help support uncompensated caregivers for individuals who are eligible for developmental disability services and living in their own homes. For more information, please visit the [CSOC Developmental Disability Family Support Services](#) webpage.

Eligibility Determination for Children with Developmental Disabilities

The New Jersey Department of Children and Families - Children's System of Care (CSOC) is responsible for intellectual and developmental disability eligibility determinations for children under age 18. Additional information about the application process and the eligibility application are available on the [PerformCare website](#).

Eligibility for individuals over 18, including life-long planning after age 18, is provided by the Department of Human Services' Division of Developmental Disabilities. More information on this can be found at the [Division of Developmental Disabilities website](#) or by calling 1-800-832-9173. CSOC will honor determinations of eligibility made by DDD and provide developmental disability services to individuals between the ages of 18 and 21.

Additional Resources for Families and Communities

[Autism New Jersey](#) is the largest statewide network of parents and professionals dedicated to improving lives of individuals with autism spectrum disorders.

The [New Jersey Council on Developmental Disabilities](#) helps to ensure that individuals with developmental disabilities and their families participate in the design and have access to needed community services, individualized supports, and other forms of assistance that promote self-determination, independence, productivity, integration and inclusion in all facets of life through culturally competent programs.

[Mom2Mom](#) offers 24/7 peer support to mothers of children with special needs.

[Traumatic Loss Coalition](#) - Families and communities can find [resources](#) about dealing with grief and loss.

Click [HERE](#) for resources outside of the Children's System of Care that may be beneficial to families with very young children and/or children who require personal care.



Related Links

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