

KidsNet Douglas A System of Care

KidsNet Douglas is a system of care dedicated to helping parents and their youth to be successful by promoting community involvement and support in youth's lives and offering education and information to parents to enhance their parenting and coping skills.

OUR MISSION

To bring together youth, families, community resources, and child serving agencies to address the individual needs of each participating youth. KidsNet coordinates and monitors services around youth and their families to provide collaborative services to meet the needs of each youth.

KidsNet is a process.

KidsNet is a philosophy.

KidsNet is a system of care.

KidsNet Georgia is a system of care. It's all of us working together to assure improvement of a youth's mental and emotional well being. Mental health, like physical health, is important at every stage of life. Mental health affects the way we think, feel, and act as we go about our daily lives. It influences how we look at our lives, our peers, and ourselves. It defines how we handle stress, relate to others, and make decisions.

The **KidsNet Georgia** system of care opens communication among agencies and families, is family friendly, offers culturally appropriate activities, and involves the entire community.



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**A Family Driven and
Youth Guided
Approach**

**System of Care
A Collaboration of
Community Partners**

The **KidsNet Douglas** system of care is a network of community resources such as churches and civic organizations, child serving agencies, and families that comes together to address the individual needs of participating youth in a family-driven, culturally appropriate community of care.

Child-serving agencies work through **KidsNet Douglas** with families as partners to develop a program of services tailored to each youth's individual needs. The **KidsNet Douglas** system of care goal is to keep the youth at home with his or her family and in the community with which the youth is familiar.

PARTICIPATION

KidsNet Douglas involves as many agencies and providers as necessary to exhaust all options available within the community. Through **KidsNet Douglas**, youth who have emotional and behavioral challenges are provided services in the home environment at the request of the family using natural supports. Natural supports include church, a mentor, a club, or even a sporting team or league. Natural supports help offer a sense of belonging and security.

Because all the resources/providers are working the case together:

- The process is less disruptive
- The treatment plans can be more creative and flexible
- Resources can be established for treatment as needed

CRITERIA

To be considered for **KidsNet Douglas**, youth must be

- high school ages 13—18
- live in the county or community
- have been diagnosed with a serious emotional disturbance
- require services from two or more agencies or providers, and
- have demonstrated an inability to perform in the family, school, or community such that he or she is at risk of removal

MANAGEMENT

While the system of care guides the oversight of the Unified Service Plan / Community Care Plan, the local Policy Council governs the initiative. The Oversight committee governs the statewide system of care process. Members of each local KidsNet Policy Council and the KidsNet Georgia Oversight committee include leaders from the partner agencies and providers as well as community members, partners and youth.