

The System of Care is a local program that addresses the needs of at-risk youth and families. The program was developed by a network of local agencies, partnering with the School Board of Alachua County (SBAC). The SBAC and its partners are requesting funding for the pilot program in FY 2016. Data is collected to monitor the progress of at-risk youth and families, with a comprehensive approach to services. The goals of the System of Care program are to assess and treat at-risk students according to their needs, train school personnel, improve classroom behavior and reduce suspensions, increase academic achievement and overall graduation rates, increase employment of positive student engagement strategies by School Resource Police/Deputies, and decrease juvenile arrests.

The goal is to provide high quality, child centered, family focused, cost effective, community-based services to high risk youth and their families. State and local agencies, parents and providers work together to plan, share resources, and provide tailored services for our youth. These agencies included, but are not limited to: the School Board of Alachua County, Gainesville Police Department, Florida Department of Juvenile Justice, Alachua County Sheriff's Department, Florida State Attorney's Office, Meridian Health Care, and the Juvenile Justice Council.

These services are implemented as tiered supports, based on the school and individual student needs.

Tier 1 - Creating trauma-informed and emotionally responsive school cultures

Tier 2 - Behavior interventions and agency referrals

Tier 3 - Identification and Referral to System of Care