County of San Diego  
Children, Youth and Families Behavioral Health  
System of Care Council  
Vision, Mission, and Principles

**Council Vision:**
Wellness for children, youth and families throughout their lifespan.

**Council Mission:**
Advance systems and services to ensure that children and youth are healthy, safe, lawful, successful in school and in their transition to adulthood, while living in nurturing homes with families.

**Council Principles:**

1. **Collaboration of four sectors:** Coordination and shared responsibility between child/youth/family, public agencies, private organizations and education.

2. **Integrated:** Services and supports are coordinated, comprehensive, accessible, and efficient.

3. **Child, Youth, and Family Driven:** Child, youth, and family voice, choice, and lived experience are sought, valued and prioritized in service delivery, program design and policy development.

4. **Individualized:** Services and supports are customized to fit the unique strengths and needs of children, youth and families.

5. **Strength-based:** Services and supports identify and utilize knowledge, skills, and assets of children, youth, families and their community.

6. **Community-based:** Services are accessible to children, youth and families and strengthen their connections to natural supports and local resources.

7. **Outcome driven:** Outcomes are measured and evaluated to monitor progress and to improve services and satisfaction.

8. **Culturally Competent:** Services and supports respect diverse beliefs, identities, cultures, preference, and represent linguistic diversity of those served.

9. **Trauma Informed:** Services and supports recognize the impact of trauma and chronic stress, respond with compassion, and commit to the prevention of re-traumatization and the promotion of self-care, resiliency, and safety.

10. **Persistence:** Goals are achieved through action, coordination and perseverance regardless of challenges and barriers.

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