Prevalence and Characteristics of Children Entering Foster Care to Receive Behavioral Health or Disability Services

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This brief highlights how the System of Care (SOC) approach strengthens support for families involved with child welfare by coordinating services across sectors such as behavioral health, Medicaid, education, and community providers while partnering closely with families. The approach aims to reduce fragmented services, improve accountability, and ensure children and families receive coordinated, community-based care that meets their needs.

By shifting systems from reactive responses to proactive, prevention-focused strategies, the SOC model can help prevent unnecessary foster care entry, improve outcomes, and reduce avoidable costs while promoting family stability and well-being.