OhioRISE (Resilience through Integrated Systems and Excellence)

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The OhioRISE (Resilience through Integrated Systems and Excellence) program is designed for children and youth with **complex behavioral health needs who are often involved with multiple systems**. Its central strategy is coordinating those systems so youth can receive individualized, community-based care while remaining with their families whenever possible.

Key points

- **Who it serves:** Youth with complex behavioral health and multisystem needs, including those interacting with **child protection, juvenile justice, developmental disabilities, education, mental health, and addiction services**.
- **Cross-system collaboration is foundational:** OhioRISE brings together state and local programs and integrates expertise across systems rather than requiring families to navigate each system independently.
- **Community-based focus:** Services are intended to help children thrive **at home, at school, and in their communities**, while keeping families together and reducing hospitalization and out-of-state care.
- **Care coordination:** The program works through **18 regional care management entities (CMEs)** in partnership with Aetna Better Health of Ohio. Each participating youth is connected with a care coordinator who helps coordinate individualized behavioral, emotional, and physical health supports.
- **Eligibility:** A **Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) assessment** is required to help determine whether a child or youth qualifies for the program.

OhioRISE is a concrete example of **structuring cross-system collaboration around the needs of the child and family rather than around individual agencies**. Its model combines Medicaid managed care, regional care coordination, and multiple child-serving systems to create a more integrated response for youth whose needs cross traditional agency boundaries.

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