

# HAMILTON COUNTY SYSTEM OF CARE

## YOUTH AND FAMILY ALLIANCE



### Do you live in Hamilton County? Then WELCOME to the Alliance!!!

*Chair: Karly Sciortino-Poulter*

*Vice-Chair: Heather French*

*“Systems of Care is where everyone interested in the mental health and related needs of youth come together at the same table to figure out what is going well in the county, what we still need, and what we need to improve in our community.*

*The Youth and Family Subcommittee gives us - parents, siblings, grandparents, caregivers, friends, youth, and people with lived experience - the opportunity to share our experiences so we can have a big impact on what’s available in our community. The Youth and Family Subcommittee surrounds us with others who understand what we have and are going through, while giving us access to those who make decisions so we can ensure youth and families are getting the supports they need, and it gives us the opportunity to create what our community requires for success.”*

Each county in Indiana with a functioning System of Care has a Youth and Family Subcommittee. This subcommittee provides a forum for youth and family engagement, voice, and decision making. In Hamilton County, we have established a Youth and Family Alliance for *all members* of our community.

The SOC is grounded upon creating a culture of inclusiveness for family and youth in planning, decision-making, implementation, and monitoring, striving for respectful partnerships between youth-serving systems and the youth and families they serve.

Parts of the Youth and Family Alliance duties are to identify delivery system issues; determine what training, supports, and/or considerations are needed for our youth; provide feedback so that the System of Care can work from a place of youth- and family-guided feedback; and advocating for youth and family issues. A big area where the System of Care needs youth guidance is in regards to sharing information and resources to youth in the best ways, including social media platforms. Another area is assessment of youth programs, to ensure they are effective for the youth of today.

#### **When do we meet?:**

The fourth Thursday of every month, 6pm  
Noblesville Schools Education Services Center  
18025 River Rd, Noblesville IN 46060

#### **Who can come?:**

Any family in Hamilton County including their youth of any age!

**No need to hire a babysitter so that you can attend; we’ve got that under control!**

#### **What will we do?:**

← See over there!

#### **What else does this Alliance do?:**

Game Night!!

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month, 6pm

All ages welcome!! Bring the whole family!

#### **How can I join?:**

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