

**Philosophy and Principles**

The Tazewell County CPMT is committed to providing quality services for troubled at risk youth and families in Tazewell County. Cooperative and comprehensive planning, interagency collaboration and ongoing evaluation of programs are essential to the cost effective and efficient provision of services. The well-being of our future citizens is of concern not only to parents, service providers and local governments, but to the whole community. The process of identifying needs and developing and delivering services for those children and youth who have or are at risk of developing behavioral or emotional problems is improved by the broad involvement of community groups and interested citizens. Families should be fully involved in the assessment, planning, delivery and evaluation of services to their children, and should assume the maximum responsibility and authority in the process of being served.

<b>CPMT Principles</b>	<b>Systems of Care Principles</b>
Services are supportive to children and their families, providing them with the opportunity to succeed in the community to the fullest extent possible.	Our system will support families to fulfill their primary responsibility for the safety, physical and emotional health, financial and educational well-being of their children.
Needs of children and families will be met in the least restrictive way, with families fully participating in the decision making process. The family unit will remain intact whenever possible and issues are to be addressed in the context of the family unit. Services will be community based whenever possible and children will be placed outside of the community only when absolutely necessary.	Children are best served with their own families. Keeping children and families together and preventing entry into any type of out of home placement is the best possible use of resources.
All agencies providing services will work together cooperatively with each other and with the family to gain maximum benefit from the available resources.	Our system embraces the concepts of shared resources, decision making and responsibility for outcomes. All stakeholders will work together collaboratively with each other and the family to gain maximum benefits from available resources.
Services are flexible and comprehensive to meet individual needs of children and families.	Children and families will receive individualized services in accordance with expressed needs.
Services are easily accessible to residents of the community, regardless of where they live, their native language or culture, their level of income, or their level of functioning.	Our families will receive culturally and linguistically responsive services.
Services are integrated into the community, in the neighborhoods where the people who need them live.	Children with emotional, intellectual or behavioral challenges will receive integrated services and care coordination in a seamless manner.
Services are family focused to promote the well-being of the child and community.	Our system will be youth guided and family driven with the family identifying their own strengths and needs and determining the types and mix of services and desired outcomes within the resources available.
Services are responsive to people and adaptable to their changing needs.	County, community and private agencies will embrace, value and celebrate the diverse cultures of their children, youth and families and will work to eliminate disparities in outcomes.
Services are provided through collaborative and cooperative partnerships between people living in their community and public and private organizations.	We will be accountable at the individual child and family system and community levels for desired outcomes, safety and cost effectiveness.