

28 **Other Special Clauses:**

29 None

30 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

31 ENACTS:

32 **62A-4a-312**, Utah Code Annotated 1953



34 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

35 Section 1. Section **62A-4a-312** is enacted to read:

36 **62A-4a-312. System of Care Pilot Program.**

37 (1) There is established the System of Care Pilot Program to be administered by the
38 Division of Child and Family Services beginning on July 1, 2004 and ending on June 30, 2005.

39 (2) As used in this section:

40 (a) "Family facilitator" means a family member who has had experience in the family
41 member's own family with a child with a serious emotional disturbance and has been trained to
42 support care-givers and youth who have a serious emotional disturbance. The family
43 facilitator:

44 (i) ensures that the family voice is heard at:

45 (A) family team meetings; and

46 (B) public agency meetings;

47 (ii) assists the parents and family members to partner with agencies; and

48 (iii) coordinates family team meetings.

49 (b) "Family member" means a parent or family member who has in the past or is
50 currently acting as care-giver to a child with a serious emotional disturbance.

51 (c) (i) "Family team" means a team composed of individuals chosen by the family
52 which may include:

53 (A) the youth or child care-giver;

54 (B) a family facilitator;

55 (C) an agency partner; or

56 (D) a support person from the community.

57 (ii) The family team shall meet regularly to develop and implement service plans and
58 to develop and implement crisis and safety plans as needed.

59 (iii) The goals of the family team are to help families understand and negotiate the
60 system of care, including agency services and community resources.

61 (d) "Family team survey" means a tool that monitors:

62 (i) agency participation;

63 (ii) informal and formal supports;

64 (iii) services delivered in a manner that meet the cultural needs of the family; and

65 (iv) family satisfaction.

66 (e) "Wrap around service plan" means a single individualized service plan that can be
67 understood by the family and, when appropriate, the children, that coordinates all the services
68 provided and legal mandates that agencies are required to complete for funding or legislative
69 compliance.

70 (f) "Wrap around services" means a family centered, team-based, coordinated service
71 plan that focuses on the strengths, needs, and cultures of the child and family using formal,
72 informal, and natural supports to develop and implement the service plan with the child and
73 family.

74 (3) (a) Under the pilot program, 25 children and their families shall receive wrap
75 around services from the mental health agency responsible for services in the county where the
76 children and their families reside. The program shall serve the following number of children in
77 the following counties:

78 (i) five children from Washington County;

79 (ii) five children from Iron County;

80 (iii) five children from Beaver, Kane, and Piute Counties combined; and

81 (iv) ten children from Carbon, Emery, and Garfield Counties combined.

82 (b) The mental health agency will use a family facilitator to work with a family to
83 coordinate across agencies to develop and implement a service plan that provides community
84 based services or out-of-home placements that meet the mental health needs of the child and
85 provide for community safety.

86 (4) (a) The Division of Child and Family Services and the Division of Youth
87 Corrections shall pay the mental health center a mutually agreed upon daily rate for the wrap
88 around services.

89 (b) The daily rate shall be paid monthly and shall cover the complete cost of care for

90 the child.

91 (c) The wrap around services purchased at the daily rate must meet the child's clinical
92 needs and provide for community safety.

93 (5) The Department of Human Services, the juvenile court, and school district
94 personnel directly involved in service delivery to the child and parent or other family members
95 who may be direct care-givers for the child, shall participate in the wrap around service plan
96 development and service implementation.

97 (6) The mental health centers involved shall work cooperatively with the Department
98 of Human Services, the juvenile court, school districts, and local family organizations to
99 implement a local assessment team to monitor the wrap around service plan to ensure the
100 following are being met by the wrap around service plan:

101 (a) that the child's clinical needs are being met;

102 (b) that community safety is a primary consideration;

103 (c) that legislative and funding mandates are being met; and

104 (d) that the Department of Human Services, the juvenile court, and school district
105 personnel are participating in the planning and delivery of wrap around services.

106 (7) Each family involved in the program will complete a family team survey to
107 determine whether they feel their family's needs are being met by the wrap around team and
108 wrap around service plan.

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A limited legal review of this legislation raises no obvious constitutional or statutory concerns.

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