



6th Annual System of Care Conference

Dear System of Care Partners,

We are excited to announce the 6th Annual Kalamazoo Wraps Local System of Care Conference on February 15th, 16th, & 17th at Western Michigan University's Fetzer Center.

In Kalamazoo County, families, youth, community leaders, staff from mental health, juvenile justice, education, child welfare and primary care health have been working toward transforming the way services and supports are developed and provided for over 20 years. This effort expanded in 2005 when our community received a six-year, 9-million dollar SAMHSA grant to further develop and expand the system of care work. Today, the system of care continues to evolve and we received an additional 4 year, 4 million dollar SAMHSA System of Care Expansion Grant that will assist with the ongoing efforts of improving our local System of Care in Kalamazoo through 2019.

The 6th Annual Kalamazoo Wraps Local System of Care Conference will strengthen the foundation created over the past 13+ years and continue building the framework for our on-going efforts to empower family and youth voice, strengthen interagency partnerships, maximize resources, and create a highly skilled workforce. We are excited to announce that on Saturday the focus will be on Healthcare Integration and Education Partnerships.

It is your knowledge, expertise, experience, and participation that will bring this conference to life; so if you have practices to showcase or ideas and information to share, please submit a workshop proposal via the attached form by **December 11, 2017**. Please note that **we encourage the participation of a family or youth co-presenter for all workshops**. All workshops will be 90 minutes in length and if you would like to have additional time we can accommodate longer presentations by assigning two or more workshop times. If you have any questions please contact Michelle Houtrow at MHoutrow@kazoocmh.org or (269) 553-7122. Thank you again for your ongoing support to improve our System of Care in Kalamazoo County!

Sincerely,

Kalamazoo Wraps System of Care
Conference Planning Committee