**Continuity of Care Policy Brief & Purpose**

The program develops a service philosophy that has adopted a Continuity of Care mindset:

* Set forth a logical approach for how program activities and interventions will meet the needs of service recipients;
* Guides the development and implementation of programs activities and services based on the best available evidence of service effectiveness, and;
* Ensures that services are strength-based, person- or family-centered, culturally and linguistically responsive, and trauma-informed.
* Works with and assists coordination with any other current mental health providers or systems of care and support as appropriate

**Scope**

This applies to all SOAR employees, volunteers, and contractors, in addition to youth and their families.

**Policy & Procedure elements**

* Coordination of care with the client's previous mental health care providers or medical providers as appropriate, including retrieval of psychiatric and medical records.
* Coordination of the client's care with family members, guardians and other interested parties as appropriate and in a manner that reflects the individual's culture and ethnicity.
* SOAR is not responsible for providing psychiatric medical care under these rules, but shall facilitate access to proper referrals for the client.