

200.505 State Interagency Council for Services and Supports to Children and Transition-Age Youth.

There is hereby created a State Interagency Council for Services and Supports to Children and Transition-Age Youth. The chairperson of the council shall be designated by the Governor and shall establish procedures for the council's internal procedures.

(1) This council shall be composed of the following:

(a) Members who shall serve by virtue of their positions:

1. The commissioner of the Department of Education;
2. The commissioner of the Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities;
3. The commissioner of the Department for Community Based Services;
4. The commissioner of the Department for Public Health;
5. The commissioner of the Department for Medicaid Services;
6. The commissioner of the Department of Juvenile Justice;
7. The director of the Division of Family Resource and Youth Services Centers;
8. The executive director of the Office for Children with Special Health Care Needs;
9. The executive officer of the Department of Family and Juvenile Services of the Administrative Office of the Courts;
10. The chair of the Subcommittee for Equity and Justice for all Youth of the Juvenile Justice Advisory Board;
11. The executive director of the Kentucky Housing Corporation;
12. The executive director of the Kentucky Office of Vocational Rehabilitation; and
13. The president of the Council on Postsecondary Education, or their designees;

(b) The chairperson of the council shall appoint one (1) parent of a child or transition-age youth with a behavioral health need, who is a consumer of services and supports within the system of care to serve as a member of the council, and one (1) parent who meets the same criteria to serve as the parent member's alternate to serve in the absence of the parent member. For each appointment to be made, the State Interagency Council for Services and Supports to Children and Transition-Age Youth shall vote on nominations submitted by members. The nominee receiving the most votes shall be appointed. Appointees shall serve a term of two (2) years and may be reappointed to additional two (2) year terms. If the child of the parent member or alternate parent member ceases to be a consumer of services and supports within the system of care during the term of appointment, the member shall be eligible to serve out the remainder of the term of appointment. The alternate parent member may attend and participate in all council meetings but shall vote only in the absence of the parent member. The parent member and alternate parent member shall receive no compensation in addition to that

which they may already receive as service providers or state employees who are required to attend as part of their duties, but the parent member and alternate parent member shall be reimbursed for expenses incurred through the performance of their duties as council members if it is outside the scope of their job duties;

- (c) The chairperson of the council shall appoint one (1) youth between the ages of sixteen (16) and twenty-five (25), who has a behavioral health disorder and who is receiving or has received services to address mental health, substance use, or co-occurring mental health and substance use disorder, to serve as a member of the council, and one (1) youth who meets the same criteria to serve as the youth member's alternate in the absence of the youth member. For each appointment to be made, the State Interagency Council for Services and Supports to Children and Transition-Age Youth shall vote on nominations submitted by members. The nominee receiving the most votes shall be appointed. Appointees shall serve a term of two (2) years and may be reappointed to additional two (2) year terms, and the youth member and the youth member's alternate shall be eligible to serve out the remainder of their term of appointment regardless of age. The alternate youth member may attend and participate in all council meetings but shall vote only in the absence of the youth member. The youth member and alternate youth member shall receive no compensation in addition to that which they may already receive as service providers or state employees who are required to attend as part of their duties, but the youth member and alternate youth member shall be reimbursed for expenses incurred through the performance of their duties as council members if it is outside the scope of their job duties;
 - (d) The chairperson of the council shall appoint one (1) member of a nonprofit family organization representing consumers of services and supports within the system of care whose membership, leadership, and governance include parents, primary caregivers, or children or transition-age youth with serious emotional, behavioral, or mental health needs, to serve as a member of the council. For each appointment to be made, the chair shall publicly post on the State Interagency Council for Services and Supports to Children and Transition-Age Youth website a solicitation for letters of interest from qualified organizations and submit all qualified responses to a vote of the full membership. The organization which receives the most votes shall designate a representative to serve a term of two (2) years, and may be reappointed to additional two (2) year terms. The family organization member shall receive no compensation in addition to that which the member may already receive as an employee who is required to attend as part of his or her duties, but shall be reimbursed for expenses incurred through the performance of duties as a council member if it is outside the scope of his or her job duties; and
 - (e) At the end of a term, a member shall continue to serve until a successor is appointed.
- (2) The State Interagency Council for Services and Supports to Children and Transition-Age Youth shall:

- (a) Make recommendations annually to the Governor and the Legislative Research Commission regarding the system of care for children and transition-age youth with or at risk of behavioral health needs;
 - (b) Direct each regional interagency council to operate as the regional locus of accountability for the system of care;
 - (c) Assess the effectiveness of regional councils in serving as the locus of accountability for the system of care for children and transition-age youth with or at risk of behavioral health needs;
 - (d) Meet at least monthly and maintain records of meetings; and
 - (e) Develop a comprehensive array of services and supports to meet the needs of children and transition-age youth with or at risk of developing behavioral health needs.
- (3) Agencies represented on the state council shall adopt interagency agreements as necessary to advance the system of care.
- (4) The State Interagency Council for Services and Supports to Children and Transition-Age Youth may promulgate administrative regulations necessary to comply with the requirements of KRS 200.501 to 200.509.

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Legislative Research Commission Note (7/14/2018). Under the authority of KRS 7.136(2), one or more references to the "Commission for Children with Special Health Care Needs" in this statute have been changed in codification to the "Office for Children with Special Health Care Needs" to reflect the renaming of the commission by the General Assembly in 2018 Ky. Acts ch. 114.

Legislative Research Commission Note (6/20/2005). 2005 Ky. Acts chs. 11, 85, 95, 97, 98, 99, 123, and 181 instruct the Reviser of Statutes to correct statutory references to agencies and officers whose names have been changed in 2005 legislation confirming the reorganization of the executive branch. Such a correction has been made in this section.