

Monroe County Children's System of Care Guiding Principles for those serving and supporting youth & families

We commit to the following principles:

It is critical that we work together to support each other and share risks and opportunity alike, as a community, in service of youth and families.

We need to learn from one another, valuing both content expertise as well as life experiences.

We need to learn to be comfortable with constant change.

Family and youth perspectives are essential.

Responsiveness to community-identified issues is a priority.

Needs are assessed in the context of culture, race and ethnicity.

The best solutions are based on identifying strengths.

We believe that people and organizations really want to do the right thing.

Continuous evaluation is necessary to assure high quality outcomes.

Hope is the cornerstone to recovery and resilience.

Youth are our future.

This means that...

The value of our effort increases when we work together, reaffirming that the whole is greater than the sum of its parts.

Our work will be improved through working with others to help understand what makes us each unique and the importance of recognizing and valuing diversity.

We need to challenge ourselves to get out of our comfort zone and adapt to new situations

We will always develop processes or makes decisions with family and youth perspectives.

We need to stretch ourselves to be more responsive to others concerns and perspectives.

Services and supports should be responsive to the cultural uniqueness of each youth and family.

When partnering with individuals, agencies and the system start with and emphasize strengths.

We need to meet each other where we are and understand that people do as well as they can.

We will continuously look for opportunities to improve our work.

Because we believe in recovery and resilience, we must foster hope that improvement in quality of life is possible.

We believe in the strength and potential of every youth.

