

RCPA Children's Division



***Advancing and Advocating for
Children's Service Line Policy,
Planning and Practice***

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Current RCPA Staff Activity

- **Policy, Planning, Practice, Promotion**
 - **Member Support Services (information, alerts, system monitoring, representation & advocacy)**
 - **Specific Support Activity (information, intervention, advocacy)**
 - **RCPA Representation with Provider Organizations, State Committees, Workgroups, Cross-System Committees**

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RCPA Policy, Practice and Planning Structure

- RCPA Board/Executive Committee
 - RCPA Regional Leadership/Membership
 - Children's Steering Committee

- Children's Committee
- Ad hoc Workgroups/Taskforces
- International Pediatric Rehab Collaborative

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Children's Steering Committee Membership

- Co-Chairs of Children's Committee

- Member Agency Child Service Leadership
 - Commitment to Active Contribution
 - Regional Representation
 - Service Type Representation

- Chairs/Facilitators of Workgroups/Taskforces
- Representatives to other Divisions and Committees

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Children's Steering Committee Functions

- Lead Children's Division of RCPA
- Develop Strategic Goals
- Develop Action Plans
- Lead Workgroups/Taskforces
- Inform Policy Development
- Represent RCPA at National, State, Regional, Policy, Planning and Practice Forums
- Inform External/Internal Communications
- Support & Inform the Work of Policy Specialist(s)
- Presents Issues to the RCPA Board

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- **Children's Committee Membership**
 - **Member Representatives of All Child & Adolescent Services**
 - **Associate Member's Child & Adolescent System Representative**
 - **Business Member's Child & Adolescent System Representatives**
 - **Invited Guests and Presenters**
 - **Advocates, Professional Association Representatives**
 - **Government Representatives, etc.**

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□ Children's Committee (division) Functions

- Review & Discuss Current Developments in Member **Core** and **Connected** Service Planning, Policy, Service, Operational and Business Practice
- Interface and Information Exchange with State Agency Representatives
- Promotes the Role of Children's Services in Multi-Service Settings
- Inform and Advise RCPA Leadership Structure through Chairpersons and Policy Specialist(s) Regarding Goals, Issues, Policy Positions
- Interface and Information Exchange with Colleagues, Advocates, Presenters

Children's Division Priorities

- ❑ Influence the implementation of health care and behavioral health care reform in Pennsylvania
- ❑ Impact and influence workforce related issues
- ❑ Promote fair and reasonable payment for the services they provide
- ❑ Keep members informed of state of the art practice, in the areas of service delivery, technology and compliance
- ❑ Drive legislation and policy/Influence Government

Children's Division Goals

- ❑ Advocate for regulation and policy development at the national and state levels that support the provision of community based services and programs in an effective and efficient manner.
- ❑ Promote the development of cross-system service design, delivery and purchase of service that effectively and efficiently integrates core and connected member services.
- ❑ Promote evidence-based and promising practice along with efforts to ensure fiscal and systemic support to train, implement and sustain these practices.

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□ Scope of Policy, Planning and Practice Advocacy in **core** service line areas of

- Pediatric Rehabilitation Services and Policy
- Mental Health Services and Policy
- Substance Use Disorder Services and Policy
- Intellectual Delay and Disability Services and Policy
- Autism Services and Policy
- Early Intervention Services and Policy
- Promotion of Prevention, Member Communications, Public Information, System Improvements on behalf of Members

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**Mental
Health**

**Substance
Use
Disorder**

**Medical
Rehab**

**Brain
Injury**

**Intellectual
Disabilities**

Autism

**Vocational
Rehab**

**Core child and
Adolescent Services**

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- **Scope of Policy, Planning and Practice Advocacy in **connected** service line areas of**
 - Primary Care
 - Child Welfare
 - Juvenile Justice Services
 - Special Education
 - Alternative Education Services
 - Transitional & Post Secondary Education and Training
 - Early Care and Education
 - Family Support and Education
 - Peer Support and Education
 - Prevention, Stigma Reduction (YMHFPA)

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Service System & Practice Related Activity

- ❑ Program and Service Development
- ❑ Business Practices
- ❑ Staff Training & Professional Development
- ❑ Research
- ❑ Performance Improvement
- ❑ Recruitment & Retention
- ❑ Pre-profession Training (University/Technical)
- ❑ Member & System Communications

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□ Impacting Regulatory & Policy Systems

- Legislation (Health, Education, Welfare, Budgets)
- Regulation (PH, BH, IDD, D&A, Ed, CYS, etc.)
- HealthChoices-MCO Contract Standards
- State & National Planning, Collaboration, Problem Solving (State Offices, County, BH&PH-MCO)
- Cross-Service System Partnerships
- Advocacy Groups
- Professional & Service System Groups

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Recent & Potential Workgroups???

- Early Childhood Mental Health
- Family Based Mental Health
- Residential Treatment Facility
- Adolescent Forensic Subcommittee
- Integrated School – Behavioral Health Services
- Pediatric Rehabilitation Services (IPRC)
- Child, Adolescent Autism Services
- Neurobehavioral-TBI Intervention Services