
SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH,
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, AND JUDICIARY TO PERMANENTLY
ESTABLISH AND PARTICIPATE IN THE HAWAII INTERAGENCY STATE
YOUTH NETWORK OF CARE TO BETTER SERVE YOUTH AND FAMILIES
WITH COMPLEX NEEDS IN THE STATE.

1 WHEREAS, the Department of Education, Department of Health,
2 Department of Human Services, and Judiciary are responsible for
3 serving the multiple needs of children, youth, and families; and
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5 WHEREAS, many children, youth, and families, particularly
6 those with complex educational, behavioral, and social-emotional
7 needs, experience significant challenges and hardship navigating
8 the State's child-serving system; and
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10 WHEREAS, children and youth with complex needs who do not
11 receive services face numerous negative consequences, including
12 lower educational achievement, increased likelihood of
13 involvement in the juvenile justice system, and fewer stable and
14 longer-term placements in the child welfare system than their
15 peers; and
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17 WHEREAS, to better serve children, youth, and families, the
18 Department of Education, Department of Health, Department of
19 Human Services, and Judiciary have committed to the goals of the
20 Child and Adolescent Service System Program, including to:
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- 22 (1) Promote the development of a wide array of services to
23 meet the needs of identified children;
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- 25 (2) Integrate multiple services into a well-coordinated
26 system of care to make sure children are receiving the
27 most appropriate services; and
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- 29 (3) Increase the ability of parents and professionals to
30 work together for the benefit of the children; and
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1 WHEREAS, a seamless system of care has numerous positive
2 outcomes for children and youth, including the improvement of
3 school attendance and grades; increasing stability of living
4 situations; and decreasing behavioral health challenges, suicide
5 rates, substance abuse, and involvement in the juvenile justice
6 system; and
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8 WHEREAS, the Department of Education, Department of Health,
9 Department of Human Services, and Judiciary formed the Hawaii
10 Interagency State Youth Network of Care (HISYNC) to increase
11 collaboration among state agencies and to develop a system of
12 care for children, youth, and families; and
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14 WHEREAS, representatives of children, youth, and families
15 are included as valued HISYNC members and regularly attend
16 meetings to give recommendations and to ensure that the child-
17 serving system is responsive to the needs of children, youth,
18 and families; and
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20 WHEREAS, the HISYNC members primarily work to improve
21 outcomes for Hawaii's children, youth, and families through:
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- 23 (1) The continuous review and analysis of data to identify
24 areas for system and service improvement;
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- 26 (2) The recommendation of policies to address barriers
27 within the child-serving system;
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- 29 (3) Collaboration, coordination, and integration of state
30 programs, services, and resources;
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- 32 (4) Planning on joint treatment and management of specific
33 youth; and
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- 35 (5) Stakeholder problem-solving around multi-agency
36 challenges; and
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38 WHEREAS, HISYNC has implemented and supported several
39 multi-agency initiatives to promote interagency collaboration,
40 including:
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- 1 (1) A multi-agency memorandum of operation to formalize
- 2 partnership of the state agencies comprising the
- 3 interagency committee and to firmly establish the
- 4 committee's mission and vision;
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- 6 (2) A multi-agency consent form for information sharing
- 7 that streamlines the process for parents to access
- 8 care, thus alleviating the often duplicative and
- 9 numerous forms that parents need to complete and sign;
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- 11 (3) A jointly-funded independent facilitator position to
- 12 carry out the daily activities of HISYNC and the
- 13 Hawaii Interagency Local Youth Network of Care
- 14 (HILYNC) committees;
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- 16 (4) An annual interagency report with data on youth
- 17 served, costs, and outcomes, which brings together the
- 18 story of youth in Hawaii with respect to how they are
- 19 being served and supported by child-serving agencies;
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- 22 (5) Facilitating the development of local and regional
- 23 HILYNC groups, also known as HILYNC committees, to
- 24 promote interagency collaborative work on the local
- 25 level; now, therefore,
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27 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-ninth
 28 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2018,
 29 that the Department of Education, Department of Health,
 30 Department of Human Services, and Judiciary are urged to
 31 permanently establish HISYNC; and

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 33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education,
 34 Department of Health, Department of Human Services, and
 35 Judiciary are urged to participate in HISYNC and HILYNC; and

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 37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that HISYNC is urged to invite any
 38 additional child-serving agencies to participate in HISYNC's
 39 interagency forum and encourage these agencies to send local
 40 representatives to each of the regional HILYNC committees; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any additional child-serving
2 agencies not currently members of HISYNC are urged to
3 participate in HISYNC's interagency forum and send local
4 representatives to each of the regional HILYNC committees; and
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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that HISYNC is urged to coordinate
7 the complex landscape of the child-serving system to better
8 serve children, youth, and families; and
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
11 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Superintendent of
12 Education, Director of Health, Director of Human Services, and
13 Administrative Director of the Courts.

