

IDAHO COUNCIL ON CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH
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DECISION:

- Children/youth with SED and a co-existing developmental or substance abuse disorder are within the priority target population of the Regional and Local Councils.
- Children/youth with a developmental disorder and/or a substance abuse disorder that are stand alone diagnoses do not fall within the priority target population of the Local Councils.

Background Information:

Following the submission of the Joint Report to the Court on May 20, 2002, the ICCMH was asked to clarify the Regional and Local Children's Mental Health Council's ability and duty to serve children with dual diagnosis. Dual diagnosis, as stated here, is defined as children with a Serious Emotional Disturbance and a co-existing developmental disorder or substance abuse disorder. According to the parents involved in the discussions prior to the submission of the Joint Report, councils are unclear regarding their ability and duty to serve children with a dual diagnosis. This proposal provides clarification for local councils on serving the dually diagnosed.

The priority target population of the Regional and Local Councils are children/youth with Serious Emotional Disturbance (SED). The definition of SED includes children that meet the referring agency's definition of SED and that may also have a co-existing development or substance abuse disorder.