

**245.4872 PLANNING FOR A CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM.**

Subdivision 1. **Planning effort.** Starting on the effective date of sections 245.487 to 245.4889 and ending January 1, 1992, the commissioner and the county agencies shall plan for the development of a unified, accountable, and comprehensive statewide children's mental health system. The system must be planned and developed by stages until it is operating at full capacity.

Subd. 2. **Technical assistance.** The commissioner shall provide ongoing technical assistance to county boards to improve system capacity and quality. The commissioner and county boards shall exchange information as needed about the numbers of children with emotional disturbances residing in the county and the extent of existing treatment components locally available to serve the needs of those persons. County boards shall cooperate with the commissioner in obtaining necessary planning information upon request.

Subd. 3. **Information to counties.** By January 1, 1990, the commissioner shall provide each county with information about the predictors and symptoms of children's emotional disturbances and information about groups identified as at risk of developing emotional disturbance.

**History:** 1989 c 282 art 4 s 39; 1991 c 94 s 24; 1991 c 292 art 6 s 58 subd 1; 1Sp2003 c 14 art 11 s 11; 2005 c 98 art 3 s 9; 2007 c 147 art 8 s 38