

**225C.53 Role of department and division — transition to adult system.**

1. The department is the lead agency responsible for the development, implementation, oversight, and management of the mental health services system for children and youth in accordance with [this chapter](#). The department's responsibilities shall be fulfilled by the division.

2. The division's responsibilities relating to the children's system include but are not limited to all of the following:

a. Ensuring that the rules adopted for the children's system provide that, within the limits of appropriations for the children's system, children and youth shall not be inappropriately denied necessary mental health services.

b. Establishing standards for the provision of home and community-based mental health treatment, services, and other support under the children's system.

c. Identifying and implementing eligibility criteria for the treatment, services, and other support available under the children's system.

d. Ongoing implementation of recommendations identified through children's system improvement efforts.

3. An adult person who met the criteria for having a serious emotional disturbance prior to the age of eighteen may qualify to continue services through the adult mental health system.

[2008 Acts, ch 1187, §55](#)