

**ADULT PNO**  
**DIRECT CARE CLINIC**  
**SERVICES TO CHILDREN AND YOUTH DESKTOP PROCEDURE**

**Purpose:**

The children and youth desktop procedure addresses the requirement that PNOs have the capacity to serve children and youth of adult behavioral health recipients which are served through the Direct Care Clinics or establish an active, collaborative affiliation with a PNO that serves children, youth, and their families.

**Status of Current PNOs:**

The two adult PNOs are Southwest Network (SWN) and CHOICES Network of Arizona. SWN is also a children's PNO so they have the capacity to address the needs of eligible children and youth for Direct Care Clinic adult recipients. CHOICES is an adult PNO exclusively and is required to establish a collaborative affiliation with a children's PNO.

CHOICES will affiliate with SWN to address the needs of eligible children and youth of Direct Care Clinic behavioral health recipients. CHOICES and SWN have already established a strong collaborative working relationship and have regularly scheduled meetings. The CEOs of SWN and CHOICES will coordinate an initial meeting prior to the transition of the first Direct Care Clinics that will include the Vice President for Children's Services at SWN. Key contacts will be established to assist with addressing the needs of children and youth. Ongoing meetings will be held on an as needed basis or at least quarterly to review coordination efforts and problem solve any challenges.