The Level of Care Rate Determination Protocol (LOCP) is a strength-based rate methodology designed to identify the individual care and supervision needs of a child or youth which is translated to an appropriate LOCP rate to support their placement. Care and supervision needs will be identified based on five (5) core domains and scored based on a weighted point system.

**5 CORE DOMAINS**

**HEALTH**
- Healthcare
- Access for special needs

**PHYSICAL**
- Daily Living Needs

**EDUCATIONAL**
- Student achievement
- Educational excellence
- Equal access to services

**BEHAVIORAL/EMOTIONAL**
- Resilience
- Emotional Well-Being
- Pro-Social Behavior
- Healthy Relationships

**PERMANENCY/FAMILY SERVICES**
- Visitation, communication, development and maintenance of supportive connections with members of their biological/non-biological families
- Belonging, identity, and connection to culture

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