

2007 Annual Report on Collaborative Systems of Care

Executive Summary

Each year, the Bureau of Prevention, Treatment and Recovery (BPTR) prepares an annual report for the Children Come First Advisory Committee, the group statutorily responsible for monitoring the development of Wisconsin's Integrated Services Projects. This summary report highlights some of the accomplishments and challenges faced by collaborative systems of care, specifically the Integrated Services Projects (ISP) and Coordinated Services Team Initiatives (CST). The full report can be viewed and downloaded from: http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/mh_bcmh/cstisp.htm.

Wisconsin has been developing collaborative systems of care since 1989. The original initiatives, ISPs, focused on supporting families with children with Severe Emotional Disabilities (SED) in their homes and communities. ISPs receive \$80,000 annually in Mental Health Block Grant (MHBG) funds.

Beginning in 2002, the collaborative process employed by ISP was expanded with the development of CST. While CST uses the same wraparound process as ISP, the target group is broader and includes families and children who do not necessarily have an SED diagnosis but who do have complex needs. Funding for CST sites range from about \$33,000 to \$63,000 annually.

In 2007, 43 counties and 2 tribes received funding through contracts with BPTR. The funding came from Mental Health Block Grant funds, Substance Abuse Grant funds, and Hospital Diversion funding. In addition, the Division of Children and Family Services collaborated with BPTR to contribute funding for CST sites.

Profile of Children and Families Served

In 2007, ISP/CST projects served:

- 1,175 children and youth.
- 2,375 family members of enrolled children – services which may not have been received if not for the family's involvement in a collaborative system of care.

Referral sources to the programs included: Mental Health – 25.5%, Child Welfare – 22.8%, Juvenile Justice – 17.8%, Schools – 18.4%, Family – 9.7%, AODA – 1.7% and Other – 4.1%.

Demographic data collected indicated that the children in ISP and CST initiatives were 64% male and 36% female, with the average age of 11.7 years.

Selected Outcomes

Educational:

- 78% of children served in 2007 had no school suspensions or expulsions.
- 81% of children disenrolled in 2007 had an average overall grade of “C” or better or had “satisfactory” performance upon their disenrollment from the initiative.

Juvenile Justice:

- 79% of children served committed no offenses at any time in 2007

Selected Outcomes, continued

Restrictiveness of Living Environment

- Of the 10 children in state mental health facilities, inpatient hospitals, and residential treatment centers at the time of enrollment, 90% were in community placements by the time of their disenrollment from the initiative.
- One characteristic of youth enrolled in ISP/CST is that they are at risk of out-of-home placement. This risk is determined by many factors including: past out-of-home placements, behavior not improving despite multiple supports and services, or parents and service providers are considering placement in a more restrictive setting at time of referral. Of the 132 children living with a parent, friend, or relative at time of enrollment, 92% were still living with a parent, friend, or relative at the time of their disenrollment.

Consumer Satisfaction

Each year, families enrolled in ISP/CST are asked to complete a Family Satisfaction Survey. The survey gathers information from a family perspective about areas of strength and need. Results of the 2007 survey show:

- 89% agree they are treated as an important member of their child and family team;
- 85% feel their team understands their child's strengths and needs;
- 85% agree their team is sensitive to their cultural, ethnic, and religious preferences and values; and
- 85% agree that overall they are satisfied with the efforts of the team on their families' behalf.

Financial Savings

Counties with ISP/CST are asked to fill out an annual "Collaborative Systems of Care Update" survey that captures information on the impact of the collaborative initiative on the larger service system.

- 79% of sites identified that supporting children and families in their ISP/CST initiatives is cost effective.

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