



Arkansans Collaborating To Improve Our Network

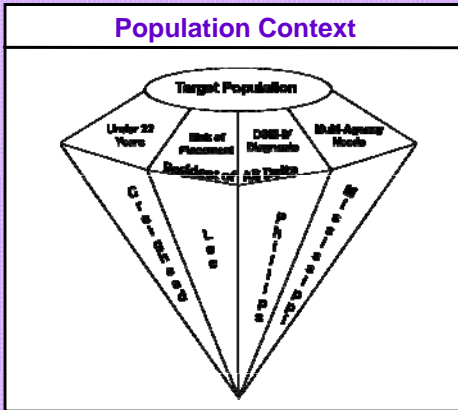
It's the natural thing to do.

Vision Statement: To create accessible, integrated, and functional communities of care for Arkansas children and youth with emotional and behavioral concerns that is both family-driven and youth-guided to ensure a meaningful outcome for each child and their family.

Mission Statement: ACTION for Kids will serve as a catalyst for change in the state of Arkansas by developing a community-based, culturally competent wraparound infrastructure that is family driven and youth guided to provide individualized services that are supported by empirical evidence and delivered in the least restrictive environment for children with serious emotional disturbances.

Context

Population Context



Underutilization of Services

- ✓ Treatment is Insurance Driven
- ✓ Community is Unaware of Available Resources
- ✓ Inconvenient Clinic Hours

Service Disparities

- ✓ Needed Services Aren't Available
- ✓ Frequent Changes in Clinical Staff
- ✓ Lack of Culturally Competent Services

Fragmented Services

- ✓ No Current Linking of Child-Serving Agencies
- ✓ Lack of Communication Among Child Serving Agencies that are concurrently working with the same youth and family.
- ✓ No Current Method of Sharing Family Service Plans Between Agencies

Pilot Program

- ✓ Youth and Families Have Little Say in the Services that They Receive
- ✓ Underutilization of community based nontraditional supports; No collaboration between faith-based community and mental health
- ✓ Resistance to change from agency driven to family-driven and youth-guided
- ✓ Lack of a formal support system for youth who have emotional and behavioral concerns and their families

Strategies

Underutilization of Services

- ✓ Policy transformation through wraparound and extended clinical services
- ✓ Educate community on the types and availability of services in their area
- ✓ Care Coordinators and Therapists available

Service Disparities

- ✓ Advocate for state reimbursement for needed services (e.g., substance abuse, respite, day treatment)
- ✓ Provide wraparound care teams
- ✓ Care team is representative of the community where the child resides

Fragmented Services

- ✓ Create a network of system partners
- ✓ Care Coordinators organize local interagency efforts
- ✓ Grant access to systems to view individualized family services plan

Pilot Program

- ✓ Create a process for infusion of family and youth voice in the development and carrying out of treatment plans
- ✓ Bring in the faith-based community in as full partners in the SOC
- ✓ Train professionals in SOC philosophy & use AFK Program
- ✓ Establishment of county-based support groups

Outcomes

Underutilization of Services

- ✓ Cost effectiveness; youth receive services they need in the community to decrease out-of-home placements
- ✓ Reduction of mental health stigma; Increase in community awareness
- ✓ Increased access to mental health services

Service Disparities

- ✓ Increased capacity to provide community-based services
- ✓ Improved outcomes for youth because of continuity of services
- ✓ Members of the care team will ensure that treatment planning is culturally competent

Fragmented Services

- ✓ Cross-agency training and organizations of interagency efforts.
- ✓ Individual needs of each client met.
- ✓ Seamless Service Implementation; Comprehensive Care

Pilot Program

- ✓ Change in procedure for treatment planning; family-driven & youth-guided will be the norm
- ✓ Increased flexibility by including non-traditional treatment options
- ✓ Increase in professional acceptance and facilitation of state-wide implementation of SOC
- ✓ Youth and families are empowered; Increase in youth and family advocacy skills; overall satisfaction from the services that they receive