### **Community Solutions of Fort Worth**

Vision: Mission: A seamless system of comprehensive community mental health services and supports serving for he children with serious emotional disturbance and their families in the City of Ft. Worth To develop a collaborative system infrastructure that will provide individualized child-centered, family-driven, and culturally competent services and supports for children with serious emotional disturbance and their families.

Context

### Target Population:

- a. Children and youth of the City of Ft. Worth having severe emotional disturbance.
- Children and youth of Ft.
   Worth who are at risk of removal from educational placement.
- c. Children and youth who are in homebound, hospital or separate campus settings.

#### Strengths

- Collaborative work has begun for purpose of reaching a common vision for serving children and youth with serious emotional disturbance.
- Work based on system of care principles has been initiated.
- Family members are active participants in the Community Advisory Board.
- Numerous state and local reform efforts have been established.
- e. Federal grant to support system development.
- f. Support from community leaders.

#### Issues and Needs

- Lack of coordinated care across special education, children' mental health, child welfare and juvenile justice.
- b. Insufficient funding for service development.
- c. Families experience barriers to service delivery resulting from cultural, ethnic, and language differences.
- d. Service development needs: after school programs, respite, community-based residential care, transition to adult services, mobile crisis response, non-traditional providers of care, culturally competent care.
- e. Family involvement needs to be better developed both at the system and service levels.
- f. Lack of public transportation limits access to services.
- g. Inflexibility of funding steams contributes to identified service inadequacies.
- h. Large case loads, even for intensive cases.
- Adult mental health system excludes youth 18 and older with conduct, behavioral or substance abuse problems.

### **Strategies**

### **Guiding Principles**

- a. Core Values of System of Care.
- b. Family Involvement: Never about us without us.
- . No Wrong Door.
- d. Youth Involvement.

#### **Local SOC Governance Community Solutions Primary Partners Community Advisory** Ft. Worth Mental **Board** Ft. Worth Health Independent a. Role and responsibilities Public Connection School Health related to SOC of Tarrant District b. Role and Responsibility Department County related to grant Administrative Team Responsible for Grant Management

## Local SOC Infrastructure Development Development Service Development

## System Development

System Integration
•MIS, Web Resource
Database
•No Wrong Door
Training

Training Interagency Collaboration
•Wrap-around contracts

State-Local Liaison
•MHC
System Loyal Family

System Level Family
Involvement
•Mental Health
Connection Board
•CSAB

#### Case Review Team Development

- a. Track utilization, referral, special incidents, barriers
- b. Provide support to child and family teams when they encounter

difficulties

### a. Establish school-linked Family Resource Centers

- b. Implement wraparound
- Develop network of services to include: mobile crisis response, respite, after school activities, transition to adult services, transitioning from outof-home placements, art/music education, day care, summer activities
- d. Strengthen family involvement with services
- e. Partner with community entities to develop additional services and supports
- f. Ensure cultural competence

## System Level Goals:

Goals

#### Systems Integration

- •MIS, Web Resource Database
- •No Wrong Door Training Interagency

### Collaboration

- Wraparound contracts
- •Mental Health Connection

## Services Integration Wraparound Process

- •Training and Infusion
- •Sustainability plan
- •Family Driven

#### Case Review Process

- Barrier tracking/removal
- Fidelity

# Service Level Goals:

- Wraparound Fidelity
- Family Driven
- · Culturally Competent
- Cost/Benefit Analysis
- Informal/Formal Resource Pool
- Flexible Funding

### Child Level goals:

- •No out of home placement
- •Function in the least restrictive educational setting
- Recovery, not just maintenance

### Local SOC Service Delivery Strategy

- a. Wraparound Philosophy
- b. Case Management using Child & Family Teams
- c. School-Based Access to Services through Family
  Resource Centers