Community Solutions of Fort Worth

Vision: 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

Mission: 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.
b. 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.

Issues and Needs
a. Lack of coordinated care across special education, children’s 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 streams contributes to identified service inadequacies.
h. Large case loads, even for intensive cases.
i. Adult mental health system excludes youth 18 and older with conduct, behavioral or substance abuse problems.

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

System Level 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

Evaluation Quality Monitoring