### Context

**Target Population**
- Youth ages 3-21 that have a serious emotional or behavioral disorder and their families
- Residents of the south central area of Louisiana bordered by the Gulf of Mexico, the Mississippi River, and Lake Pontchartrain

**Challenges for LA Youth**
- Racial/ethnic disparities & geographical and cultural barriers
- Lack of family and community involvement
- Lack of access to services
- Fragmented funding
- Evidence-based practices not readily available
- Prevention and early intervention not emphasized
- Emphasis not on defined clinical outcomes
- Insufficient array of services
- Unawareness and stigma

**Barriers to System Reform**
- Lack of conceptual familiarity with System of Care Principles and approaches
- Categorical and inadequate funding
- Fragmentation and territorial disputes
- Service disparities
- Families not included
- Over-reliance on institutionalization
- Shortage of staff and resources

### Strategies

#### Infrastructure Development

**Procedures**
- Systems Integration (State level – partnerships with OMH; Local level – establish Administration Service Organization (ASO))
- Interagency Collaboration
- Services Integration
- Wraparound Processes
- Care Review
- Access
- Financing
- Workforce Development
- Community Leader Support
- Plan for State Replication

**Structures**
- Clinical Network
- Governance Body (LA-YES Consortium)
- Administrative Team
- Training Capacity
- Performance Standards
- Management Information Systems
- Office in the Community

### Service Provision

**• Care Management Organizations (CMOs)**
**• Required Mental Health Services and Supports**
**• Optional Services**
**• Non-Mental Health Services**
- (substance abuse services, medical services, literacy interventions, vocational counseling and rehabilitation, transitions services, and protection and advocacy)

### Implementation of Key Service Activities

- Clinical Interventions
- Evidence-based interventions
- Integration of evidence-based interventions into the ISP and wraparound
- Care-management services
- Individualized service plan

### Goals / Outcomes

**Goal 1.** Incorporate culturally competent practices for serving children, young adults and their families from racial and ethnic populations represented in each funded community.

**Goal 2.** Involve the community including the target population and their families in all levels of the system including planning, governance, program development and service delivery.

**Goal 3.** Increase access from 6% to 10% of the target population in the targeted geographic area.

**Goal 4.** Develop a comprehensive system of care for the defined target population of children and youth ages 3-21, with a serious emotional disturbance and their families.

**Goal 5.** Generalize evidence-based practices to the target area and target populations.

**Goal 6.** Early Intervention and Prevention of Emotional and Behavioral Problems.

**Goal 7.** Evaluate effectiveness of the system of care and its component services.

**Goal 8.** Facilitate the provision of a broad array of mental health and other related services, treatments, and supports to the target population.

**Goal 9.** Increase awareness in the geographic target area that mental illness does affect children and youth and decrease the stigma and socio-cultural barriers associated with mental illness in the target population.

### National and Local Evaluations

“Louisiana Says YES to Children with Mental Health Needs and their Families”