

Breakout Session Highlights: INTEGRATING SYSTEMS OF CARE WITH OTHER EARLY CHILDHOOD INITIATIVES

Facilitators: Kate Roper (Boston, MA) and Ginny Stack (Rhode Island)

Group consisted of SOC only communities; SOC and Project Launch communities and SOC and other Federal initiatives (example: National Childhood Stress Initiative, Early Intervention and IDEA)

Kate Roper/MY Child/Boston MA: This community received the SOC and Project Launch grants in Oct., 2009; Kate noted that this was a result of 10 years of work and strategic planning around promotion, prevention, and intervention. The current plan is to use the Medical Home Model and Home Visiting to imbed a clinician and a parent partner in teams to work with families (in homes, hospitals, and homeless shelters). Kate reviewed their sustainability plan of using Mental Health Consultants who will use the DC-03R that has been integrated into the CANS to bill; will need to make a business case of savings using an ECH model. There was discussion of the Work Force Development using the Family Nurturing Center EBP; discussion of Social Marketing and Evaluation (bringing all evaluators together with common outcomes).

See Kate Roper's Massachusetts Launch/MyChild SOC PowerPoint

Ginny Stack/Positive Educational Partnerships/Rhode Island: Site was funded in 2005 and utilized Wraparound for 0 – 21; saw a deficit in ECH and developed a focus on 0 – 12. The site implemented PBIS in the schools and made a decision to support ECH Centers where they trained and supported 60 – 70 ECH sites in PBIS and Incredible Years. It was noted that the CSEFEL helped to connect all of the training (it was the “glue” that connected everything) by building a continuum of support. The site has also done cross training in Wrap, DC-03, etc. – plan to bring all of this work into connecting with Project Launch. The sustainability plan is to bring this model to the community and get their buy-in.

Some major themes that were discussed included:

Importance of having senior level individuals/organizations from the state involved at the table in order to make decisions. The issue of silos was discussed and how it requires frequent re-strategizing in order to prevent silos and avoid conflict.

Importance of using family-driven and youth-guided strategies – noted there is still some struggling to get all of the systems involved.

Some sites noted success at funding adult interventions (strategies focused on parents of children pre-natal to 5, providing Parent Educational Support to teen parents and parents with young children).

Discussion on the use of multiple funding streams (i.e. World Childhood Foundation, Healthy Start, Medicaid, etc.)

Discussion on organizational culture:

- Personal level of connecting (beyond fiscal and political); personal relationships can reconfigure things
- Try to resolve conflict, sometimes you just agree to let it go for the moment, and wait for the next opportunity that it arises
- How do you find a champion in the next level up?
 - Do your homework (look at people's backgrounds, look for new people, etc.)
 - Luck
 - Be careful of siloing, be strategic about where the door might next open
- Integration with adult initiatives that would make a difference with young children:
 - Public Health? Maternal Health? Teen Parents
 - The Start program in Kentucky serves birth to five looking at substance abuse in parents.
 - Georgia is trying to get a family planning waiver to reduce low birth weight rate, building in linkages to home visiting
 - DC has Parent Education Support Program with CFSA looking at Parents with young children
 - Sarasota has two teen parent programs in county schools