STATEWIDE SCAN OF SYSTEM OF CARE IN NORTH CAROLINA NOVEMBER 2013

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Figure 1. Decision Making in Selection of Evidence-Based Practices



¹Lonigan, Elbert, & Johnson (1998).

Figure 2. A Strategic Model for Improving Outcomes



From: Burns, Hoagwood, & Maultsby (1998).

Survey Participants

- 270 individuals responded to the Agency/organization Survey
 - Of those 19 respondents stated that they served the entire state
 - 251 reported that they were involved in a single county SOC or worked in two or more county SOCs
- 59 Individuals responded to the Family/Youth Survey
 - Of those, 41 self-identified as family members
 - 9 self-identified as youth
 - 9 did not identify a role













Terms Systems and Organizations used to define System of Care





Organizational Survey Highlights





Figure 13. Trainings Listed as Most Beneficial to Employees





Figure 12. Number of Organizations that offer an SOC orientation training to new employees





Terms Families and Youth used to describe SOC





Figure 22. Family and Youth Survey Strengths and Challenges for SOC Implementation 2013







Recommendations

- Careful strategic planning for the SOC movement statewide that would include funding, training and long term support for local community Collaboratives.
 - Develop an education and marketing campaign to educate the system partners and community stakeholders about the successes of adopting and SOC philosophy
 - Local Community Collaboratives to take an active role in supporting the incorporation and use of evidence based practices at the local level supporting and funding the current SOC efforts.
 - Clarify, Evaluate the role of SOC Initiatives and Support an increase in funding for System of Care initiatives
 - Determine ways to communicate the value of strong vibrant youth and family involvement in all System of Care levels and activities
 - Increase the time, attention and funding for training new professionals, families and youth partners new to the system of care on the basics of SOC principles and philosophy.



Ideas for how to use the report findings to help drive making the SOC movement stronger in North Carolina

- Training for those counties that can't seem to get SOC off the ground.
- Pair/group counties/SOC coordinators that are having challenges with those that have strong ones.
- Consider instituting monthly TA conference calls or Webinar chats where SOC coordinators can discuss common issues/barriers.
- Develop webinars on the following topics:
 - a. youth/family recruitment;
 - b. how to develop a meaningful (but viable) treatment plan;
 - c. how to develop an IEP (http://wrightslaw.com/
- Develop a good resource list or set of tools related to IEP development
- Develop strategies for bringing agencies into the SOC
- Consider hosting an annual conference that would showcase the most effective local SOC Collaboratives including topics such as strategies to strengthen your collaborative, showcase one or two EBPs etc. with agencies and system reps, importance of embracing and strengthening relationships with families and youth partners.

