

NC COLLABORATIVE FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES



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A Message from the Co-Chairs

We would like to recognize and thank all the members of our collaborative and people who support the collaborative. Because of these partnerships we have been able to accomplish all of the projects outlined in the annual report.

There has never been a time in our history that family, youth and children's issues have been more important to address. Educating communities and policy makers regarding the needs of families, youth and children is our top priority. Our goals are bringing this information closer to communities to ensure that we are speaking with one voice. It is critical to nurture and develop relationships that assist in informing and creating an atmosphere of collaboration.

We invite you to contribute your time and talents to our collaboratives activities. You can do this by attending our collaborative meetings, participating in collaborative committees or providing information you feel would be valuable to the goals of the collaborative. You are always welcome at our table.

We look forward to continuing building upon our strengths and challenging ourselves to team with as many individuals as possible to make NC a better place for children, youth & families in 2018.

Joanne & Stacy

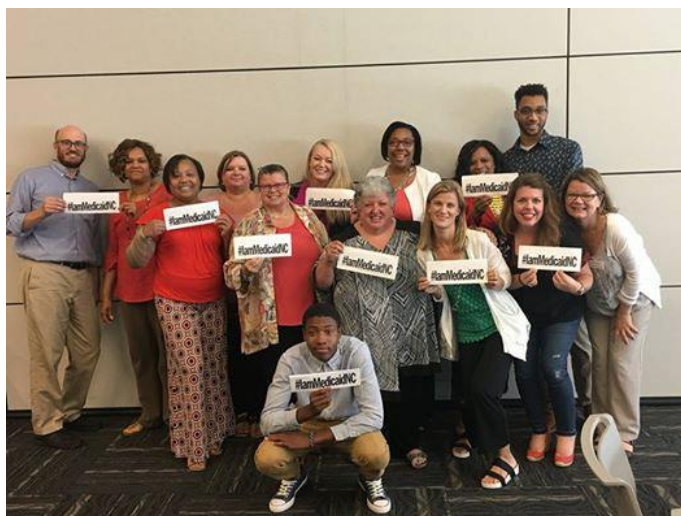
*"There is an immense power when
a group of people with similar
interests gets together to work
towards the same goals"-Idowu
Koyenikan*

History....

The NC State Collaborative was initiated by families and family centered agency staff to promote partnerships between families and agencies. The collaborative has been in existence for 20 years and is the only statewide cross system/family/youth forum within the United States. Everyone at our table has equal status and access to information that affects children and families.

Our Mission....

The North Carolina State Collaborative for Children, Youth, and Families, through a System of Care framework, provides a forum for collaboration, advocacy and action among families, public and private child and family serving agencies and community partners to improve outcomes for all children, youth and families.



Our Vision....

Children, youth and families are healthy, safe and successful at home, in school and in their communities.

Leadership....

Co-chair JoAnne Scaturro (Agency)

Co-chair Stacy Justiss (Family Member/Family Partner Coordinator)

Vice Co-Chair Dawn Manus (Agency)

Vice Co-Chair Chandrika Brown (Family Member/Family Partner Coordinator)

Secretary Libby Jones (Family Member/Family Partner) & Renee Cordero (Family Member)

Parliamentarian Susan Robinson (Agency)

Members....

- Family Members
- Youth and Emerging Young Adults
- Family Run Organizations
- Youth Led Groups
- State and community agency representatives from Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services (MH/DD/SAS), Division of Social Services (DSS), Department of Juvenile Justice of Public Safety (DPS), Exceptional Children's Branch at the Department of Public Instruction (DPI), Division of Medical Assistance (Medicaid), the Governor's Crime Commission, Administrative Office of the Courts and Division of Public Health
- Professional and Guild Associations
- Nonprofit organizations
- Private Providers
- Advocacy Groups
- Representatives from local collaborative groups



Top Accomplishments

Engagement & Partnership with Youth and Family Voice

- Partnered to speak at state and national conferences to present on Child and Family Teams, NC System of Care, partnerships between agency staff, families and youth; and leadership skills
- Designed a leadership training with NC State Center for Family and Community Engagement to jointly train Youth M.O.V.E. and SAYSO
- Provide effective partnerships with youth and families
- Identify family and youth voices to be at the table

Engagement & Partnerships with State Leaders

- Partnered with state leaders when designing local System of Care (SOC) Learning Institutes
- Connected leaders with family and youth voices
- Solution focused partnership to increase strategies for engaging and funding family partners
- Served as the Governance committee for the NC DHHS/DMHDDSAS SOC Expansion grant initiative.
- Convened a statewide forum on understanding the new child welfare legislation Senate Bill 594 with collaborative partners, including NC Child, NCFU, SAYSO and Youth M.O.V.E.

Engagement & Partnership with Community Stakeholders

- Department of Public Instruction
- Department of Public Safety-Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice
- Division of Medical Assistance
- Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services
- Division of Public Health
- Division of Social Services
- Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
- Family Members
- Interagency Coordinating Council
- NC Administrative Office of the Courts
- NC Child
- NC Families United (NCFU)
- NC Foster and Adoptive Parent Association
- NC Infant-Mental Health Association
- Prevent Child Abuse NC

- Strong Able Youth Speaking Out (SaySo)
- University of North Carolina system
- Youth
- NC Youth M.O.V.E (Motivating Others through Voices of Experience)

Organizational Development

- Developed and produced an orientation video and new member packets
- Developed and successfully implemented the State Collaborative's 2016-2018 strategic plan
- Updated and rolled out our revised collaborative website
- Partnered with NC State Senior Design Center/Merck Corporation designed training portal

Best Practices

- Revised, implemented training curriculum, coaching and technical assistance for Child & Family Team 1 (CFT 1) training
- Supported twenty-eight agency staff and family and youth partner Child & Family Team 1 (CFT 1) training teams across the state
- Educated partners on cross system and family and youth organization research and data that highlights that family and youth involvement is the most powerful factor impacting successful outcomes for child and youth.
- Used family and youth involvement data to prioritize funding for youth and family driven programs
- Designed and implemented System of Care Learning Institutes to bring important training closer to home to support local SOC Collaboratives and communities. Partnering with NC Child, Prevent Child Abuse NC and NC Families United.

National Leadership & Recognition

- 2017 FREDLA Leadership for the Future Award: Stacy Justiss, Family Partner Coordinator, CPSP
- 2017 National Federation of Families 'Jane Adams Award for Peer Support: Frederick Douglas, Family Partner Coordinator, CPSP
- These follow a host of previous national recognition of NC leaders, since 2008.



CONNECT

Connected a powerful network of more than 398 different individuals and/or entities with their own networks and spheres of influence.

Connected members to resources: Springbrook, Recognizing, Serving, and Advocating for Children of Incarcerated Parents, Disability Rights, AMIKids NC Start, Farmer/Veteran Documentary, NC Coalition to Promote Child and Family Health, NC Budget, Department of Public Instruction (DPI), Raise the Age Initiative and multiple more.

Connected local communities/community collaboratives with identified resources and trainings on various topics such as Trauma Informed Care, ACES, Legislative Issues, Youth M.O.V.E. NC, Teens and Toxins, Raise the Age, Family & Youth Engagement, Gangs, Drug Use/Opioid Epidemic & Protective Factors.

Connected with Area Health Education Center's (AHEC's) across the state to present at various conferences on child and family team meetings and partnering with youth.

Connected with Prevent Child Abuse NC to promote family leadership and provided a forum for the organization to promote and educate on ACES and Resiliency.

Connected with NC Child to provide a forum to over 75 participants regarding the new child welfare legislation.

Connected with cross system leaders to prioritize and support issues affecting families and children.

Held annual meeting with collaborative members and cross system leaders providing a leadership training and updates on activities of the collaborative.

ADVOCATE

Supported Raise the Age initiative with legislators and decision makers

School based mental health initiative with legislators and decision makers

Connected State Leaders with family & youth voice

Educated agency and community partners on the importance of family driven & youth guided voice and practices within the new child welfare legislation.

Best practices for Child & Family Team Meetings.

Re-building of the NC Foster and Adoptive Family Association.

Working with NC Child to promote focused advocacy at the local level regarding children's issues.

Advisory group for SOC Expansion Grant.

Advocate for family & youth driven best practices such as utilization of family and youth partners, High Fidelity Wraparound and promoting partnerships between agency staff, families and youth.

Strategized with monthly meeting speakers on ways the collaborative can assist in promoting their services and issues.

Best Practices

- 1) Be intentional. Provide an open equitable forum for collaborative partnerships. Expand capacity for respectful reciprocal communication and information exchange.
- 2) Build strong partnerships. Partner with state and community leaders-determining hot topics, supporting issues, recognizing accomplishments, solution-focused problem-solving, and providing support for policies where needed
- 3) Be willing leaders. Take the next steps in organizational development. Establish an Executive Committee
- 4) Be transparent. Transparent Collaborative Partnership Process – Host and convene System of Care (SOC) Learning Institutes across all regions of the state
- 5) Be creative. Support active local collaboratives and communities across the state
- 6) Be effective. Build and sustain momentum through effective strategic planning. Create specific achievable goals and tasks with timeframes and responsible parties. By consensus, begin with an immediate short term attainable goal.
- 7) Be informed. Understand state and federal statutes and funding streams
- 8) Embrace diversity. Be engaged. Recruit and support new state, regional and community leaders
- 9) Build alliances. Form relationships with legislators, decision makers and champions for children, youth and families
- 10) Know the facts. Promote effective strategies that are evidence informed. Create an awareness of the positive impact of child, youth and family involvement on individual and system outcomes

"It was one of the most engaged and solutions focused groups with whom I have presented. They were engaging and helpful in giving feedback and thoughts."- Jillaine VanEssen Baker, Director, NC START Central

Committees

Training/Workforce Development

Mission: To design and deliver interagency family and youth driven practice through training, conferences, Learning Institutes and other forums that promote best practices.

Co-Chairs: Teka Dempson- teka15demp@yahoo.com & Joanne Scaturro - joanne2653@aol.com

Meeting Frequency: Meets every 4th Friday of the month after collaborative meeting

2017 Highlights: Delivered CFT-1 (Child and Family Team 1) Train the Trainers (TOT's) TOT's, designed and utilized fidelity & coaching observation tool and checklist and protocol, 28 family/agency partner teams are active across the state; one that includes a youth co-trainer, and partnered with the NC State Senior Design Center and Social Media Committee to design Helping Hands Training portal.

Social Marketing/Communication

Mission: Through the use of social marketing and communication strategies, raise community awareness around children's mental health and reduce the stigma associated with mental illness and promote mental health and wellness.

Co-Chairs: Brandon Alexander- BAlexander@alliancebhc.org & Renee [Cordero-corderorh@gmail.com](mailto:Corderorh@gmail.com)

Meeting Frequency: Meets prior to collaborative meeting, 9am (as needed)

2017 Highlights: Launch of new NC Collaborative website, membership information video and developed an online training portal for individuals and communities across the state to access trainings.

Membership/Community Engagement/Sustainability

Mission: Support, engage and sustain active membership. Expand and diversify current membership and leadership within the NC Collaborative for Children, Youth and Families by 20 individual and/or organization members.

Co-Chairs: Mary Lloyd- Mary.Lloyd@vayahealth.com & Sonja Frison- slfrison@uncg.edu

Meeting Frequency: Meets as needed -via conference call

2017 Highlights: Design targeted outreach efforts that promote a diverse and essential membership, development of membership video and developed a greet/host process for meetings.

NC Community of Practice on Transition-Age Youth and Emerging Young Adults

Mission: We seek to improve outcomes for young adults age 16-26 across NC who could benefit from behavioral health or other community supports to build resiliency as they transition into healthy independent adulthood; We work to support shared learning, action planning and two-way communication at local and state levels to strengthen systems serving young adults; We welcome and seek collaborators with lived or work experience from all places, disciplines, organizations, and sectors that can improve outcomes for our young adult population.

Co-Chairs: Kristen Hassmiller Lich- klich@unc.edu & Amy Horgan- Amy.Horgan@trilliumnc.org

Meeting Frequency: Meets the 4th Thursday of every month (11am-3pm)

2017 Highlights: Documented use of structured systems strengthening methods in a toolkit, collected system support maps from youth to analyze to identify themes and reported priorities gathered through data on how to better support YEYA based on CoP's system strengthening work to date.

School Based Mental Health

Mission: The State Collaborative established the School-Based Mental Health Services Subcommittee to explore ways that public schools can access mental health services for their students and their families. Furthermore, coordinate the behavioral health services that public students access at school, at home, and in the community.

Co-Chairs: Joe Simmons- joe.simmons@dpi.nc.gov & Libby Jones- ljones3@bellsouth.net

Meeting Frequency: Meetings are the second Friday of every month (when State Collaborative meets), 12:30pm-2pm

2017 Highlights: Development of a strategic plan, identified priorities and utilized the state collaborative as a communication network to promote school-based mental health services.

NC Behavioral Health Disparities Learning Collaborative

Mission: The Behavioral Health Disparities Subcommittee strives to provide a diverse educational community for those interested in learning about the various behavioral health disparities faced by communities in North Carolina.

Co-Chairs: Garron Rogers-garronrogers@gmail.com & Paul Savery-paul.savery@dhhs.nc.gov

Meeting Frequency: Meetings are the 4th Wednesday of every month

2017 Highlights: The committee elected to become a learning collaborative, developed a survey assessing strengths and areas in which the committee could improve and hosted several experts from different fields who spoke on various health disparities.

2017 Highlights

Collaborative Meetings

<i>Total</i>	<i>18</i>
<i>Number of Attendees</i>	<i>337</i>

Community and Workforce Development

<i>Total Training Forums and Regional Institutes</i>	<i>11</i>
<i>Number of Attendees</i>	<i>409</i>

Special Topic and Solution-Focused Presentations

<i>Total Presentations Provided</i>	<i>29</i>
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2018 Plans

- Continue partnerships with State Leaders-supporting their issues, determining hot topics and connecting leaders with family and youth voices
- Recruit, increase and sustain membership within the State Collaborative
- Support local collaboratives and communities through resources and trainings
- Continue our strong partnership with/support of family and youth organizations
- Train and provide technical assistance related to CFT 1 (Child and Family Team 1) training.
- Revise CFT 2 (Child and Family Team 2), train and provide technical assistance.
- Develop and implement new member orientation.
- Continue partnership with NC State Senior Design Center to develop our training portal.
- Continue to develop leadership within our Executive Committee.
- Continue to develop, engage and support state and community members in effective leadership roles

“Thank you for reminding me that there is a great group of smart, committed, creative people who can play a part in creating a community where children of incarcerated parents are recognized, supported, and encouraged to share their stories.”- Melissa W. Radcliff, Program Director, Our Children’s Place of Coastal Horizons Center, Inc.