

Expanding the Array of Services

“Studies argue that without attention to improving the quality of services and to increasing the capacity of organizations, there may be little reason to expect improved outcomes under systems of care.”

(Janet S. Walker, Ph.D., Nancy Koroloff, Ph.D., Kathryn Schutte, M.S., 2003)

Regional Oversight & Prevention of Out-of-Home/Out-of-State Placement—Mountain State Family Alliance Clinical Resource & KidsCare Coordinators provide coordination, technical assistance & facilitation of MDT’s/service planning, that work toward preventing and returning children from out-of-home or out-of-state placement. MSFA grant funding was also used to increase clinical expertise & capacity to serve high-risk youth, develop a small group home and intensive outpatient programs, and successfully target 35 children for return from out of state.

- ◆ *Since 1999 regional partners have worked together to prevent over 250 children from out-of-state placement*

Intensive Care Coordination (Case Management)—This model provides an array of traditional and supportive services to children at risk of out-of-home placement. The intensive care coordinator is responsible to maintain no more than 15 cases and work with other service providers to coordinate strength-based, family centered services.

- ◆ *Over 286 children and their families received services since 2002*

Non-traditional Mental Health Services & Supports—A flexible pool of funding supports the child’s individualized service plan through a wraparound process (multi-agency process/MDT) for traditional and non traditional services and supports as identified in the service plan when there is no other funding source available. Examples are therapeutic recreation, mentoring, transportation and other supports as defined by the wraparound team. *(Over 151 regional vendors)*

- ◆ *Over 219 children received services since 2001*

Children’s Respite: a Healthy Break for Families—Free Children’s Respite for children who require a planned break as part of their individualized service plan. This service provides a break for caretakers to maintain their mental wellness, and a structured environment for children to develop important social skills.

- ◆ *Over 485 children received services since 2002*

Parent-to-Parent Information & Support—Parents, relatives, adoptive and foster caregivers have access to Parent Liaisons who share their expertise by providing information, educational opportunities and support in navigating the child welfare, education, juvenile justice and mental health services systems. In addition, the Parent Liaisons educate professionals and serve as co-trainers on effective partnership with families.

- ◆ *Over 544 families received services since 2000*

What West Virginia Families have to say:

“I am still surprised daily by the effect the Respite program has had on my son. His social skills have increased by 100% at least. This program has done more for my child than any other resource that I have tried... bottom line is we cannot afford to let something so simple go if it works, and this really works!”

- Cabell County Mom

“I do not know what we would have done had Mountain State Family Alliance not stepped in... We were invited to a meeting where they brought up the idea of ‘wraparound.’ There were people from Braley & Thompson there, the Mountain State Family Alliance, and people from the school system. It was just like a big roundtable discussion. The outcome was that a plan was developed with our family... My son got back into school, and made the ‘A’ honor roll. He’s more approachable to the kids in school which is good for him... we are more united as a family.”

- Kanawha County Mom

The Mountain State Family Alliance partnership and providers of community services include: WV-DHHR Office of Behavioral Health Services, IWV-DHHR Bureau for Children & Families, IWV Division of Juvenile Services, IWV Department of Education—Office of Special Education, IRegion 2 Family Network, IMarshall University—Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine/Robert C. Byrd Center for Rural Health, IRegion 2 Children’s Summit, IGovernor’s Cabinet on Children & Families, ICounty Family Resource Networks, IRiver Park Hospital, IBraley & Thompson, Inc., IPrestera Center for Mental Health Services, IWestbrook Health Services, IAlliance for Children, IWV Youth Advocate Program, IChildren’s Home Society, IKVC, Inc., IStepping Stones, Inc. I Pressley Ridge I Golden Girl, Inc. I Cammack Children’s Center I Additional private service providers & faith-based groups

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