

# Transforming Children's Mental Health in America

## CAFB Branch Update Winter 2007

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We hope everyone had wonderful holidays with family and friends. Here at the Branch we believe that 2007 will be a great year. Our goal is to continue "pushing the envelope" to transform care for children and youth with significant mental health challenges and their families. This year will bring initiatives to expand youth guided and family driven care, to improve the quality of technical assistance, to address cultural and linguistic diversity, and to reach out to more at-risk populations, including GLBTQ youth. Many of our activities can be accessed via our web site; we receive over 60,000 hits a month! We are looking forward to seeing many of you in Atlanta.

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### GLBTQ Initiative

The Child, Adolescent and Family Branch is collaborating with the National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors (NASMHPD) to customize an existing trauma-informed curriculum to meet the needs of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and questioning (GLBTQ) youth. The curriculum was originally created by NASMHPD for youth in residential and juvenile justice facilities. This product is undergoing final review and will be available to help family members, providers and others who work with GLBTQ youth become more aware of trauma-related issues.

### Addressing the Issue of Suicide

At the Branch it is our continued goal to raise the visibility of the issue of suicide prevention, intervention and postvention within systems of care. Some of our activities include:

- On Sept. 7-8, 2006, a meeting was held with youth, family members, policy makers and experts. The outcome of the meeting was a series of recommendations for addressing suicide within systems of care in the areas of prevention, intervention and postvention.
- A Suicide Plenary entitled, "Pathways to Healing: Suicide Prevention in Systems of Care" will

be held at the Winter System of Care Meeting January 30-February 2, 2007. This plenary will discuss the magnitude of the issue within diverse communities and strategies for successful intervention.

- A Suicide Prevention Logic Model is being created for presentation as a poster project at the USF Research and Training Center for Children's Mental Health Conference March 4-7, 2007.



## National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day

May 8, 2007

"Mark your calendars for the next National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day. Awareness Day will be May 8, 2007. The theme will be Thriving in the Community with a special emphasis on partnership with schools.

Check your campaign listserv for announcements about these upcoming events:

- Special Forum at the Systems of Care Winter Meeting to facilitate collaboration between grant sites and Mental Health America affiliates.

- Biweekly Technical Assistance calls to plan for Awareness Day Jan-April 2007
- Log on to the Branch website for the latest materials and stay tuned for special announcements about the national event!

## Building Bridges Joint Resolution

As reported previously a group of leaders in the field of children's mental health met in Omaha, NE last summer to better integrate and link residential (out-of-home) and community services and supports. A significant outcome of that meeting has been the development of a Joint Resolution which creates a set of shared principles, values and practices. The document, is titled: "Building Bridges between Residential and Community Based Service Delivery Providers, Families and Youth: A Joint Resolution to Advance a Statement of Shared Core Principles" has now been endorsed by over fifteen national organizations including the Child Welfare League of America, the National Alliance on Mental Illness, the

Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health, the American Association of Children's Residential Centers, the National Association for Children's Behavioral Health, the Alliance for Children and Families, Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder, the Children's Array of Psychiatric Programs, the International Society of Psychiatric Nurses and the National Indian Child Welfare Association. You can download the Joint Resolution by logging on to our website. Just click on Hot Topics, then click on Issues in Residential Care.



### In the Spotlight

Welcome to our new SAMHSA Administrator, Terry Cline, Ph.D. Dr. Cline served as Commissioner for the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services since January of 2001 and has been a transformational leader in creating a more consumer and family driven approach to care. In 2004 Dr. Cline was appointed by Oklahoma Governor Brad Henry to serve as the Cabinet-Level Secretary of Health. Dr. Cline completed his undergraduate work at the University of Oklahoma and received his masters degree and doctorate in clinical psychology from Oklahoma State University. He is also a good friend to children and families!!! He begins at SAMHSA January, 2007.

### Grantee Match and Audit Requirements

At the beginning of December, 2006, a letter was sent via the TA Partnership listserv about the importance of complying with match requirements and adhering to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133 related to Federal Audits. You can download the letter from the home page of our website. It is extremely important that grantees adhere to these requirements in order to obtain continuation funds. In addition, Project Officers are now required to ask about the grantee's ability to produce documentation on matching dollars during all Federal site visits.

### Last Minute Checklist for Atlanta Grantee Meeting

Jan. 30—Feb. 2, 2007

The System of Care Community Meeting is just around the corner Are you ready??

- Have you registered?
- Have you made travel plans and hotel reservations?
- Have you engaged all of your partners?
- Have you addressed the needs of family members and youth?
- Have you developed a plan to get the most out of the meeting?
- Have you purchased an extra suitcase for all the fabulous materials you will receive?

### Statewide Family Networks

The Statewide Family Network Program is in the last year of a three year funding cycle. We are pleased to have the Statewide Family Network Program's current Guidance for Applicants "on the street" with a due date of January 31, 2007 (SM-07-001). We currently plan to fund 21 organizations, depending on final funding levels. We appreciate all of the interest and support for the program and especially for everyone's support of our network of Statewide Family Organizations. True change will only come through families and youth, and the Branch will continue to support these efforts in every way possible.