Implementing & Sustaining Systems Change: Louisiana Examples

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Two objectives...

• EBPs (finish yesterdays conversation)

• Overall Systems Change Sustainability
Building Capacity to Sustain EBP

• DIAGNOSTIC CAPACITY (yesterday)

• EVALUATIVE CAPACITY (today)
  – Did we implement what the practice as designed?
  – How do we know we reached/are reaching target?

PHASES of Implementation

• Laying the Groundwork (Presentation)

  • Choosing Evidence-based Practices (Tuesday Presentation)

  • Implementing Evidence-based Practices

  • Sustaining Evidence-Based Practices
Step 8: Implement Selected EBP
- Staffing, training & administration
- P&Ps
- Data and Info Sharing

Step 9: Quality Assurance
- Licensing requirements
- Youth Outcomes
- Staff Turnover

STEP 10: Sustaining EBPs
- Funding & Budgeting
- Marketing
- Leadership & Support
- Policy & Law
State Agency Position Statement

To move from our current system in Louisiana to a more effective and reliable intervention delivery system for our juvenile justice and behavioral healthcare systems the following strategies are recommended:

• Prioritize funding for the implementation of evidence-based programs
• Require unproven programs to include an evaluation component to continue funding
• Discontinue funding support for programs evaluated and found ineffective
• Sustain and build capacity for evidence-based programs with mainstream funding
Louisiana FFT Story

• What can $287,000 in redirected one-time funds do?

Trends in Services

Louisiana FFT and MST Teams 2006

MST: 6 Teams serving 199 families annually
FFT: 0 Teams

Total Youth & Families Served Annually: 199
Louisiana FFT and MST Teams **2012**

MST: 39 Teams serving 2011 families annually

FFT: 9 Teams serving 426 families annually (1 starting in 2014)

Total Youth & Families Served Annually: **2437**

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**Trends in Services...IMPACT**

- What Can you do with $2.8 million dollars in redirected funds?
## Louisiana Reform Models

### Local Models
- Screening and Assm at Key Pts.
- EBP Contracting Model
- School Intervention Model
- Triage/Referral Center
- Juv Drug Court Triage, Assessment and Service Model
- Children and Youth Planning Boards – EBP Strategic Development
- Partnerships with Higher Education

### State/Regional Models
- Post Adjudication Assessments
- Outcome based contracting
- Community Service Assessment Model for Planning Boards
- Juvenile Drug Court Guidelines
- Service Guidelines for Status Offenders (study commission)
- EBP Education Modules
- Regional Model for EBP development
- DA Diversion Guidelines
Louisiana Sustaining Systems Change

- Creation of the Juvenile Justice Implementation Commission (JJIC)
- Louisiana Models for Change (2006-2013)
- Institute for Public Health and Justice (IPHJ) Created
- IPHJ Commissioned by JJIC to study status of JJ Reform
- 2012 Consensus Building Meetings
- 2013 JJIC Recommendations Submitted to Legislature
  http://sph.lsuhsc.edu/sustaining-juvenile-justice-system-reform2
- Act 3 of the 2013 Louisiana Legislature - IPHJ

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Louisiana Resource Bank & Local Models

**LA Experts**
- Academics
- Administrators
- Judges
- District Attorneys
- Public Defenders
- Practitioners
- Advocates
- Parents

**Models**
- Data collection & reporting
- Status Offenders
- Screening & Assessment
- Detention Standards
- DA Diversion
- Probation standards
- Drug Court Treatment
- EBP Capacity Building
- and more.....

Juvenile Justice Consensus Building
(September 2012)

- IPHJ hosted Regional Meetings for JJ Leadership
- Several areas of consensus emerged:
  - Improved services in the juvenile justice system
  - Further develop juvenile justice best practices for:
    - Status Offenders (Informal FINS)
    - Detention Reform and Alternatives to Detention
    - Graduated Sanction Model for Probation and Aftercare System
  - Creation of a data and training resource for JJ System
### Areas of Consensus for Future Reform 2013

- Improving **access to services**
- Greater availability of **specialized services** for distinct juvenile justice populations
- Creation of **services where gaps exist**, such as crisis or respite care
- Ensuring youth with **mental health needs** are appropriately **diverted to the mental health system**
- Work with DCFS to identify “**crossover youth**” to decrease penetration into juvenile justice system