

Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health~CO Chapter Programs and Activities

Statewide Family Network Program

Effective October 1, 2013, the CO Federation was awarded a 3 year Statewide Family Network Program grant by the U.S Substance Abuse and Mental Services Administration (SAMHSA).

The Statewide Family Network Program builds on the work of SAMHSA's Center for Mental Health Services which helped to establish a child and family focus in programs serving children and adolescents with serious emotional disturbances (SED) around the county. Today nearly every state has active family organizations dedicated to promoting systems of care that are responsive to the needs of children and adolescents with (SED) and their families.

A primary goal of this program is to strengthen the capacity of families with children who have a series emotional disturbance to act as agents of transformation in influencing the type and amount of services provided to them and their children and to ensure their mental health care is family driven and youth guided. Only one Statewide Family Network grant is awarded per state, territory, or tribe and only family controlled organizations are eligible to apply.

The goals for the 2013-2016 CO Federations Statewide Family Network grant are to:

- 1) Develop systems and expertise within the CO Federation to serve as the lead family-run organization for capacity building, organizational support and information dissemination.
- 2) Increase organizational capacity of existing and newly developing family-run organizations through training and support efforts.
- 3) Develop a youth leadership coalition to support youth voice in policy and decision-making.

As the state's lead family-run organization, the CO Federation commits to having the participation of one or more Federation staff serve on the following state and local boards, committees and governing groups.

Child Mental Health Treatment Act (CMHTA) Advisory Group (also known as HB 1116 & SB 230):

The CMHTA is:

- A treatment resource for families of eligible children
- An alternative to a Dependency and Neglect action when there is no abuse/neglect
- A family preservation and reunification program
- Provides access to community, residential and transitional treatment services.
- Funded in part by Medicaid and Tobacco dollars

Colorado Children and Youth Information Sharing Collaborative (CCYIS):

The main purpose of the children and youth information sharing initiative is to structure policy and procedures for efficient, appropriate and timely sharing of accurate information between children and youth serving agencies at the state and local levels to improve services and outcomes for children, youth and families involved in services. Mission: “develop strategies for sharing information to optimize services available and delivered to children, youth and families in Colorado.

Colorado Management Program (CMP) also known as HB 1451:

The Collaborative Management Program (CMP), as specified in Colorado House Bill 04-1451(2004), pursues the following goals:

1. Develop a more uniform system of collaborative management that includes the input, expertise, and active participation of parent or family advocacy organizations.
2. Reduce duplication and eliminate fragmentation of services provided to children or families who would benefit from integrated multi-agency services.
3. Increase the quality, appropriateness, and effectiveness of services delivered to children or families who would benefit from integrated multi-agency services.
4. Encourage cost sharing among service providers.
5. Lead to better outcomes and cost-reduction for the services to children and families in the child welfare and foster care system in the state of Colorado.

The CO Federation has served as the state-level family organization since the founding of the CMP. We serve on the CMP State Steering Committee, the Evaluation Committee as well as co-chair the Family Voice and Choice (FV&C) subcommittee. The FV&C committee is a collaborative group of CMP stakeholders who meet monthly to promote and support local CMPs in their efforts to successfully integrate family representatives and increase family engagement in services.

Colorado Systems of Care (SOC) Collaborative:

This collaborative was formed in the spring of 2003 to define a common vision, value system, and goals to address the complicated system of services for children, youth and families with multiple and complex educational, safety, and overall health needs. The Collaborative is made up of concerned stakeholders representing state agencies, community programs, parents, youth and advocates.

Jefferson County Mental Health Court Advisory Committee:

The mission of the 1st Judicial Juvenile Mental Health Court is twofold: To improve lives of juveniles that have been impacted by mental health disorders and to increase public safety by reducing the amount and frequency of juvenile related crimes.