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Subject: Intensive In-home Behavioral Health Treatment (IIBHT) Demonstration Site Project

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) is seeking Oregon IIBHT providers to help pilot test the initial draft of the Oregon IIBHT Program-Level Quality Assessment. Participating providers would agree to:

- Provide copies of relevant program documents documentation (e.g., job descriptions, organizational charts),
- Participate in a one-hour semi-structured interview with the assessment team. Using information collected from the interview and program-level, the assessment team will evaluate adherence to each IIBHT program standard on a 0-2 scale (0 = not met, 1 = partially met, 2 = fully met), and
- Review results and give feedback on the perceived accuracy of the assigned scores.

Pilot sites will gain early insight into the quality assessment process, receive initial feedback on their program-level quality, and help shape the development of the instrument and assessment process.

Based on a project the University of Washington (UW) and Case Western Reserve University (CWRU) recently completed under the auspice of the SAMHSA-funded *National Technical Assistance Network for Child, Youth, and Family Behavioral Health*, the draft Program-Level Quality Assessment incorporates research evidence on IIBHT, IIBHT national quality standards, input from experts in child and family behavioral health, validated practices in fidelity and quality assessment, and an extensive *Decision Delphi* process that iteratively revised and refined the IIBHT quality indicators based on input from a diverse set of informants.¹

Why is this happening?

OHA partnered with UW and Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU) to develop an *evaluation and continuous quality improvement (CQI) framework*. The CQI effort will:

- Support IIBHT implementation, inform mid-course corrections, allow for reporting to funders and other partners, and assure accountability for this ambitious initiative.
- In addition to youth and family outcomes, collect data on adherence to indicators of high-quality IIBHT, at both the practice and program levels, as outlined in the draft Oregon IIBHT Program-Level Quality Assessment.

¹ Bruns, E.J., Benjamin, P., Shepler, R., Kellogg, M., Pluckebaum, H., & Zabel, M.D. (in press). **Defining Quality Standards for Intensive Home Based Treatment Programs for Youth with Serious Emotional Disorders.** *Administration and Policy in Mental Health and Mental Health Services Research.*

What should you do?

If you would like to learn more about the state's effort to improve the quality and outcomes of behavioral health care to youth and families, have additional questions or are interested in participating in this important pilot process, please attend the June 18, 2021, IIBHT Learning Collaborative.

Eric Bruns of University of Washington, who will be leading this project in partnership with OHA and OHSU, will be available from 9:30 to 10 a.m. to help explain this project and answer any questions that you may have.

Questions?

If you have other questions or concerns, please email OHAIIIBHT.program@dhsosha.state.or.us.

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