Child and Adolescent Mental Health and Wraparound

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Mental Health is the Costliest Health Condition of Childhood

Soni, 2009 (AHRQ Research Brief #242)
Children in Medicaid Who Use Behavioral Health Care Are an Expensive Population

- **Estimate:** 9.6% of children in Medicaid who used behavioral health care in 2005 accounted for 38% of all spending for children in Medicaid
  - Based on: 1.2M children with FFS expenditure data

**Caveats:**
- FFS expenditure data applied to children in capitated managed care arrangements
- Expenditures might be less in managed care

## Mean Health Expenditures for Children in Medicaid Using Behavioral Health Care*, 2005

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* Includes children using behavioral health services who are not enrolled in a comprehensive HMO, n = 1,213,201

** Includes all children determined to be disabled by SSI or state criteria (all disabilities, including mental health disabilities)

***Represents the top 10% of child behavioral health users with the highest mean expenditures, n = 121,323
Children and Youth with Serious Behavioral Health Conditions Are a Distinct Population from Adults with Serious and Persistent Mental Illness

✓ Children with SED do not have the same high rates of co-morbid physical health conditions as adults with SPMI

✓ Children, for the most part, have different mental health diagnoses from adults with SPMI (ADHD, Conduct Disorders, Anxiety; not so much Schizophrenia, Psychosis, Bipolar as in adults)

✓ Among children with serious behavioral health challenges, two-thirds are also involved with child welfare and/or juvenile justice systems and 60% may be in special education – governed by legal mandates

✓ Coordination with other children’s systems – child welfare, juvenile justice, schools – and among behavioral health providers consumes most of care coordinator’s time, not coordination with primary care

✓ To improve cost and quality of care, focus must be on child and family/caregiver(s)

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Why are Outcomes so Poor and Costs so High?

- Child and family needs are complex
  - Youths with serious EBD typically have multiple and overlapping problem areas that need attention
  - Families often have unmet basic needs
  - Traditional services don’t attend to health, mental health, substance abuse, and basic needs holistically
  - Or even know how to prioritize what to work on
Behavioral Health Expenditures by Service Type

Top Three Highest Expenditure Services

- **Residential treatment and therapeutic group homes** account for largest percentage of total expenditures – 19.2% of all expenditures for 3.6% of children using behavioral health services

- Outpatient treatment  second highest – 16.5%  of all expenditures for 53.1% of children using behavioral health services

- **Psychotropic medications** third highest – 13.5% of all expenditures for 43.8% of children using behavioral health services

  ➢ **Total Medicaid expense for child and adolescent psychotropic medication use in 2005 was $1.6b, with 42% of expense represented by anti-psychotic use**

Why are Outcomes so Poor and Costs so High?

- Families are rarely fully engaged in services
  - They don’t feel that the system is working for them
  - Leads to treatment dropouts and missed opportunities
Outcomes are poor and costs high for youths with complex needs and multiple system involvement

- Systems are in “silos”
- Systems don’t work together well for individual families unless there is a way to bring them together
  - Youth get passed from one system to another as problems get worse
  - Families relinquish custody to get help
  - Children are placed out of home
The Wraparound Process

- Wraparound is a defined, team-based service planning and coordination process.
- The Wraparound process ensures that there is one coordinated plan of care and one care coordinator.
- Wraparound is not a service per se, it is a structured approach to service planning and care coordination.
- The ultimate goal is both to improve outcomes and per capita costs of care.
What’s Different in Wraparound?

- High quality **Teamwork**
  - Collaborative activity
  - Brainstorming options
  - Goal setting and progress monitoring
- The plan and the team process is **driven by and “owned” by the family and youth**
- Taking a strengths based approach
- The plan focuses on the **priority needs as identified by the youth and family**
- A whole youth and family focus
- A focus on developing **optimism and self-efficacy**
- A focus on developing **enduring social supports**
Core Components of the Wraparound Theory of Change

- Services and supports *work better*:
  - Focusing on *priority* needs as identified by the youth and family
  - Creating an *integrated plan*
  - Greater *engagement and motivation* to participate on the part of the youth and family

- The process *builds family capacities*:
  - Increasing *self-efficacy* (i.e., confidence and optimism that they can make a difference in their own lives)
  - Increasing *social support*
Coordination with Primary Care in a Wraparound Approach

For children with complex behavioral health challenges enrolled in Health Home, Care Management Entity or Wraparound Team of Health Care Professionals --

✓ Ensures child has an identified primary care provider (PCP)

✓ Tracks whether child receives EPSDT screens on schedule

✓ Ensures child has an annual well-child visit (more frequent if on psychotropic medications or chronic health condition identified)

✓ Communicates with PCP opportunity to participate in child and family team and ensures PCP has child’s plan of care and is informed of changes

✓ Ensures PCP has information about child’s psychotropic medication and that PCP monitors for metabolic issues such as obesity and diabetes

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Does Wraparound Work?
Evidence from Nine Published Controlled Studies is Positive

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*Included in 2009 meta-analysis (Suter & Bruns, 2009)
Outcomes of Wraparound
(9 controlled, published studies to date; Bruns & Suter, 2010)

- Better functioning and mental health outcomes
- Reduced recidivism and better juvenile justice outcomes
- Increased rate of case closure for child welfare involved youths
- Reduction in costs associated with residential placements
Costs and Residential Outcomes Are Robust

- Wraparound Milwaukee reduced psychiatric hospitalization from 5000 to less than 200 days annually
  - Also reduced average daily residential treatment facility population from 375 to 50 (Kamradt & Jefferson, 2008).

- Controlled study in Massachusetts found 32% lower emergency room expenses and 74% lower inpatient expenses than propensity score matched youths in "usual care".
  - Intervention youth spent 88% of days at home and showed improved clinical functioning on standard measures.
Costs and Residential Outcomes Are Robust

- New Jersey saved over $30 million in inpatient psychiatric expenditures over the last three years (Hancock, 2012).

- State of Maine reduced net Medicaid spending by 30%, even as use of home and community services increased.
  - 43% reduction in inpatient and 29% in residential treatment expenses (Yoe, Bruns, & Ryan, 2011)

- Los Angeles County DSS found 12 month placement costs were $10,800 for Wraparound-discharged youths compared to $27,400 for matched group of RTC youths.
“Full fidelity” is critical

- Research shows
  - Provider staff whose families experience better outcomes score higher on fidelity tools (Bruns, Rast et al., 2006)
  - Wraparound initiatives with positive fidelity assessments demonstrate more positive outcomes (Bruns, Leverentz-Brady, & Suter, 2008)

- Much of wraparound implementation is in name only
  - Don’t invest in workforce development such as training and coaching to accreditation
  - Don’t follow the research-based practice model
  - Don’t monitor fidelity and outcomes and use the data for CQI
  - Don’t have the necessary support conditions to succeed (e.g., fiscal supports, comprehensive service array)
Statewide Children’s Wraparound Initiative

Phase 1

- children in the custody of DHS child welfare for more than one year and who have had at least 4 placements,
- or children who have behavioral, emotional and/or mental health conditions severe enough to warrant direct entry into the service system at a high level of care.

Three Sites

- Washington County Wraparound
- Mid-Valley WRAP: Marion, Linn, Polk, Tillamook and Yamhill counties
- Rogue Valley Wraparound Collaborative: Jackson and Josephine counties

CY 2011-2012 served over 500 children
What Happens at the Community and Case Level

- A single accountable entity in each community
- Uniform referral and determination process
- Care coordinator
- Family navigator
- Child and Family Team
- Individualized Services and Supports Plan
Why Use System of Care and Wraparound?

- National and State experiences demonstrate
  - Better Health
  - Better Care
  - Lower Cost
Better Health

Figure 3b: Children Who Are NOT Currently Prescribed Psychotropic Medications

Results for 208 children with assessment at Entry, first Progress Review, and at Exit.
Better Health

Figure 3c: Type of Provider for Children Currently Prescribed Psychotropic Medications

Results for 208 children with assessment at Entry, first Progress Review, and at Exit.
Better Care

Figure 2b: Residence Changes in Prior 90 Days

Entry
- No change: 59.6%
- One move: 21.2%
- Two moves: 8.7%
- 3 or more moves: 10.6%

1st Review
- No change: 68.8%
- One move: 21.2%
- Two moves: 7.7%
- 3 or more moves: 2.4%

Exit
- No change: 72.6%
- One move: 19.7%
- Two moves: 5.3%
- 3 or more moves: 2.4%

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Better Care

Figure 2a: Current Residence

Results for 208 children with assessment at Entry, first Progress Review, and at Exit.
Better Care

Figure 6a: Caregiver Family/Social Network Support Past 30 Days

Results for parents/caregivers of 208 children with assessment at Entry, first Progress Review, and at Exit.
Better Care

Figure 6b: Caregiver Support to Address Problematic Behaviors

Results for parents/caregivers of 208 children with assessment at Entry, first Progress Review, and at Exit
Lower Cost

All levels of service
Total Billed per 1,000 Members age 0-17
Calendar Years 2009-2011

Source: Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS); data pulled on 10/18/2012
Lower Costs

Outpatient Services
Total Billed per 1,000 Members age 0-17
Calendar Years 2009-2011

Source: Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS); data pulled on 10/18/20
CCO Contract Examples

- Physical Health and Behavioral Health Integration
- Children’s Mental Health Section: Integrated Service Array is based on Wraparound principles and processes
- Children’s Wraparound Demonstration Projects
- Medication Management
CCO Contract Examples

- Intensive Case Management
- Member and Member Representative Engagement and Activation
- Integration and Coordination:
  - Implementation of a system of care approach, incorporating models such as Wraparound for children with behavioral health disorders
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☐ Access to Care
☐ Patient Centered Primary Care
☐ Care Coordination
☐ Care Integration
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- Intensive Care Coordination for Special Health Members
- State and Local Government Agencies and Community Social and Support Services Organizations
- Health Equity
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- Performance Improvement Projects
- Transformation Plan
- Learning Collaborative
- Members with Special Health Care Needs
The Goal: Children are at home, in school, out of trouble and with friends

- Fully developed local and statewide Systems of Care in Oregon are necessary to maximize the efforts of child serving agencies and support their activities on behalf of children and families.

- It is essential to integrate and coordinate efforts through evidence-based practices like Wraparound to ensure positive clinical outcomes for Oregon’s children and their families.

- Family and Youth voice must inform all levels of the system. Families with shared experience can support each other in being active participants in the planning for their children.