

NYS System of Care and Wraparound Training Institute Monthly Update January 2023

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Upcoming SOC Related Events

January 11, 2023 (1:00-2:00 PM), SOC County Collaborative

We will be virtually convening counties engaging in System of Care work bi-monthly to share experiences, challenges, barriers, and brainstorming. If your county has an interest in this peer opportunity, please join us. [Click here](#) for the Outlook or iCal calendar item or use the link below to join for the meeting. No need to register in advance – just show up!

Subject: System of Care County Collaborative
When: Wednesday, January 11, 2023, 1:00 PM-2:00 PM.
Where: Online!

Join ZoomGov Meeting

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May 10-11, 2023, FREE Systems of Care Virtual Summit

The National Center for Training and Technical Assistance on Child, Youth and Family Mental Health (NTTAC) has announced its **FREE** [Virtual Systems of Care Summit](#), entitled Building Together: Building Systems That Care. Presentation proposals are due January 24, 2023. Stay tuned for registration information.

Systems of Care Action Planning

Our team is available to assist county cross-system teams in exploring implementation of the SOC framework to better address the needs, gaps and barriers for children, youth, and their families. Whether your cross systems infrastructure has been in place for decades or you need to reimagine better collaboration, this workshop can assist. **Twenty-three counties have already completed planning and are working on exciting change initiatives.** Contact [Jessica Stanis](#) for more information.

Wraparound Training and Implementation Institute

Learn about the benefits of the practice model within Health Homes from a variety of perspectives by watching an [informative video](#), or contact [Kimberly Heffner](#) for more support.

Visit the [High Fidelity Wraparound tab](#) on New York State's SOC website

Find the [New York High Fidelity Wraparound Availability Chart](#) available slots in counties across the State.

Did You Know?

New C-SPOA Referral Applications: Outlined in an email message on January 3, 2023 from Angela Keller, two new C-SPOA referral applications were unveiled in support of a more streamlined process. Applications include one for use in referring consumers to C-SPOA coordination, and a second for use in referring consumers to Youth ACT, CCR or RTF services. Please see the email message for additional information and direct any questions to **OMH Division of Integrated Community Services for Children and Families** at (518) 474-8394 or DCFS@omh.ny.gov.

Uniform Clinical Network Provider: the Center for Practice Innovations (CPI), in partnership with Managed Care Technical Assistance Center (MCTAC) and Community Technical Assistance Center (CTAC) and Partnership to End Addiction would like to remind you of the Children's Uniform Clinical Network Provider Training curriculum available titled: [Unique Needs of Special Populations of Children/Youth](#).

This training consists of seven 30-minute modules, for 3.25 self-study contact hours in many disciplines. It provides an overview of specific children's populations and provide tips and treatment approaches for best serving these children. Populations include Children with SED, children in Child Welfare, TAY, ages 0-5, children with SUD, children who are Medically Fragile. This bundle will also discuss prevention for children that can be applied to all populations of children, including those who may not typically be engaged in Behavioral Health treatment.

MH Support for Employers & Employees: [Headspace Health](#) has introduced its new [Unified Mental Health and Wellbeing Experience for Employers and Employees](#). Combining meditation and mindfulness with on-demand coaching, therapy and psychiatry services, this new approach has been developed in response to the increasing demand for employer support in the employee mental health arena.

Social Marketing Toolkit: The nine-language social marketing tool kit materials released in 2018 are still available on www.msnavigator.org under the tabs Health Homes Explained, System of Care Explained, Family Peer Advocate and Youth Peer Advocate. [The Multiple System Navigator](#) is an excellent location to find information on cross-systems news and events. The site was built for youth, parents, family members and caregivers that rely on supports from multiple child and family serving systems.

System of Care Framework: The System of Care **Framework** has been revised to better reflect the evolution of research and children's systems changes. [This article](#) is an important one to read and come back to, time and time again.

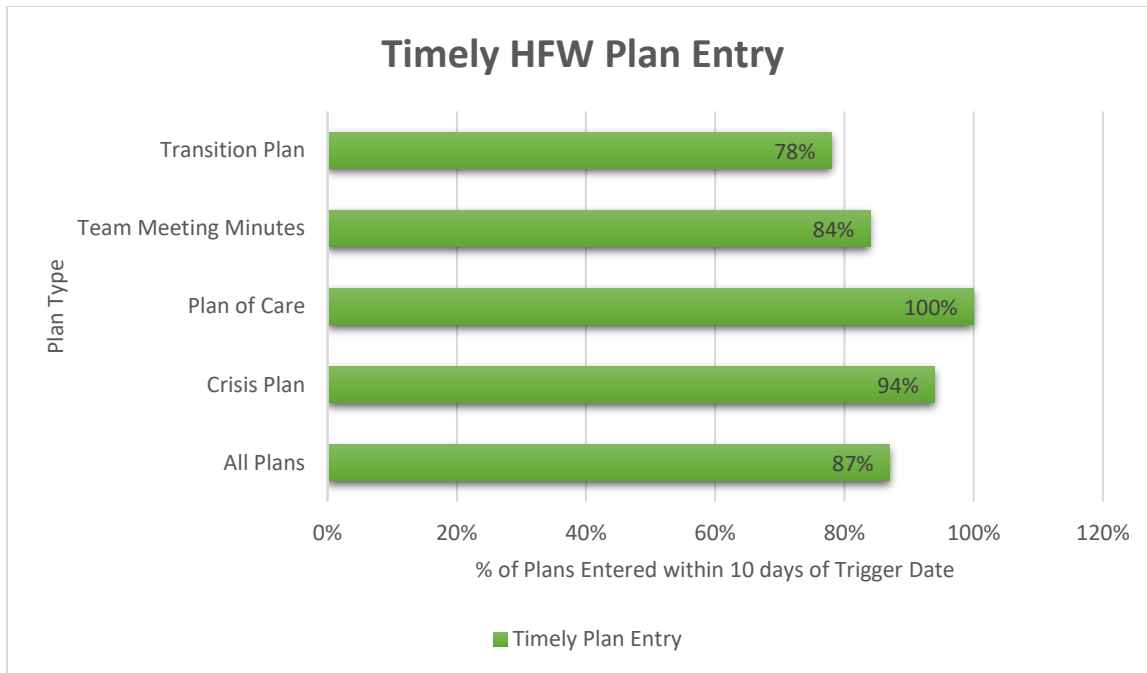
Training Institute LIVE! Webinars: There are many webinar offerings that have been pulled together by the Institute for Innovation and Implementation at the University of Maryland for their summer Training Institute LIVE! series. Dr. [Gary Blau's presentation Systems of Care: To Infinity and Beyond](#) should speak to many of us working towards better collaboration across systems.

NYS Systems of Care: HFW Plan Entry

Four of the metrics tracked for High Fidelity Wraparound (HFW) pertain to timely plan entry into the secure data management platform, WRAP-NY. The aim is for all plans to be entered within 10 days of the trigger date. The four plans include the Crisis Plan, Plan of Care, Team Meeting Minutes, and Transition Plan, respectively triggered by the enrollment date, first Child Family Team Meeting (CFTM) date, subsequent CFTM date(s), and discharge date for youth discharging following a transition phase.

Looking at data from the July 1 through September 30, 2022, quarter for participating NYS SOC Care Management Agencies, a total of 255 plans met criteria for analyses. The majority (87%) of all plan types are

entered within the 10-day window. Looking specifically at the various plan types, on-time submission was achieved for 94% of Crisis Plans, 100% of the Plans of Care, 84% of Team Meeting Minutes, and 78% of Transition Plans. Timely plan entry is a measure of fidelity to the HFW model and is a current area of strength for participating Care Management Agencies.



Deputy Commissioners' Corner

[space for January article] With the end of 2022 approaching, the Deputy Commissioners' Workgroup analyzed trends in the youth presenting to the New York State Council on Children and Families' (CCF) Interagency Resolution Unit (IRU) for assistance. The IRU assisted over 50 youth and their families in identifying and accessing services over the past year, helping to resolve interagency issues that impeded access to services for children and youth who have complex needs and required services from multiple agencies. Family members, school districts, local departments of social services, hospitals, and other professionals and advocates may refer a child or youth to the IRU when all other service options have been explored and services cannot be identified or accessed, a parent or caregiver feels their child's needs are not being met, or a child or youth is in a hospital and assistance with a discharge plan is needed. Trends in 2022 reveal an increase in youth in need of intensive mental health and intellectual and developmental disability services who were in hospitals and emergency room and transition-age youth needing assistance to facilitate access to adult services.

To better track and assist youth with complex needs in the future, a new IRU form (developed with cross-agency input) will soon be released. The Workgroup will also continue to collect and analyze data, develop measures and benchmarks, and identify and share resources. In addition, the Workgroup is eager to continue working with key stakeholders to identify other systemic and practical solutions to supporting youth with complex needs including the Healthcare Association of New York State, the Conference of Local Mental Hygiene Directors, the New York Public Welfare Association, and family and youth advocates.

Workgroup Members	
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In the coming year, cross-agency partners will identify and explore opportunities to implement programmatic and practical reforms that support youth and families such as short-term crisis interventions and comprehensive family-based care and treatment and include the provision of services like:

- comprehensive clinical evaluations to determine the appropriate level of care for youth with complex needs;
- multi-disciplinary, evidence-based, intensive, in-home interventions and treatment;
- coordinated care by highly-trained culturally- and linguistically-competent direct care and licensed professionals to implement a system of care approach;
- more planned and emergency respite care; and
- a comprehensive array of community-based and short-term residential crisis services.

Rooted in a shared commitment to implement creative and flexible thinking, the Deputy Commissioners' shared approach recognizes that service quality and effectiveness increase when systems are coordinated.

As New York's child-serving systems continue to undergo major systemic transformations (with the implementation of Family First, home and community-based service expansion, added crisis and respite services, 998 suicide hotline), the Deputy Commissioners' Workgroup looks to the new year with a sense of urgency and possibility about the ways to collectively advance a statewide system of care to better support youth with complex needs and their families.

Other News

SHAPE Update

We are pleased to announce that the following schools and/or districts have been selected for participation in the third cohort of the SHAPE Up New York Learning Collaborative, which will begin in 2023. The NYS System of Care Team at the NYS Office of Mental Health, in collaboration with the University of Rochester Medical Center, Expanded School Mental Health Initiatives at Pediatric Behavioral Health & Wellness, will once again be holding office hours and monthly sessions with participating districts as they work on specific goals to improve school mental health systems.

Participating Districts:

- Solvay UFSD (Onondaga County)
- Fort Plain Central School (Montgomery County)
- Ticonderoga Central School District (Essex County)
- Binghamton City School District (Broome County)
- White Plains City School District (Westchester County)
- Enlarged School District of Troy/Troy High School (Rensselaer County)
- Sodus Central School District (Wayne County)
- Garden City Public Schools (Nassau County)

For those districts that may have interest in [The SHAPE System](#) please register for an account in order to access the various assessments and resources available.

Beginning in the New Year, the TA Telegram—a publication of the TA Network—will be disseminated from our new home at the University of Connecticut School of Social Work under the name [Innovations Institute](#). We will continue to send the Telegram every two weeks with the same great curated content you have come to expect.

The TA Telegram Is Moving!

We at the TA Network look forward to continuing to partner with you as we work to improve the public system supports for and with children, youth, young adults, and their families from our new home. Innovations Institute will also include the work of other national centers: National SOGIE Center; National Wraparound Implementation Center; National Quality Improvement Center on Family-Centered Reunification; National Quality Improvement Center on Tailored Services, Placement Stability, and Permanency for LGBTQ2S Children and Youth in Foster Care; and the Center of Excellence on LGBTQ+ Behavioral Health Equity.

Please read and share the [announcement from UConn about our arrival](#) and [visit our new webpage](#).

We look forward to continuing to partner with you in the new year and wish you, your families, and your communities a safe, healthy, and happy 2023!

SAMHSA Updated Guidance on Children's Crisis Care

On November 9, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) released the [National Guidelines for Child and Youth Behavioral Health Crisis Care](#). Melissa Schober and colleagues at The Institute for Innovation and Implementation authored accompanying guidance, [A Safe Place To Be: Crisis Stabilization Services and Other Supports for Children and Youth](#), in partnership with the National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors (NASMHPD) with funding support from SAMHSA as part of the 2022 Crisis to Care series of technical assistance briefs. The new national guidelines describe a framework upon which states and localities can build, as Asst. Secretary Delphin-Rittmon notes in the forward, "It is not the final word – it is a beginning." The Institute-authored guidance highlights the unique needs of children and youth and use of crisis stabilization to reduce unnecessary emergency department visits and interactions with law enforcement, with a particular focus on equity for historically underserved individuals and families. For more information, [contact](#) The Institute's [Policy, Finance, and Systems Design Division](#).

Building Effective Children's Systems of Care

The New York State (NYS) [Conference of Local Mental Hygiene Directors, Inc.](#) (CLMHD), in collaboration with the Office of the Mental Health, launched the ["Building Effective Children's Systems Webinar Series"](#) in October 2021. The intent of this eight-part series is to foster peer-to-peer interaction and cross-site learning to support local development, enhancement, and expansion of cross-system efforts to better serve children, youth, and young adults with emotional, social and behavioral needs, and their families across NYS. In addition, CLMHD and OPWDD presented a 6-part webinar series [Working With Individuals With Mental Health and I/DD](#) which is available on-line.

NYHealth Launches 2023 Special Projects Fund Request for Proposals

The New York Health Foundation (NYHealth) [2023 Special Projects Fund Request for Proposals \(RFP\)](#) is now available. Applicants must submit an online inquiry form to determine whether a proposed project fits the funding criteria. There are two funding cycles for the 2022 Special Projects Fund. Deadline for the second round online inquiry form is **March 2, 2023**. Selected organizations will be invited to submit full proposals, with a deadline of **May 11, 2023**. Deadlines for the first round have now passed.

NYHealth Special Projects Fund awards are one-time, nonrenewable funding opportunities consistent with the Foundation's mission to improve the health of all New Yorkers but outside of its main priority areas.

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