Strengths and Outcomes for Children in Foster Care

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System of Care (SOC) Program:
An individualized approach to foster home stabilization

- Community agencies provided funding to serve foster care agencies
- Individualized case identification and service planning. Strength-based focus.
- Outcomes focus for program management
- Findings from the first year support initial success of program

Assessment of Strengths

- Use Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS-MH) as primary service planning and outcome monitoring tool.
- CANS used at program initiation and transition
- Outcomes include improved symptoms of SEBD and reduced risk behaviors

Prediction of Reduced Symptoms of SED

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Individual Strength Predictors

- Enrollment
  - Community Inclusion
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Prediction of Reduced Risk Behaviors

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