What have we learned from the CMHS Systems of Care Initiative to date?

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Systems of Care

• Mental health system was fragmented
  – Children with SED were underserved
• Systems of Care approach was developed
  – 3 tenets
    • Systems are driven by needs of the child & family
    • Services are community based
    • Services are culturally sensitive and responsive to needs of the child & family

Symposium Presentations

• Mario Hernandez
  – Cultural Accessibility for Children & Families Within Systems of Care
• Eric Bruns
  – Service Experiences & Outcomes
• Bob Stephens, Christine Walrath, Ana Maria Brannan
  – Child & Family Outcomes
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  – Discussants

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