Conference Highlights

22nd Annual Research Conference—A System of Care for Children’s Mental Health: Expanding the Research Base

Conference Agenda

Sunday, March 1, 2009
noon..........................Registration opens
2:00 – 5:00 pm.........Intensive Workshop: Abe Wandersman on “Getting to Outcomes”
6:00 – 7:30 pm Networking Reception and Poster Presentations

Monday, March 2, 2009
8:30 – 10:30 am Opening Session: System of Care Values in Research and Evaluation
10:45 – 11:45 am ..........Concurrent Sessions
11:45 am – 1:15 pm ......Research Luncheon
1:15 – 5:45 pm.............Concurrent Sessions

Tuesday, March 3, 2009
8:30 am – 10:30 am Gwen Iding Brogden
Distinguished Lecturer J. David Hawkins
10:45 – 11:45 am ..........Concurrent Sessions
11:45 am – 1:30 pm ......Lunch on Your own
1:30 – 5:00 pm.............Concurrent Sessions
5:30 – 7:00 pm Networking Reception and Poster Presentations

Wednesday, March 4, 2007
9:00 am – 12:00 pm Intensive Workshops on Methodology

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Typical Topics

Sunday, Monday & Tuesday—poster presentations and concurrent sessions

• Implementation of effective systems of care
• Implementing evidence-based practices in the systems of care context
• Community-based system of care development
• Creating culturally competent systems to reduce disparities
• Family-driven, youth-guided systems planning
• Role of public sector agencies in SOC
• School-based services and the system of care
• Facilitating youth transition to adulthood and independence
• Implementing wrap-around services in systems of care
• Innovative methodologies for research and evaluation of complex systems
• Integrating evaluation and performance measurement

Applying the Knowledge Base

Times of change bring both challenge and opportunity. With a change in administration at the federal level, and the severe economic crisis, the challenge is for the children’s mental health field to demonstrate the economy and effectiveness of systems-wide and community-wide approaches to serving children and youth with mental health challenges and their families. Each year this conference offers a key forum to share findings, suggest solutions, and identify strategies for promoting positive child, family, and community outcomes through implementing effective systems of care. This year, as researchers, evaluators, planners, practitioners, family members, young people, and advocates, we must renew our dedication to providing empirically sound, practical information to help policy makers with the difficult decisions they must make.

We have a special opportunity and responsibility to come together this year to build the knowledge base in our field, dialogue with our colleagues from diverse backgrounds, and offer recommendations that will have a positive impact across the nation. For over two decades now, this annual conference has been a source of valuable information exchange and problem-solving. We invite you, at this time of great challenge and opportunity, to come to Tampa to help develop both the empirical foundation, and the practical strategies for change that we need.

Attention Family Members!

Sunday, March 1
Interested family members are encouraged to meet and network throughout the conference. Sunday, at 5:00 pm in Salon D, we are offering Research I, a family-friendly session where we can get to know each other as research terminology common to conference sessions is explained. At 6:00 pm, the conference’s opening Poster Session begins; look for the Family Table to continue your conversations.

Intensive Workshops

Sunday, March 1
Getting to Outcomes in Systems of Care
Abe Wandersman

Wednesday, March 4
Concept Mapping as a Next Generation, Multi-Use Strategy
Lenore Behar, Marty Hydaker, and Robert Paulson

Building the Research Base: Grant Funding Opportunities at the Institute of Education Sciences (a.k.a. “Show Me the Money”)
Jackie Buckley

Monday’s Opening Panel

System of Care Values in Research and Evaluation

Abraham Wandersman, PhD, University of South Carolina-Columbia; Vanessa A. Fuentes, Legal Assistant, Advocates for Children, New York, NY; and Brianne Masselli, THRIVE Initiative: Trauma Informed Systems of Care, Lewiston, ME

This session will focus on the inclusion of system of care values and principles in research and evaluation. Much as systems of care emphasize partnerships with families and youth in system planning and development, so should such partnerships be developed in identifying questions to be studied and general approaches to be used in our research and evaluation. A panel including two young adults (Vanessa Fuentes and Brianne Masselli) and one researcher who has specialized in empowerment evaluation.

Tuesday’s Plenary

The Gwen Iding Brogden Distinguished Lecture: Planning for Prevention

J. David Hawkins
Professor of Sociology, Psychology, Education and Social Policy, Joan and Serepta Harrison Chair in Ethics and Justice, Faculty Fellow, Institute for Policy Research Northwestern University

During his prestigious career, Dr. Hawkins has sought to identify risk and protective factors for health and behavior problems across multiple domains and to understand how these factors interact. He develops and tests prevention strategies, which seek to reduce risk through the enhancement of strengths and protective factors in families, schools, and communities. During this lecture, Dr. Hawkins will share his impressions on how the methods of prevention can best be embedded in public health-oriented systems of care.

For more on our Gwen Iding Brogden Distinguished Lecture, see: http://rtckids.fmhi.usf.edu/rtcconference/agenda/gweniding.cfm

Questions?

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