



Virginia
Commission on Youth

Children's Behavioral Health/Evidence-Based Treatments Conference Planning

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In 2005, the Commission on Youth

- Updated the **Collection of Evidence-based Treatments (*Collection*)**
- To access:
 - Go to <http://coy.state.va.us>; and
 - Click on the **Child and Adolescents Mental Health Treatments.**



Mandate

- The Commission on Youth approved the following recommendation at its November 2005 meeting:
 - The Commission on Youth, in conjunction with the Virginia Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation, and Substance Abuse Services, will convene a statewide conference with the express purpose of identifying and communicating to behavioral health care professionals evidence-based practices for children and adolescents with mental health disorders. To plan for this conference, the Commission shall organize a Conference Planning Committee comprised of representatives from all of the Commonwealth's child-serving agencies. An update on the progress of the conference plan shall be reported to the Commission on Youth prior to the 2007 General Assembly Session.
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Identified Issues

- There is an identified need for training for local, state, and private providers, as well as consumers, on evidence-based treatments for children with mental health disorders.
- Training should address utilization and implementation of evidence-based treatments in diverse and numerous settings, with homes, schools, communities, and both public and private sector providers being targeted audiences.



Identified Issues

- Training should acknowledge the lack of providers in communities that offer evidence-based practices.
- Training should also include promising practices currently utilized in the Commonwealth.
- Training should incorporate a Systems of Care Approach recognized by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.
- Conference Planning Committee should collaborate with other agencies' training efforts to ensure no duplication.



Commission on Youth convened a Conference Planning Committee:

- DMHMRSAS
- DSS
- DMAS
- DJJ
- DOE
- VDH
- Office of Comprehensive Services
- CSBs
- Local CSA
- Private Providers
- State University Representatives
- Area Health Education Council (AHEC)
- Advocacy Group Representatives
- Commission on Youth Members

Conference Planning Committee met August 21, 2006.



Role of Planning Committee:

- Coordination with various agencies to ascertain specific tasks, roles & responsibilities, activities, potential partnerships, and utilization of resources.
- Investigating available grants, as well as private or public funds, for funding the conference.
- Developing proposed conference plan including the following:
 - Conference Target Audience
 - Budget/Funding Plan
 - Site selection
 - Conference Agenda/Program
 - Speakers and Presenters
 - Continuing Education Credits



Proposed Activities

- Determine purpose of Conference
- Determine target audience
- Determine Conference dates/timeline
- Suggest membership of Conference Committee
- Develop Conference Project Plan
- Form core planning group/subcommittees



Recommendations from August 21 Planning Meeting

- Partner with Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation, and Substance Abuse Services on Systems of Care Training
- Investigate utilization of University Conference Planner
- Establish core planning group/subcommittees



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