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TA Network Launches Quality Collaborative on Improving the Use of Psychotropic Medications in Residential Treatment Facilities

The National Technical Assistance Network for Children's Behavioral Health (TA Network), funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), is pleased to announce the launch of a three-year *Quality Collaborative on Improving the Use of Psychotropic Medications in Residential Treatment Facilities (RTFs)*.^{*} This initiative will collaboratively review current practices and develop and implement strategies to improve psychotropic medications prescribing for children and youth in care.

Nine RTFs from across the nation have been selected to participate and will be supported through a learning collaborative model and use of a CQI tool, to identify objectives and strategies, and track process and outcome indicators using a continuous quality improvement structure, adapted from the Quality Improvement Framework developed by the Center for Health Care Strategies, Inc. (CHCS), a core partner in the TA Network.

The TA Network will lead the collaborative, providing clinical and program related technical assistance to support participating RTFs and facilitate the peer-to-peer learning model.

^{*}Adapted from the Center for Health Care Strategies, Inc. Collaborative on [Improving the Use of Psychotropic Medication among Children and Youth in Foster Care](#).

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