

i2i Center Focuses on System of Care for Children's MH Services

i2i Center is working in conjunction with the NC Division of MH/IDD/SAS to provide educational and informational materials and training on State and federal initiatives to System of Care Coordinators and Lead Family Partners for child and adolescent mental health services. Medicaid Transformation, the restructure of the North Carolina social service and child welfare system, passage of the Juvenile Justice Reinvestment Act (the law that raises the age for an individual to be considered an adult in the justice system), and recent national legislation on child welfare and social services that will reform those federal funding streams are all key initiatives that will have a tremendous impact on children's mental health services. These initiatives will be included in the materials and training that i2i Center provides.

The System of Care model has been incorporated in children's mental health services in North Carolina for many years and includes focuses on:

- Interagency Collaboration
- Accountability to Results
- Individualized Strength-based Approach
- Child and Family Partnership
- Cultural Competence
- Community-based Services and Supports

This framework for the System of Care model includes components that promote an integrated, whole person approach to services and supports—a key focus of restructured public health and human services for the State. Training will provide System of Care Coordinators and Lead Family Partners with additional tools to assist local collaboratives to align their work with a transformed system.