Who We Are

A cross-system resource, training, and implementation hub. An organization of core partners working together in service of better mental health for the children, youth and families of Colorado.

**MISSION**

We bring communities together to improve mental health outcomes for children and families.

**VALUES**

Cultivate partnerships; provide humble expertise; engage in boundless creativity; be responsible and accountable; turn knowledge into action.

**VISION**

To be a nationally recognized leader in children’s mental health, advancing Colorado’s ranking to one of the top 10 places to receive services in the nation.
What We Do

• Increase availability of EBP’s
• Increase promising/research informed practices
• Support implementation, ongoing quality and effectiveness
• Create connections
• Build capacity
• Support sustainability
• Support child, youth and family driven solutions
CORE FUNCTIONS OF A
Center of Excellence

Workforce Development:
Capacity building through training, coaching and consultation informed by providers, children, youth and family perspectives.

Implementation and sustainability support:
Strategic and creative implementation of EBPs and other initiatives—a focus on reducing barriers to both providing and receiving services.

Partnership building and collaboration:
Connection and collaboration of stakeholders that effect change and respect individual communities. Support state partners in these efforts.

Policy and finance:
Depends on internal and external pressures on the funding agency as well as on the depth of subject matter expertise. COEs asked to research best practices, with an eye toward the “fit” within their state or community.

Research, evaluation and data linking:
Data to inform program practice, planning and policy. Help in tracking, sharing and establishing evidence of best practice within and across systems.
Our Approach

- Learn from historical efforts and build on what works
- Avoid and reduce duplication of work
- Increase collaboration and reduce silos
- Strive toward statewide availability
- Ensure planning, solutions and monitoring are data driven
Our Approach

Systems of Care

- Comprehensive service array
- Individualized services
- Least restrictive
- Natural supports
- Integration
- Coordination
- Strengths-based
- Flexible funding
Scope
• Strategic plan for school-aged children

Structure
• SOC primer, values and principles
• Catalogue of previous recommendations
• Cross-systems stakeholders

Workgroups
• Governance
• Finance
• Care Coordination
• Service Array
• Quality
• Access, screening and assessment
Funding and Hiring

Grants:

1) UPL Youth Suicide Prevention
2) Attorney General

Hiring Plan for 2019

- Current Staffing
  4.3 FTEs
  1 FTE at Kempe Center

- Hiring for 2019
  2 training associates; 1 research analyst, 1 content developer, 1 operations coordinator, 1 operations director, 1 policy and finance analyst
Scopes of Work

Projects
- Zero Suicide Care Pathway for pediatric PCPs
- School-based suicide prevention
- Trauma Responsive Care Trainings
- In collaboration with Mental Health Colorado, School Mental Health toolkit
- Service Array Assessment
- Tiered Care Coordination
- Website portals and data warehouse
- PracticeWise
From your sphere of influence where is the potential?
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