

Dual Diagnosis Discussion Group

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Oklahoma is thinking of building a long-term care facility for kids with behavioral problems, dual diagnoses

- Would be funded under an emergency provision
 - DHS doesn't necessarily want to build a facility, but the building would be covered under a different budget
 - For children who are not progressing with treatment in foster care, some of whom have been sent out of state
 - Referrals come through the state, services provided by BCBA
 - "wraparound services"
 - State agency involvement on a modified project- HRSA
 - Amplifies cracks in your system, ex., if there are no qualified people to provide care
 - Sending children out of state is NOT less expensive, since it comes out of the state budget
 - If they live at home, it can be a safety issue. Our system does not support these families well
 - There's a push to use BCBA because they need a high level of care; workers are underpaid
- Might be a good PNS project
 - Because of how regulations are written, had to do workarounds
 - Moving from child-focused services to adult
- How do we help clinicians add dual diagnosis as part of their practice?
 - No additional compensation, lots of burnout
 - Trainings usually focus on behavior modification
 - How do you train in trans-disciplinary, not just interdisciplinary practice
 - Primary care physicians/pediatricians would need to buy in
- Examples from other states
 - New Mexico: memorials
 - Really a debrief and an evaluation by a task force that reviews a program
 - Project ECHO
 - Developed in NM
 - Great for reaching rural populations
 - Case-based, didactic way to extend expertise
 - Has been used as a way to get communities to use expertly-developed protocol around Hep-C, autism
 - Described as "the perfect primary care model"
 - Wyoming has a superhub ECHO
 - **ECHO and PNS- vehicle for dissemination**
- Is there an interest in meeting via Zoom once a month?

- Proposal to AUCD to be given to AIDD, Lance Robertson
- Would hit on all of the pillars
 - Connects people to resources
 - Protects rights and prevents abuse
 - Expands employment opportunities (perhaps not the kind of employment AIDD had in mind though)
 - Supports families and caregivers
 - Strengthens our networks