

CBH KNOWLEDGE CENTER

Children's Behavioral Health Knowledge Center

MISSION

The primary mission, established in Chapter 321 of the Acts of 2008: An Act Relative to Children's Mental Health is to ensure that:

- the workforce of clinicians and direct care staff providing children's behavioral health services are highly skilled and well trained
- the services provided to children in the Commonwealth are cost-effective and evidence-based
- the Commonwealth continues to develop and evaluate new models of service delivery

The Center's design and agenda have been guided by conversations with state agency leaders, researchers, service providers, consumer advocates, and stakeholders throughout Massachusetts. Leaders of similar centers in other states provided invaluable advice.

BENEFITS

- Promotes and supports the use of research evidence in policy, program, and practice decisions
- Builds on, but does not duplicate, the rich array of research organizations throughout Massachusetts
- Integrates research evidence with knowledge gained from continuous quality improvement activities, administrative data, qualitative case review data, and professional, clinical, and lived experience

ABOUT THE KNOWLEDGE CENTER

The Knowledge Center fills a gap in the children's behavioral health system by serving as an information hub, through its Annual Symposium, website, workshops, and webinars.

Center staff work with colleagues who are developing, implementing, and advocating for practices, programs, and service delivery models that are based on the best available evidence about what works to improve outcomes for young people.

As an intermediary organization, our activities facilitate connection among the rich array of children's behavioral health researchers, program developers, providers, practitioners, and consumer advocates in Massachusetts.

We connect research, policy, and practice and connect Massachusetts with national leaders in innovation and best practice.

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