



Building Bridges
Steering Committee

Alliance for Children
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American Association
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Child Welfare League
of America

Federation of Families
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Community Behavioral
Healthcare

Substance Abuse and
Mental Health
Services
Administration

Technical Assistance
Partnership for Child
and Family Mental
Health

Building Bridges Between Residential and Community Based Service Delivery Providers, Families and Youth

Vision

Ensure the availability of a comprehensive array of high quality, integrated, culturally and linguistically competent services and supports that meet the mental health needs of children, youth and families so that every young person can live, learn, work, play, thrive and participate fully in safe and supportive communities.

Mission

Establish strong and closely coordinated partnerships and collaborations between families, youth, community-based providers, residential treatment providers, advocates and policy makers to ensure that services and supports provided to youth with mental health needs, and their families, are family-driven, youth-guided, culturally and linguistically competent, individualized, evidence-based or supported by practice-based evidence, and consistent with the research on sustained positive outcomes.

Strategies

- Establish relationships and dialogue across all constituent groups, including families, youth, community-based providers, residential treatment providers, advocates and policy makers
- Identify and promote best practices and innovative solutions
- Identify and propose recommendations to overcome fiscal, licensing, regulatory and practice barriers
- Identify needed technical assistance, training and support for organizations, policy makers, families and youth
- Identify or develop measures that provide information and feedback about system efforts to coordinate and integrate services and to implement the values and principles described in the Building Bridges Joint Resolution.
- Develop and implement dissemination and marketing strategies to spread the word about the critical importance of creating a coordinated and comprehensive array of services that are family-driven, youth-guided, and culturally and linguistically competent and focused on sustained positive outcomes

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