Community-Based Services for Foster Youth: A Provider Perspective

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CONTINUUM OF SUPPORTS FOR FOSTER YOUTH

PREVENTION & EARLY INTERVENTION
- Early childhood and developmental screenings
- Therapeutic Preschools
- K-12 Whole School Approaches
- Family Resource Centers
- Family System Therapies
- Drop-In Centers
- Crisis Services (FURS)

COMMUNITY-BASED
- Outpatient
- Intensive Outpatient
- Wraparound / ICC + IHBS
  - Expedited Transition Services
  - ASIST
- Therapeutic Behavioral Services
- Family Finding & Engagement

TIERED THERAPEUTIC PLACEMENTS
- Therapeutic Foster Care
- Intensive Services Foster Care
- Enhanced Intensive Services Foster Care
- Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Programs
- Enhanced Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Programs
Unique Importance of Community-Based Services for Foster Youth

- Stabilizing home-based placements requires services delivered in the home setting

- *Katie A.* established that it is medically necessary to deliver Intensive Home-Based Services for foster youth

- Many permanency-focused services (family finding, FURS, Wraparound) are – by necessity – in the community
Current Opportunities

- New SMHS Access Criteria + general consensus around eligibility for services
- Documentation reform = immediate access to services
- ECM as child welfare involvement prevention
- CYBHI grants for parent/caregiver support programs
Remaining and New Barriers

• CCR: acuity of need is ↑, funding is ↓
  • Youth in care are older and have more intensive needs
  • Funding gaps (PAARP, kin care, caregiver recruitment)

• Payment Reform:
  • Low rates + exclusion of travel time + “one size fits all” rate approach disincentivizes community-based services
  • CPT codes favor licensed over non-licensed providers – implications for TBS, IHBS, etc.
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