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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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