

Program Abstract

The Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Lucas County (MHRSB), in collaboration with the Lucas County Juvenile Court are requesting continuation funds from the Behavioral Health and Juvenile Justice Request for Quote (RFQ). The total two year amount of grant funds being requested is \$915,612. The agencies collaborating with the MHRSB are the Parents/guardians, Lucas County Juvenile Court, Lucas County Family Council, NAMI of Greater Toledo, Lucas County Board of Developmental Disabilities, Lucas County Children Services, Ohio Department of Youth Services Toledo Region, and Lucas County Job & Family Services.

The scope of the proposed work includes enhancing Lucas County's system of serving youth who have serious behavioral healthcare needs and who are serious juvenile offenders. Lucas County's countywide service coordination plan was based on intersystem coordination through a traditional Cluster model. Through the first two years of the BHJJ grant, Lucas County was able to restructure the Cluster model into a high fidelity Wraparound model. Through this new model, Lucas County will be able to continue to enhance and achieve the following:

1. Continue to enhance Wraparound, a well-defined evidence-based program model;
2. Continue to enhance program model that puts primary emphasis on building parent/caregiver efficacy;
3. Ensure clarity of purpose, structure, process and outcomes;
4. Continue to provide family-centered, individualized services and supports to families with children exhibiting behavioral health needs;
5. Continue to improve interagency planning and service coordination;
6. Continue to develop well-defined data collection and data management strategies to track and measure efficiency, fidelity of implementation, and effectiveness (outcomes).

Through the continuation of the BHJJ grant, MHRSB will continue to support the evidence-based Multi-systemic Treatment (MST) model for this grant target population. MST has proven to be effective in reducing antisocial behavior among diverse populations of serious and chronic juvenile offenders. Research has shown that this approach is effective with youth (and their families) of different ages, socioeconomic status, and cultural backgrounds (i.e., African American and Caucasian) (Henggeler, S.). MST is a flexible treatment modality that focuses on individualized care for the youth and families, which include child and family-centered care and involvement.

This two year project will continue to transform Lucas County's child-serving systems' ability to identify, assess, evaluate, and treat multi-need, multi-system youth. Through this collaborative effort, Lucas County will maintain the number of committed youth to ODYS. This initiative supports the court's philosophy of keeping youth in their homes and the community where there needs are better met and have a better chance at successful outcomes.