

Portsmouth CSA

Successes and
Challenges



Innovative Programs/Education

- Therapeutic Day Treatment in the Public Schools (Y-CAPP and FHC)
- FAPT Meetings in the Schools (New Directions, Brighton, Emily Sponge)

Innovative Programs/Foster Care

- C.A.R.E.S. Specialized Foster Care Program
 - 1 child in each home/exception-sibling group
 - 27 hours of PRIDE training/ 24 hours of therapeutic training
 - Individualized services for each child
- Homeless Brokerage Program/Foster Care Prevention Program
 - Partnership with the Planning Council
- Therapeutic Foster Home Utilization Reviews
 - Accountability and partnership development with the private providers

Intensive Care Coordination

- ❖ Only use Medicaid providers
- ❖ Least Restrictive Model
- ❖ Match youth to appropriate facilities
- ❖ Step youth down quickly
- ❖ Vendor Accountability and Monitoring

Family Assessment & Planning Team & CPMT

- Permanent Core Members on FAPT (Team meets every Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.)
- Team Building and On Going Training
 - Professional Consultants and presentations from private providers who have expertise
- Development of Team Roles, Rules, and Guidebook
- Parent Representative Stipend and Responsibilities
- Collaboration from CPMT members

Successes

Portsmouth served 271 youth in FY'08. Only 18 youth had been placed in Residential Treatment and additional 18 youth placed in Group homes. Our congregate care rate is 11% (National Best Practice is 10%)

Challenges

Court Services Unit are decreasing detention placements and commitments while referring to CSA for residential placements.

Juvenile delinquents are being placed in foster care and often cannot be placed in a foster home.

Public Schools are using long term suspensions and expulsion as a disciplinary measure. Youth that are not in school are difficult to maintain in a foster home.

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