

Collaborative Adventures



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What's New

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It's been a really busy year thus far in '08, and there are no signs of things slowing down anytime soon. There are several events on the horizon that will provide opportunities for enrichment for families and professionals alike.

Regional Training Workshop

The Choices TA Center is hosting a regional training workshop in collaboration with Community Mental Health Center in southeastern Indiana on September 12th from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. It will be held at 283 Dieby Rd. in Lawrenceburg. The focus of the workshop will be the Plan Implementation and Transition phases of the wraparound process. Representatives from Family Action Network of Lake County and from the Community Alternatives Grant (CA-PRTF) will also take part in the workshop. A stipend for attendance and mileage support are available for families who attend. Family members who wish to receive this support can contact their System of Care Coach or Trent Kuprewicz at 317.205.8289 when they register for the workshop. To learn more about the workshop or to register, please visit www.ChoicesTeam.org and click on "events".

8th Annual System of Care Conference...A Recipe for Success

Choices Technical Assistance Center, in collaboration with the Indiana Division of Mental Health and Addiction and the Indiana Department of Child Services is proud to present the 8th Annual Indiana Systems of Care Conference. This year's conference will feature keynote speaker Dr. Mike Thomson and will cover a variety of topics including domestic violence, mental health and substance abuse. The conference will be held on Oct. 3rd, at the Adam's Mark Hotel in Indianapolis. The registration fee for the conference is \$50. Please visit www.ChoicesTeam.org to register. A limited number of scholarships are available to assist family members with the cost of registration, mileage and childcare to attend the conference. Please contact Michelle Moreno at mmoreno@choicesteam.org or 317-507-4623 to apply. Deadline for scholarship application is September 26, 2008. Twenty-four breakout sessions will focus on a variety of topics that are relevant for mental health, DCS, schools, probation, families and service providers.

Consumer Service Reviews

It's that time of year again for Consumer Service Reviews (CSR's). While the Choices TA Center is still working with centers that completed CSR's last year, more CSR's have been scheduled for later this year, and early next year. Five centers not only have the opportunity to experience the CSR process, but obtain individually tailored technical assistance from Choices TA Center as well. The scheduled CSR's for Youth are as follows:

September 8 th – 12 th .	Swanson Center
Sept. 29 th – Oct. 3 rd .	Adult and Child
October 27 th – 31 st .	CMHC Lawrenceburg
December 1 st – 5 th .	Bowen Center
January 12 th – 16 th .	Lifespring

System of Care Handbook Available Now

The *System of Care Handbook: Transforming Mental Health Services for Children, Youth and Families* edited by Beth Stroul and Gary M. Blau has been released. Contributors to the book are a "who's who" of Systems of Care authors, including Knute Rotto, CEO of Choices and Janet McIntyre, the Director of Choices TA Center. Knute, Janet and family

leader Celia Serkin from Rockville, Maryland penned a chapter entitled “Strengths Based, Individualized Services in Systems of Care”.

Child Welfare System of Care Primer

“Building Systems of Care: A Primer for Child Welfare” by Sheila Pires in partnership with Katherine Lazear and Lisa Conlan has also been released. It is very similar to the Building Systems of Care Primer that so many of us are well aware of, but specifically written for child welfare. The Primer is available for \$12.50 through the National Technical Assistance Center for Children’s Mental Health at Georgetown University, or for free download at:

http://gucchd.georgetown.edu/programs/ta_center/index.html

NeedsArentServices.org...Check it Out!

We’d also like to introduce the Needs Aren’t Services blog by Choices, Inc. Choices will serve as the gatekeepers, so to speak, but this is YOUR blog. It is our goal to provide you with a venue to discuss the Phrases that Pay, wraparound values and systems of care topics. We plan to bring together a diverse group of guest authors to share their ideas about these topics and we invite you to visit with us, collaborate, network and share successes of your own. Each post will include an option for you to post “comments” to each other, to Choices, or to the story’s author. Our first post focuses on the *Phrase That Pays* Listen, Listen and then LISTEN. Please visit www.needsarentservices.org to join the discussion

Please continue to visit www.ChoicesTeam.org for information and updates about upcoming events.