



Project Title: Kentucky's Trauma-Informed System of Care Community Revolution

Funding through: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)/Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS)

Amount: \$204,600

Initiative Timeline: January – September 2012

Population of Focus: All agencies/programs (both child and adult) that focus on the behavioral health needs of individuals.

Purpose of the Funding:

In a continued effort to assist States in transforming their behavioral health systems of care the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and its Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS) created the **Transformation Transfer Initiative (TTI)**. For FY 2012, CMHS will award TTI grants averaging \$221,000 to eleven (11) States or Territories. In addition, each TTI awardee will receive up to \$15,000 for consultant technical assistance coordinated and paid through NASMHPD's portion of the TTI project.

These flexible TTI funds will be used to identify, adopt, and strengthen transformative initiatives and activities that can be implemented in the State, either through a new initiative or expansion of one already underway, and can focus on one or multiple phases of system change.

Kentucky's Initiative:

- The Division of Behavioral Health will enhance existing efforts to establish a trauma-informed system of care across the Commonwealth by empowering communities to initiate transformative change.
- Through the technical assistance of the National Center for Trauma-Informed Care and/or Community Connections (a consulting firm that assists states in implementing a trauma-informed system of care), and guidance by the Trauma Informed Care/TTI Steering Committee, each Community Mental Health Center region will be invited to apply to convene a Regional Trauma-Informed Interagency System of Care Summit in their region. Participant expectations will be outlined prior to the Summit.
- It is anticipated that up to six (1 day) Regional Summits on Trauma and Trauma-Informed Care will take place. Each Summit will include information on trauma and trauma-informed care. Opportunities will also be provided for interagency groups located in Community Mental Health Center regions to gain knowledge on organizational and system transformation and develop regional strategic plans around trauma-informed care implementation.
- The existing investment of community partners in the many trauma-informed care efforts to date will provide this initiative with a wealth of collaborators. Most importantly, the voice of youth and adult consumers, as well as caregivers of individuals with behavioral health issues will be woven throughout the planning and implementation of this project. It is necessary to use their expertise in change that will affect their care.
- In addition, the regional community-based design of the project will bring together the diverse perspectives and contributions of consumers of behavioral health services, caregivers, universities, advocacy organizations, regional Community Mental Health Centers, Regional Prevention Centers, KDBHDID staff, other state agency representatives, (including child welfare, public health, education and Medicaid) and Regional Transformation Coaches as identified through the Transformation Academy described above.