Setting the Stage for Change

Drafting Maine’s State Plan for Individuals with ASD

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Public and private collaboration since 2006, involving:

- DHHS Division of Early Childhood
- Child Developmental Services
- Psychologists
- Developmental Evaluation Clinics
- Medical Professionals
- Early Childhood Educators
- Child Care Providers
- Office of MaineCare Services
- Children with Special Health Needs
- Autism Society of Maine
- DHHS Children’s Behavioral Health Services
- Disability Rights Center
- Parents
- Department of Education
- Speech and Occupational Therapists
- Center for Community Inclusion and Disabilities Studies
- Developmental Disabilities Council
- State Office of Information Technology
- Over 200 individuals with PDD, family members, and professionals as commenter's
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Process for Change

• Value Stream Mapping
• Report Drafted and Approved by Stakeholder Group
• Request and Compile Public Comments
• Advisory Committee Recommendation on Action Steps
• Administration Approval of Action Steps/Plan
Value Stream Mapping
4 Full Days

• Family Group
  – Current State

• Stakeholder Group (includes a smaller group of families)
  – Current State
  – Future State
  – Implementation Plan

• Report drafted, vetted, and finally approved by stakeholder group and all families

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How do people with ASD utilize the multiple systems of care?
Overview of the service systems involved in early intervention for children with PDD*. Represents Problem Areas identified by PDD System of Care Group.
Overview of the service systems involved in Transition Services for Youth with PDD

Department of Education

Children’s Behavioral Health Services

Parent Referral

Mental Health

Transition Planning

Continuing Education

Vocational Rehabilitation

Mental Health

Substance Abuse Correction Homelessness Crisis

No Long Term Supports

Long Term Supports

> 2SD

Eligible DHHS/D S

Developmental Services Waiver Eligible but Slot Limited

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Represented by Problem Areas identified by PDD System of Care Group

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DRILL DOWN

• Early Identification Value Stream Mapping
Family Experience

- Their Doctor saying “Wait and See”
- Delays
- Some children have medical symptoms such as GI Issues, Seizures, Dietary Issues
- CDS System

The family stories document that obtaining a diagnosis takes an average of 31 months.
Stakeholder Experience of Current System

Entity/Function | Current State
---|---
Gathering Data | Professional Consultation
  1d 1,826
  20 20m 20
  240m 600 420

Screening with PCP
  15d 15d 15d
  60m 60m 60m

CDS Screening
  7d 21d 9.5d
  60m 180 120

Evaluation(s)
  30d 240d 360d
  480m 960 720

PCP Referral

Parental Processing

0-3 Eligibility determination
  16d 16d 16d
  60 60 60

3-5 Domain Specific Eligibility determination
  21d 38.5d 56d
  240m 240 240

Bookend Behavior concern
Bookend Diagnosis or Rule out

Family, caregivers, etc
PCP
CDS
0-3 years
3-5 years

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Universal Screening at Well Child Visit

PCP Referral

Evaluation(s)

CDS / Services

PCP

CDS
Putting Plans into Action

Early Identification

Achievements (as of 2010)

- Developed Universal Screening Protocol
- Tested protocol - Six Field Pilots, with over 3,500 children screened
- Included screening tools in MaineCare well-child check forms

In Progress

- Writing policy to ensure clear and consistent evaluation and diagnosis
- Training physicians not to “wait-and-see”
- Streamlining the Referral Process

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Rinse and Repeat

• Value Stream Mapping
  – Early Intervention
  – Transition
• Recommendation Formalized
• Agency leads approve various action tasks (Formal Approval of State Plan)

• Implement what you can and apply for grants to continue the work
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