

It's all about the
partnerships: *moving
FASD forward in
Mississippi*

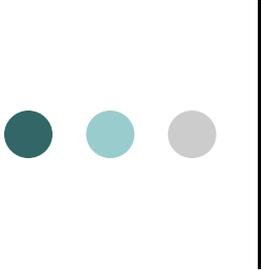
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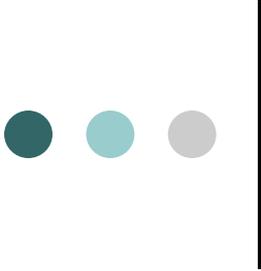
How did we start?

- As early as 2002, MS Department of Mental Health identified FASD as a critical issue
- Mississippi had an FASD Town Meeting in 2003...one of a number of states to do this
- First gathering of key providers that resulted in State FASD Task Force—September 2003

More early efforts...

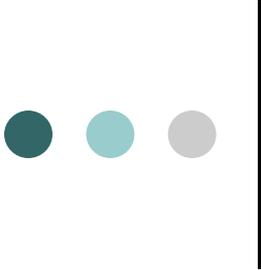
- October 2003 – First Task Force meeting; organizational activities initiated
- March 2004 – First MS FASD Symposium
- April 2004 – Official designation of a State FASD Coordinator by MDMH





Putting in some funding...

- In 2004, MDMH began to make limited funding available for community-based FASD projects
- Applied for & received NGC contract in 2004
- 2005 – hired first full-time FASD project director who also serves as Mississippi's FASD Coordinator

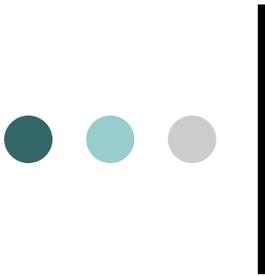


Who we are now...

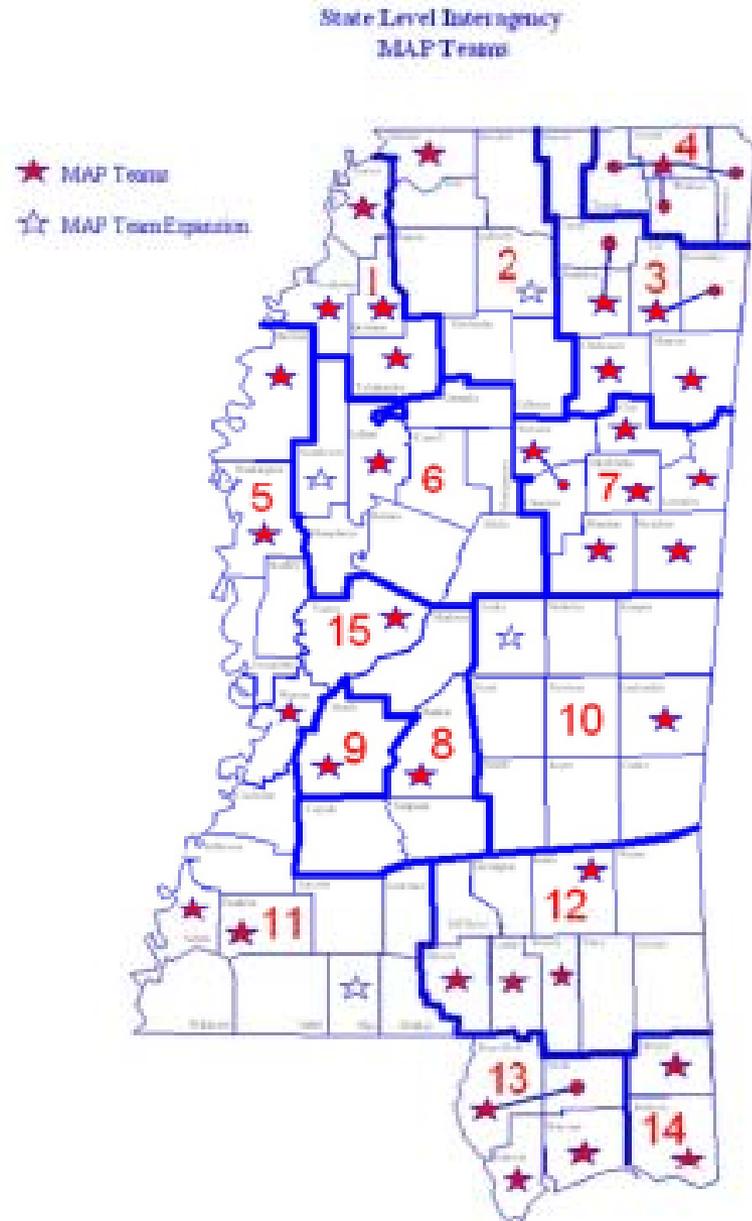
- State FASD Coordinator is now a permanent position with MDMH
- MS AC-FASD permanently instituted with By-Laws
- Implementing a State FASD Plan through the statewide task force (MS AC-FASD)
- “Mainstreaming” FASD through the statewide System of Care for children

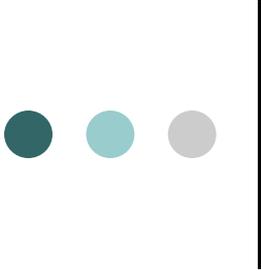
Mississippi System of Care Framework





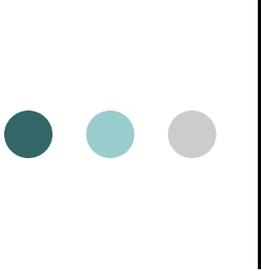
Location of MAP Teams in Mississippi





Who are our Mississippi FASD partners?

- MS Department of Education special education office, A & D prevention services, National Council on Alcoholism & Drug Dependence of Central MS, FASD adoptive parents, private adoptive & foster care service agencies, community mental health service providers, UMC child development clinic, IDD early intervention services, IDD residential services, MS Families as Allies statewide family network, MS Department of Human Services, MS Department of Health, Catholic Charities, MS Division of Medicaid, MS Band of Choctaws behavioral health, and more



Some of the professional affiliates we work with include...

- MS Chapter of American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
- DREAM, Inc.
- MS Chapter of American Academy of Pediatricians
- NAMI of Mississippi
- Prevent Child Abuse America
- National Prevention Network

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SECTION 2010
Public Health and
Services

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 43-14-1, 43-14-3 AND 43-14-5,
2 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO DELETE THE AUTOMATIC REPEALERS ON THE
3 STATUTES ESTABLISHING AND EMPOWERING THE INTERAGENCY COORDINATING
4 COUNCIL FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH (ICCCY); TO EXPAND THE MEMBERSHIP
5 OF THE COUNCIL; TO DEFINE THE AUTHORITY OF THE COUNCIL TO ASSIST
6 MULTIDISCIPLINARY ASSESSMENT AND PLANNING OF CERTAIN CHILDREN AND YOUTH; TO
7 CLARIFY THE POINT OF ENTRY FOR CERTAIN CHILDREN AND YOUTH; TO
8 THE SINGLE PURPOSE OF THE MISSISSIPPI STATEWIDE SYSTEM OF CARE
9 FOR CHILDREN WITH EMOTIONAL AND BEHAVIORAL DISORDERS; AND FOR
10 RELATED PURPOSES.
11
12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:
13 **SECTION 1.** Section 43-14-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
14 amended as follows:
15 43-14-1. (1) The purpose of this chapter is to provide for
16 the development, implementation and oversight of a coordinated
17 interagency system of necessary services and care for
youth, called the Mississippi Statewide System
twenty-one (21) with serious emotional
including, but not limited to
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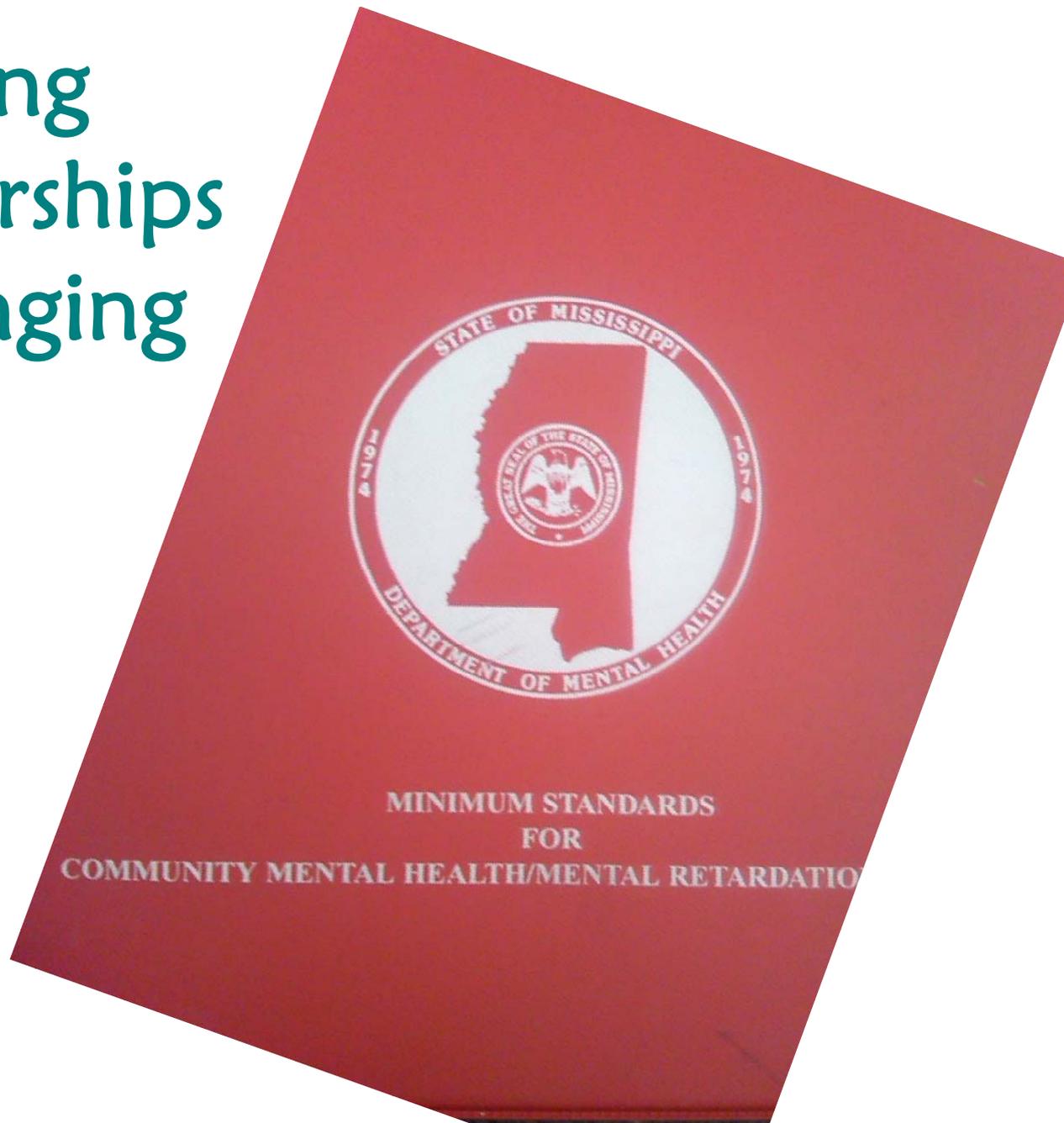
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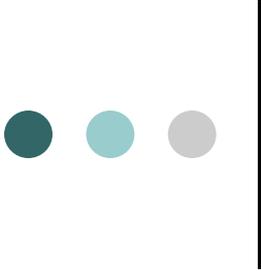


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During the 2010 Legislative Session in Mississippi a bill passed and was signed into law that permanently establishes the Interagency Coordinating Council for Children and Youth (ICCCY) to develop, implement and oversee a coordinated interagency system of services and care for children and youth with serious emotional/behavioral disorders called the Mississippi Statewide System of Care.

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Some things can best be accomplished by changing policy.

Effective January 2011, Mississippi Department of Mental Health's minimum standards for community-based services will include a requirement for FASD screening, diagnosis, and treatment for children ages birth to 18.



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STRATEGIC PLAN

FY 2010 – 2020

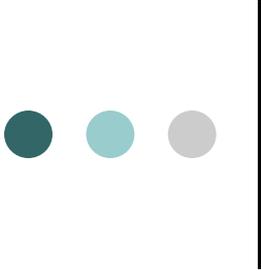
A NEW DAY
FOR MISSISSIPPI'S
DEPARTMENT OF
MENTAL HEALTH

Emphasize awareness/prevention/
early intervention

Goal 6

Objective 6.1 Increase community awareness activities that focus on mental health issues and DMH

Action Plan	Performance Indicator	Target Year	Responsibility
h) Develop and implement a public awareness campaign targeted to the prevention of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD)	Conference evaluations, training evaluations and post tests	1 2 3 4 5	BCS, BADA



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In 2010, the Mississippi Department of Mental Health developed and implemented the first comprehensive ten-year strategic plan for mental health services in Mississippi. There are at least two objectives in the plan that are specific to FASD awareness or services.

Why it's so important...



- For each of us as individuals, what we don't know about FASD can hurt our unborn children.
- As a community, what we don't know about FASD can hurt all of us.