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PROJECT FASD ACHIEVE Macomb County, Michigan

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Brief Description of CARE

- Non-profit service delivery organization
- Promotes the empowerment of individuals and families through relationships with schools, businesses, public services and other community based organizations.
- Solution-focused programs and activities are designed to strengthen individuals in their role as employees, students and as family members.
- For over 30 years, CARE has provided community-based substance abuse prevention activities.



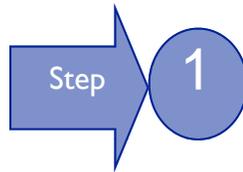
COMMUNITY-BASED FASD IDENTIFICATION, DIAGNOSIS, AND INTERVENTION

- FASD ACHIEVE identifies and refers for diagnostic evaluation children age 0-7 in CARE services.
- FASD ACHIEVE provides case management, training, support, and advocacy for the families of the individual receiving a diagnosis and individual service plan.
- FASD ACHIEVE will insure children receive the appropriate intervention services that lead to improved functioning and increased life-long achievement.





What we do



No cost Screening

- FASD staff interviews parent/caretaker to obtain information about prenatal history and child development
- Screen includes a photograph analysis of facial features present in FASD



Positive Screen Criteria

- Confirmed prenatal drug or alcohol exposure
- Child has a sibling who has a diagnosis of an FASD
- Prior FASD diagnosis
- Child has a birth mother with confirmed drug or alcohol history and the infant/child has any noted dysmorphology, growth deficit, CNS or developmental delay (abnormality)
- Face rank of 3 or 4



Need to meet **one** of the above for a positive screen



Special cases: Children 0-3

Positive Monitor

Scenario –

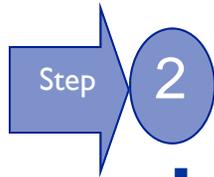
- Child 0-3 with known prenatal alcohol or drug exposure
- No dysmorphology
- No growth deficit
- No Central Nervous System (CNS) or Developmental abnormality present



Monitor for changes in CNS and or development



Positive screen = Referral for Diagnostic Evaluation



Preparing for a Diagnostic Evaluation

- Case Management in the form of assistance and support begins at this point. Staff assists family in preparing the intake packet required – birth records, family history, medical history, other diagnosis, etc.
- Maintains contact with the family during the diagnostic period
- Assists with transportation and diagnostic costs as needed
- Provides additional community resources





After the Diagnosis -

Step 3 Case Management

- Develop service delivery plan based on diagnostic recommendations
- Work with family in accessing services to meet the plan; walk with family through services
- [Document, Document, Document data]
- Advocate for the child/family when needed
- Provide support during IEP meetings





How are we doing?

(As of July 31, 2009)

Screening

30 screens scheduled; 27 screened positive = 90%

Why so high? The population CARE services is hi-risk. CARE is an agency that evaluates substance abuse and is access for treatment in addition to its student assistance services and prevention of substance abuse programs.

Diagnosis

19 intake packets sent to diagnostic clinics;

5 need additional info in order to schedule a clinic date.

2 scheduled for date later than July

5 awaiting report;. **1** did not receive a FASD diagnosis;

6 Diagnosed with an FASD; **4** receiving Case Management





Hiccups:

Intake

Lessons learned

- Lengthy intake process
- Adjusted staff activity to provide support/assistance to families

Diagnostic scheduling

Families can choose from 3 diagnostic clinics that serve MI residents:

- Children's Hospital
- University of Michigan
- Children's Trauma Assessment Center (CTAC)

All have different teams and timetables in scheduling and in reporting



Solutions

Work with diagnostic centers to decrease the wait time for appointment by:

- Investigating if appointment can be made at the point of a positive screen;
- Reserve appointments for project participants
- First call for open date when there is a cancellation

Increase number of children screened by formalizing referrals from community to CARE



Comprehensive FASD services

- **\$ Leveraging dollars leads to a comprehensive FASD service integrated into CARE's programming**
- **NG subcontract for FASD diagnosis/intervention**
- **State and county dollars support FASD prevention activities and support services**
- **Recent State grant includes \$ for developing a comprehensive database that will incorporate NG database**



Comprehensive FASD services (continued)

- **FASD Prevention activities**

Presentations

***Project Choices* to women in an alternative education setting** (Fall 09 – Michigan Department of Community Health)

- **FASD Support Services**

Monthly Support Group

Parenting Workshop – TRIUMPH through the Challenges of FASD



Success stories

- **Foster placement stability at risk (Feb 09)
CARE services lead to adoption (Aug 09)**
- **Child who screened positive of FASD – upon research into school records, etc. to prepare intake packet – learned of other suggested assessments over the course of past 3 years yet to occur. CARE services lead to FASD diagnosis, pediatric neurologist evaluation, and further school testing.**