May/June Report
Creating Connections

UPDATES
The implementation stage of the project is well underway. We have made major progress! Recently, our focus has been on training, implementing the new trauma symptoms screening tool and starting ongoing mental health screenings.

Ongoing Mental Health Screenings
The Ongoing Mental Health Screeners have been trained and are working to identify children and youth who will receive re-screening. The go-live date for the first Ongoing Mental Health screenings is July 1st.

Training
Regional Core Training:
On May 28th and June 11th, The Alliance for Child Welfare coaches were trained on a mental health curriculum. Newly hired social workers will receive the training in the coming months.

In-Service Training:
On June 20th and 25th, the first all-day trainings on mental health were launched. These trainings covered in-depth topics about mental health and focused on skill building.

Trauma Symptoms Screening Tool
A small group of CHET screeners have volunteered to pilot test the Screen for Childhood Anxiety-Related Disorders (SCARED) tool for initial feedback from the field. The statewide implementation of the trauma tool will occur July 1st.

IN PROGRESS
SCARED Go-Live
State-wide full implementation of the Screen for Childhood Anxiety-Related Disorders in the CHET screen will go live in July.

Training
Regional core training for new social workers will be delivered by The Alliance for Child Welfare coaches starting in July.

AF-CBT
David Kolko and Naomi Perry will train mental health providers in Alternatives for Families-Cognitive Behavioral Therapy in Tacoma, Washington. AF-CBT is an intervention that helps families and their children when there has been violence in the family. Provided by the Evidence Based Practice Institute, this training will provide information about how these types of services can support child welfare-involved families. The training will occur July 21st-23rd.
New Core Team Member

Andrea Negrete, M.Ed, holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology and a Master’s in Education from the University of Washington, Seattle. Andrea is joining us as the new Project Coordinator for Creating Connections. She previously coordinated a state-academic partnership with the Children’s Administration that aimed to increase awareness and utilization of Evidence Based Practices for children and families involved in the child welfare system. Andrea will help coordinate and provide support for many activities in this project. Welcome Andrea!

LOOKING AHEAD

CHET 3 Month Follow-Up
Follow-up surveys will be sent to CHET screeners 3 months after the CHET conference to check in about current screening tools and the SCARED implementation.

OMH Screening
The Ongoing Mental Health Screeners will re-screen mental health measures to identified children and youth every 6 months.

Face to Face Follow Ups
Children's Administration's Program Manager will be traveling around the state to follow up face-to-face with CHET screeners about the implementation of the new trauma tool.

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