

Public Act 13-178

Progress Report to CT State Legislature on a Statewide Children's Mental Health Plan

July 24, 2014

Summary of Information Gathering Process

- Twelve Facilitated Discussions (220 participants)
- Six Open Forums (232 participants)
- 26 Community Conversations (339 adults, 94 youth)
- Public Input through website (www.plan4children.org)
 - 60+ input forms received
- Review of Existing Data and Reports
- Advisory Committee Meetings



Overarching Framework

The Plan will be:

- **Comprehensive** in scope
- **Integrated** across public and private systems
- **Inclusive** of system-involved and non-system-involved youth
- Built on existing system **strengths**
- Will focus on **key principles** identified in PA 13-178 that support an effective system of mental health care

Emerging Themes

- Prevention, Early Identification, and Early Intervention
- Comprehensive Continuum of Care
- Access to Services
- Coordination of Care & Linkages among Child-Serving Systems
- Financing and the Role of Commercial Insurance
- Data Collection, Evaluation, and Quality Improvement
- Workforce Development
- Family and Youth Engagement
- Meeting Needs of Diverse Populations



Next Steps

- Complete Data Analysis and Synthesis
- Plan Development: Framework, Findings, Recommendations
- Review by Advisory Committee and DCF
- Revise Plan
- Post Plan on Website for Review and Comment
- Advisory Committee and DCF Review Final Draft
- DCF Submits Plan to Legislature



Wrap Up

Comments and Questions

