Brief Training on Building Bridges Initiative

QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION

New Book: Residential Interventions for Children, Adolescents and Families: A Best Practice Guide

There are several options for ordering:
- toll free phone: at 1-800-634-7064
- fax: 1-800-248-4724
- website: www.routledgementalhealth.com [20% discount w/ web orders using code IRK71; free global shipping on any orders over $35]

Orders must include either: the Title: Residential Interventions for Children, Adolescents and Families: A Best Practice Guide OR the ISBN: 978-0-415-85456-6

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BBI documents available late 2014
- Guide: Wraparound Interventions for Residential & System of Care Communities
- Fiscal and Policy ‘How-to” Guide for States/Communities for Funding Residential Transformation

BBI web-based training programs available late 2014
- Cultural and Linguistic Competence in Residential
- Best practices in Medication for Residential
- Recommended 1st Best Practice Steps for Residential Leaders focused on Sustained Positive Outcomes
- Overview of Best Fiscal, Policy and Practice Strategies for Residential Programs for State Leaders focused on Sustained Positive Outcomes
- 1st Best Practice Steps in Family-driven Care for Residential
- 1st Best Practice Steps in Youth-guided Care for Residential
- Hiring and Supporting Residential Family Peer Advocates
- Hiring and Supporting Residential Youth Peer Advocates
- Successful Strategies for Tracking Long-term Outcomes

BBI Intensive Training Program

Stay tuned for 2015 national event!

To receive regular updates about BBI and be on invite list to the 2015 BBI event – endorse the BBI Joint Resolution on our BBI website: www.buildingbridges4youth.org
BBI Products & Resources

• BBI website (www.buildingbridges4youth.org): Please visit the website and review all of the BBI documents available to support work with children, youth and families.

• BBI Self-Assessment Tool (SAT) and the SAT Glossary: Residential programs, the youth and families they serve, and their community program counterparts now have a useful tool available to assess their current activities against best practices consistent with the BBI JR Principles.
  - The SAT: designed to be used with groups of residential and community staff, advocates, families and youth to facilitate discussion on how program and community efforts to implement best practices can be most effectively supported.
  - The SAT Glossary provides a definition of terms used throughout the SAT.
  - Will be available on the BBI website with additional information about how to use the SAT.

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• Youth Tip Sheets - Short and Long Versions: The BBI Youth Advisory Group has completed both short and long versions of the Youth Tip Sheet, entitled: Your Life – Your Future: Inside Info on Residential Programs from Youth Who Have Been There. The Youth Tip Sheets offer both words of support and a framework for guiding youth to ask questions that will help them be informed partners in their own care. Both the short and long versions of the Youth Tip Sheets can also be used as part of an admission packet.
  - The Youth Tip Sheet – Short Version is for youth who may be considering a residential program and/or those about to enter or who are already in a residential program. Ideally, a youth advocate or youth mentor would review the Youth Tip Sheet with the youth individually.
  - The Youth Tip Sheet – Long Version will interest youth who wish to gain a more in-depth understanding of how they can ‘take charge’ of their own treatment and recovery and can be used by advocates, providers, families and policy makers to ensure that residential and community programs serving youth, and their families, are truly youth-guided.

Articles about BBI:

National publications have featured articles about BBI in their publications. Examples include, but are not limited to:

• National Council for Community Behavioral Health
• Teaching-Family Association
• Special issue of Child Welfare on residential care and treatment, the journal of the Child Welfare League of America