Transforming Children’s Mental Mental Health

Meeting Challenges and Creating Opportunities for the Future

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SAMHSA’s Strategic Initiatives

1. Prevention of Substance Abuse and Mental Illness
2. Trauma and Justice
3. Military Families—Active, Guard, Reserve, and Veteran
4. Health Reform
5. Recovery Support
6. Health Information Technology for Behavioral Health Providers
7. Data, Quality, and Outcomes—Demonstrating Results
8. Public Education and Support
Budget Information: Holding the Line in FY 2011 and FY 2012
Two realities

- Our focus is on children and youth with mental health challenges
- Prevention is critical
Priority areas to consider…
Health Care Reform:

• Benefit Packages
• State Exchanges
Expansion and Sustainability for Systems of Care
Educate about the importance of Caring for Every Child’s Mental Health
Increase Youth Involvement
Eliminating disparities: *Celebrating Difference!*
Celebrate the work you do...