Crossover Youth Practice Model Implementation in Sedgwick County

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Backstory

- 1990’s
  - JJ Reform
  - Dichotomy CINC versus JO
  - Child Welfare Privatization
- 2000’s
  - CINC/JO Staffings - M.D.T.
  - Hard to Place Youth Staffings
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Georgetown University
Center for Juvenile Justice Reform (CJJR)

- Multi Site Integration Program (2010)
- “Hard to place youth”
- Multi Site Integration Program (2014)
- CW youth with intake at JIAC
- Crossover Youth Practice Model (2016)
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Leadership Team

- Judiciary
- District Attorney
- KS Dept. for Children and Families
- Saint Francis Ministries
- ComCare (mental health)
- Wichita Children’s Home
- USD #259 Wichita Public Schools
- Sedgwick County Department of Corrections
- County Developmental Disability Organization (CDDO)
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Working Committee (Implementation Team)

- St. Francis Ministries
- ComCare
- KS Dept. for Children and Families
- Sedgwick County Department of Corrections
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Capstone and Getting started

- Regular contact with technical Advisors
  - Conference Calls & Site Visits
- Define the population
  - Data, data, data, data
- Define the process
- Training
- Implementation/Kickoff
- Fine tuning and revisions
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The Sedgwick County Project

- Youth & families participating in family preservation services
- Court Order M.D.T.
- Identification at time of FP referral
  - JIAC
  - KS Dept. for Children and families
  - Saint Francis Ministries
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Identified staff at each agency: DOC, DCF, COMCARE, & St.FM

- System Navigator Role - Saint Francis Ministries
  - Identification
  - Coordination of staffings
  - 30 Day follow up meetings
    - In person
    - E-mail/electronic
  - Data Collection
- Monthly oversight committee meetings
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- Identification
  - Family engages FP and a recent JIAC intake event
  - Current FP participant with subsequent JIAC intake
- MDT staffing with youth and family present
  - Staffing model established and followed with time guidelines
  - Recommendations for youth and family based on RNR identified at JIAC intake
- Follow up in 30 days
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- Dates of the project: 8/1/17 to 3/31/18
- Completed on 1/31/19 (9 months after the last staffing)
- 45 youth/43 families identified as eligible for the CYPM
- 27 youth/25 families completed CYPM staffings
- Data submitted on 2/28/19
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Lessons Learned

- Stable living environment for youth is key
- Immediate crisis level intervention
- “Just another meeting” is not helpful
- CYPM is data intensive
- Dedicated staff at each agency is essential
- Importance of learning about partners
- Plans follow youth as they move through the systems and are shared with the court
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Lessons Learned

- Integrated data sharing early in the dually involved process - dashboard
- Budget consideration for dedicated personnel and training time.
- Oversight Meetings monthly allow for real problem-solving in real time.
- Ongoing stakeholder trainings for continuity and sustainability
- State level support is necessary for long term sustainability
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