The National Building Bridges Initiative: Using Data to Track Long-Term Outcomes for Residential Programs and their Community Counterparts

Location: Online Webinar

Duration/Time: 1.5 CE clock hours

Cost: Free of Charge

Speaker:
GARY BLAU, PH.D., Chief, Child, Adolescent and Family Branch Center for Mental Health Services Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Rockville, MD

Gary M. Blau, Ph.D. is a Clinical Psychologist and is currently the Chief of the Child, Adolescent and Family Branch of the Center for Mental Health Services. In this role he provides national leadership for children’s mental health and for creating “systems of care” across the country. Prior to this, Dr. Blau was the Bureau Chief of Quality Management and Director of Mental Health at the Connecticut Department of Children and Families (DCF), and the Director of Clinical Services at the Child and Family Agency of Southeastern, Connecticut. He also holds a clinical faculty appointment at the Yale Child Study Center.

Dr. Blau was formerly a member of the National Association of State Mental Health Program Director’s Division of Children, Youth and Families, and from July 1, 1998 through June 30, 2000 he was the Division’s Chairperson. Dr. Blau has received several awards including the prestigious Pro Humanitate Literary Award for literary works which best exemplify the intellectual integrity and moral courage required to transcend political and social barriers to promote best practice in the field of child welfare, the Governor’s Service Award, the Phoebe Bennet Award for outstanding contribution to children’s mental health in Connecticut, and the Making a Difference Award presented by Connecticut’s Federation of Families for Children’s Mental Health. Most recently, he was the recipient of the 2009 HHS Secretary’s Award for Meritorious Service for his national leadership in children’s mental health.

Dr. Blau has numerous journal publications and has been the editor of many books. He received his Ph.D. from Auburn University (Auburn, Alabama) in 1988.
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Speaker:

STEVEN ELSON, PH.D., Chief Executive Officer, Casa Pacifica Centers for Children & Families, Camarillo, CA

Dr. Steven Elson has been the chief executive officer of Casa Pacifica Centers for Children & Families since 1994. Prior to coming to Casa Pacifica, Dr. Elson served as executive director of The Sycamores in Pasadena, California and as Vice President for Services at Klingberg Family Centers in Connecticut. Under his leadership Casa Pacifica has grown dramatically. Starting out serving only children on campus in residential treatment and emergency shelter -- slightly over 300 in the first year of operation (1994), Casa Pacifica now serves more than 3,500 children and their families each year through a number of community-based, in-home programs in both Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties. With a staff over 380 and an annual budget of $24 million, Casa Pacifica was recently named the sixth largest nonprofit on California’s Central Coast.

Steve has encouraged innovation and excellence in all programs and Casa Pacifica has received state and national recognition, most recently at the annual conference of the California Mental Health Advocates for Children & Youth where Casa Pacifica received the prestigious 2009 “Exemplary Program of the Year” award. Steve received his doctorate in counseling psychology from Michigan State University and a number of his papers/articles have appeared in professional journals. He has been active in public policy efforts benefiting children in foster care and other public service systems. He has served as President of the:

- American Association of Children’s Residential Centers
- California Alliance of Child & Family Services,
- California Coalition for Mental Health,
- California Mental Health Advocates for Children & Youth

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Speaker:

SANDRA HEINE, Family Support Specialist, Southern Oregon Adolescent Study and Treatment Center, Grants Pass, OR.

Sandra Heine is a Family Support Specialist at Southern Oregon Adolescent Study and Treatment Center (SOASTC) in Grants Pass, Oregon. Ms. Heine has a child who was served at SOASTC and has used that experience to begin to help SOASTC staff understand the parent's perspective in their work. She is nearing approval as a Family Navigator in Oregon and is a lead family member in the Rogue Valley Wraparound Collaborative. Ms. Heine is a trained family facilitator in Collaborative Problem Solving and teaches the approach to SOASTC family members. She presented regarding her work in using the BBI Self Assessment Tool at Portland State University Building on Family Strengths Conference in June, 2009.
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Speaker:

JODY LEVISON-JOHNSON, LCSW, Vice President, Business Development - Director, Service Quality & System Development: Coordinated Care Services, Inc. Rochester, NY

Jody Levison-Johnson, LCSW is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker who is Vice President and Director of the Service Quality and System Development team at Coordinated Care Services, Inc. a non-profit management and consulting firm based in Rochester, NY. Jody supports the Monroe County Department of Human Services with special projects related to integrated systems and services for youth and families. In addition, she provides technical assistance across the country in the area of behavioral health, human services and systems of care and has consulted with communities and providers in all parts of the country on practice change and transformation. She is well regarded locally and nationally having been appointed to chair and serve on several national workgroups and committees focused on improving the design and delivery of services for children and families including the national Building Bridges Initiative Steering Committee and its Social Marketing Workgroup.

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Speaker:

ROBERT E. LIEBERMAN, M.A., LPC, Executive Director, Southern Oregon Adolescent Study and Treatment Center (SOASTC)

Robert E. (Bob) Lieberman is the Executive Director of Southern Oregon Adolescent Study and Treatment Center (SOASTC), an intensive treatment services agency for seriously emotionally and behaviorally troubled teenagers. He has helped that organization achieve statewide and national acclaim for its innovative work with children and young adults with serious mental and behavioral disorders, and their families.

Mr. Lieberman has been integrally involved in advancing public policy for children’s mental health nationally, as well as helping forge the regulatory and policy environment for children’s mental health services in Oregon. He is currently a member of several state and national advisory committees and task forces including:

- Outcomes Roundtable for Children and Families, Co-Chair - Evidence Based Practices Subcommittee, Center for Mental Health Services, SAMHSA
- National Building Bridges Initiative: Steering Committee and co-chair of Outcomes Workgroup, Center for Mental Health Services, SAMHSA
- Co-Chair, Oregon Children’s System Advisory Committee, Addictions and Mental Health Division, Department of Human Services
- Co-Chair - Statewide Wraparound Initiative Advisory Committee, Department of Human Services
- Public Policy Chair, American Association of Children’s Residential Treatment Centers (AACRC); former President of that national organization.
In the past Mr. Lieberman has served on the Oregon Commission for Children and Families (a gubernatorial appointment), the Professional and Technical Advisory Committee of the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations, the Oregon Child and Adolescent Mental Health Advisory Committee, the Governor’s Mental Health Alignment Workgroup, and the Child Welfare League of America Advisory Committee on Best Practices in Behavior Management (Restraint and Seclusion initiative).

Mr. Lieberman has received many honors, including the AACRC Life Fellow award, Oregon Mental Health Award of Excellence, The Asante Spears Healthcare Award, and the Josephine County Asset Builder Award. He has published national papers and journal articles, and makes presentations at statewide and national conferences. Mr. Lieberman conducts training, consultation, and workshops with treatment centers, schools, college seminars, governmental entities, juvenile justice facilities, and parent groups. He is a TIER II trainer in Collaborative Problem Solving. Mr. Lieberman also operates his own practice as a professional counselor for youth and their families.

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Target Audience: This activity is targeted for advanced skill level for residential and community-based providers, social workers, counselors and other clinical staff who serve children and youth with behavioral health needs and their families, families, family-run organizations and community agencies.

Goal: The national Building Bridges Initiative (BBI) is an effort to ensure that services and supports for children and youth who may require out of home treatment, and their families, are family-driven, youth-guided, strength-based, culturally and linguistically competent, individualized, evidence and practice-informed, and consistent with the research on sustained positive outcomes. The Self-Assessment Tool (SAT) offers communities and residential organizations an opportunity to engage family members, youth, and partners in evaluating their services and systems against the practices and principles of BBI. A panel of representatives from residential and community programs, family members and youth will present an overview of the SAT and their experiences in using it to make improvements in their organizations and communities. Success and challenges will be described, with discussion of a variety of practical implementation strategies that can be used to maximize its impact.

Learning Objectives: Upon completion of this webinar, participants should be able to:

- Identify how to implement the BBI Self-Assessment Tool (SAT) in their communities and organizations
- Discuss the potential impact and importance of the SAT in creating practice improvements in residential and community programs
- Identify strategies for involving family members and youth in using the SAT to improve practice
- Describe the barriers to effectively using the SAT that can arise in programs and communities and strategies to overcome them
Course Outline

1. Introduction
2. Learning Objectives
3. Overview of BBI
4. Outline and background of SAT
5. How the SAT has been used with youth
6. How the SAT has been used with
7. Community role in SAT/lessons learned
8. Recommendations for SAT use

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