



Henderson Mental Health Center Receives Prestigious Federal SAMHSA (*The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration*) Science and Service Award



Fort Lauderdale, Florida (December 7, 2010) – Henderson Mental Health Center, south Florida’s oldest and largest not-for-profit behavioral healthcare system, was awarded SAMHSA’s

distinguished Science and Service Award. This award is designed to recognize community-based organizations and coalitions that successfully have implemented one or more recognized evidence-based interventions.

Dr. Steven Ronik, Henderson’s Chief Executive Officer, remarked, “It’s really great for our organization and staff to be recognized for the incredible passion and commitment they have towards helping families. We strive to provide compassionate service that is evidence-based to ensure the best possible outcomes for our clients, and the Science and Service Award speaks to this directly.”

Awards are bestowed in five categories:

- Mental Health Promotion
- **Treatment of Mental Illness and Recovery Support Services** (HBH’s winning category for its Youth & Family “Wraparound” Program.)
- Substance Abuse Prevention
- Treatment of Substance Abuse and Recovery Support Services
- Co-Occurring Disorders

To be eligible for a Science and Service Award, an organization must successfully have implemented a recognized evidence-based intervention. The organization implementing the evidence-based intervention should be able to demonstrate positive outcomes from the intervention in at least one of the five award categories. <http://www.samhsa.gov/scienceandservice/>



Henderson Behavioral Health (HBH) in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, has been in operation for 57+ years and is the largest non-profit provider of behavioral health services in South Florida. HBH provides a continuum of community-based prevention, education, treatment and rehabilitation services utilizing best practice and evidence-based treatment models to over 20,000 individuals of all ages annually.

“Wraparound” is a means of delivering unconditional care to children and their families. It is a process that provides individualized, strength-based, needs-driven planning to meet the complex needs of children involved with multiple systems (e.g. mental health, child welfare, juvenile justice, special education). This system of care approach emphasizes family involvement at the highest level and drives the process for planning and service delivery. It requires collaboration between families, providers, and key members of the family’s social support network. The values associated with Wraparound require that the planning process itself as well as the services and supports provided are personalized, commitment and family driven, culturally competent and community based. This process increases the “natural support” available to a family by strengthening interpersonal relationships and utilizing other resources that are available in the family’s network of social and community relationships.

Wraparound is effective in helping the child and family to recognize, utilize, and build talents, assets, and positive capacities.

The Wraparound process requires that families, providers, and key members of the family’s social support network collaborate to build a creative plan that responds to the particular needs of the child and family. Team members then implement the plan and continue to meet regularly to monitor progress and make adjustments to the plan as necessary. The team continues its work until members reach a consensus that a formal Wraparound process is no longer needed.

Wraparound Accomplishments since implementation in 2004

- Over 2,000 families have received Wraparound in Broward County since inception of the project.
- There are currently seventy-one (71) Wraparound facilitators and supervisors that are “certified” in the Wraparound process.
- More than three-hundred (300) local clinicians have been trained in Wraparound and have learned how to participate on teams.



- More than one-thousand eight hundred (1,800) professionals, parents, educators, and teens have been educated about the Wraparound process.
- Broward County currently has eleven (11) Fidelity Trainers.
- Broward County implemented a Wraparound Pilot Project for children involved with multiple systems (Mental Health, Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice).
- Broward County has implemented a quarterly Cross Systems Training for local system partners that has now been fully operational for three (3) seasons.
- A monthly systems meeting has been implemented to provide a venue for system partner collaboration.
- The Wraparound Workgroup has created Wraparound Workbooks for families as well as brochures introducing Wraparound to the community.

Five outcomes were selected by Youth and Family Connections Case Management Services and the percentage attained are as follows:

1. Linkage to services 97%
2. Improved functioning of children served 81%
3. Clients will achieve service plan goals 91%
4. Satisfaction with services provided 91%
5. Clients achieve acceptable school attendance and behavior 85%

According to a national evaluation pilot project through the National Wraparound Initiative, Henderson's Wraparound process is one of the highest fidelity models when compared to other communities. As a result of utilizing the Wraparound model, the community has seen a dramatic decrease in out-of-home placements, as well as enhanced collaboration between direct service providers, better service coordination and improved quality of life for children and their families.

Henderson's programs are accredited at the highest level by CARF, the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities. Visit us at www.hendersonmhc.org

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