Pediatric Mental Health Care Access (PMHCA) Programs & School-Based Health Centers: A Natural Partnership for Increasing Access to Mental Health Care

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Introductions

We want to know more about you!
Objectives

- Understand the purpose and main components of Pediatric Mental Health Care Access (PMHCA) programs and learn about innovative PMHCA-SBHC collaboration at the state and local levels.

- Reflect on how pediatric mental health tele-consultation, training, and resources can enhance mental health services in an SBHC.

- Understand the roles that state affiliates and SBHC leaders can take to build meaningful collaboration with PMHCAs.
School Based Health Alliance's PMHCA Initiative

SBHA Technical Assistance Activities
- Facilitation of State-level Partnerships
- Networking and Coaching Calls
- PMHCA-SBHC Learning Community
- Tools & Resources
- Webinars

In collaboration with:
- National Network of Child Psychiatry Access Programs
- National Center for School Mental Health
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History of Pediatric Mental Health Care Access Programs (PMHCA)
What is a PMHCA?

A state level program developed in response to children’s mental health crisis and shortage of child psychiatrists

- Designed to increase workforce capacity of primary care providers to make early identification, diagnosis, treatment, and referral of mental health conditions a routine part of children's health care.
- Programs consist of small teams, including a child psychiatrist, that provide:
  
  **Tele-consultation**
  through an established statewide phone line to pediatric primary care providers
  
  **Training and Education**
  to providers through ECHOS and web-based trainings
  
  **Resources and Referrals**
  to providers, families, and community members
Why Expansion to Schools & SBHCs?

**INDENTIFYING NEEDS IN THE SCHOOL SETTING**

Recognition of school as setting where children and adolescents are being identified for and receiving mental health services

**Mental Health Workforce Challenges**

Have promise to mitigate children’s mental health crisis and workforce shortages of child psychiatrists
PMHCAs & SBHCs: A Natural Fit

ACCESSIBILITY
SBHCs place critical services, like mental health care, directly in schools; students without a medical home can receive comprehensive healthcare, regardless of ZIP code.

INTEGRATED CARE
Embedded into SBHCs are systems to identify, assess, treat, and refer students for mental health services.

STAFFING
SBHCs have on-site primary care providers who can prescribe medication.

HIGH-QUALITY CARE
SBHCs aim to provide children with quality mental health care services through evidence-based standards, performance measures, and quality improvement systems.

SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTERS

Why Partner?

SUSTAINABILITY
Like FQHCs, SBHCs use sound management practices, including a billing infrastructure, financial performance metrics, and diverse funding sources.

TECHNOLOGY
Many SBHCs are actively utilizing telehealth and electronic medical records and therefore are well-equipped to access teleconsultation services.

SYSTEMS COORDINATION
Like PMHCAs, SBHCs coordinate across care systems, make referrals, and involve family members in care.

GROWING MOVEMENT
SBHCs are working in every state!
PMHCAs & SBHC Partnerships

Planning & Outreach
Youth Healthcare Alliance

Champions for Colorado School-Based Clinics

Youth Healthcare Alliance

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Colorado State Affiliate: Youth Healthcare Alliance

• Formerly Colorado Association for School-Based Health Care (CASBHC)
• Has supported existing and emerging SBHCs in CO for over 25 years
• Provides advocacy, trainings, technical assistance, resources, and engagement
• Staffing: Executive Director, Director of Community Engagement, Director of Clinical Initiatives, and Project Coordinator

Role with PMHCA

• Connector and advocate to enhance the awareness and utilization of [Colorado Pediatric Psychiatry Consultation & Access Program (CoPPCAP)] in Colorado's school-based health centers
• Advisory Committee member
Colorado State Structure

Additional Players: Colorado Department of Human Services, Office of Behavioral Health / Behavioral Health Administration, Colorado Academy of Family Physicians, CO Chapter of American Academy of Pediatrics, and CO Rural Health Association
Role of Youth Healthcare Alliance

Active participant in CoPPCAP Advisory Committee
- Enhanced understanding of the program
- Collaboration on outreach to SBHCs: targeted outreach and follow-up needs
- Shared vision and mutual support for advocacy and expansion

Messaging to SBHCs about PMHCAs (e.g., what are they, how do they work? How will they benefit your SBHC?)
- Lunch and Learn
- Basecamp promotion of ECHOs and resources
- Conference presentation
- Individual outreach to follow-up on CoPPCAP efforts to connect

Making connections between SBHCs
- Sharing success stories from CoPPCAP users to facilitate more SBHC enrollment
- Direct connection, conference networking, email follow-ups
Impact of Partnership

- Empowering providers at our SBHCs with resources to help meet these needs is critical.
  - 72% of counties in CO do not have a child and adolescent psychiatrist (CAP). No counties in the state have adequate CAP workforce numbers.

- 10 organizations operating a total of 40 SBHCs throughout Colorado are currently enrolled in CoPPCAP with 194 consultations sought this year.

- SBHC staff participation in CoPPCAP ECHOs

- CoPPCAP presentation at Youth Healthcare Alliance conference was among the highest rated sessions
"I have participated in the CoPPCAP ECHO series, annual conference and community of practices opportunities over the past 2+ years. I have found the psychiatrists and CoPPCAP team to be incredibly helpful, knowledgeable and supportive. I have enjoyed learning from various providers on their team and recommend their services and program to colleagues regularly. I have been able to use their call line to get patient specific consultation numerous times. This has been a benefit to my practice and to my patients. With increasing awareness of mental health concerns in our patients, services such as those provided by CoPPCAP improve the efficiency and quality of primary care services in Colorado."

- Jennifer Suchon MSN, PPCNP-BC, FNP-BC, CPMHS
  Clinic Director, Northside Health Center
Youth Healthcare Alliance: From the Field

"CoPPCAPs response time is quick. We have worked with the providers at CoPPCAP on numerous occasions and diagnosing conditions such as bipolar, eating disorders, medication adherence, medication management, and many other things. It is a simple workflow to reach a provider. They generally call the NPs cell phones directly within a half hour window and have been invaluable. They offer suggestions, direction, recommendations and it's a very successful program."

- Diane Dockter
  Clinic Director, A Kidz Clinic
Youth Healthcare Alliance: Lessons Learned

• Alignment between resources and desired solutions
• Peer-to-peer sharing
• Need to understand value
• Repetition is key
• Relationships matter
• Follow-up strengthens outreach

• Need to connect stakeholders at the state level
• Advocacy will "spill over" into advocacy for other areas
  Partnering has potential to lead to future collaborations
• Expand definition of "leader"
Youth Healthcare Alliance

Q & A
Reflection Activity:

• What is a concern that your SBHC(s) are facing that a PMHCA could address?

• What is one way you see a PMHCA benefitting your SBHC or SBHCs in your state?
What's a role you can play?

- Navigators
- Connectors
- Messengers
- Monitors
- Ambassador
- Conveners
Resources

School-Based Health Alliance
SBHC Resources and Contact Information

HRSA
PMHCA quick facts, resources, awardee videos and Map of Programs

National Network for Child Psychiatry Access Programs (NNCPAP)
Contact information for PMHCAs and child psychiatry access programs

Colorado Youth Healthcare Alliance
(formerly Colorado Association for School-Based Health Care)
Essential resources, guidance, and services of SBHCs in Colorado

Colorado Pediatric Psychiatry Consultation and Access Program (CoPP-CAP)
Description of services, resources, and crisis support
Coming Soon....

Webinars/ Events
- Aug. 22nd, 11:00 am EDT: PMHCA Guidelines & Considerations for Expanding into Schools
- Sept. 4, 4:00 pm EDT: What PMHCAs need to know about HIPAA and FERPA
- Sept. 21st 3:00 pm EDT: PMHCA & SBHC Collaboration: Lessons from the Field

Resources
- PMHCA Guidelines & Considerations for Expanding into Schools
- PMHCA Training & Education Playbook for School-Based Audiences
- Information Sharing and Confidentiality Protection in School-Based Health Centers: What PMHCAs need to know about HIPAA and FERPA
- PMHCA & SBHC Collaboration: Lessons from the Field
**WHAT IS IT**
- Platform/tool to connect with colleagues
- Common place to share resources
- Message board posts is similar to a list-serv

**HOW TO ACCESS**
- Invite-only, email nncepmapmail@gmail.com to join
Let’s Stay In Touch!

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