FY15 Program Report Card: Multi-Systemic Therapy (MST)

**Quality of Life Result:** All Connecticut youth grow up in a stable environment, safe, healthy, and ready to succeed.

**Contribution to the Result:** MST is an evidence-based in-home treatment for youth with complex clinical, substance using, social, and educational problems. MST emphasizes behavioral change in the natural environment and uses interventions to promote the parent’s capacity to monitor and intervene positively with each youth.

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<th>SFY 16 Program Expenditures</th>
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**Partners:** Children/Youth, Family, Family’s Natural Supports, Schools, Community Providers, DCF, Judicial Branch Court Support Services Division

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**How Much Did We Do?**

- **# Youth Served**
  - FY 2011: 255
  - FY 2012: 211
  - FY 2013: 214
  - FY 2014: 214
  - FY 2015: 213

**Story Behind the Baseline:**

The number of youth served between FY12 and FY15 has remained stable. Annual program capacity statewide is 177 with an average of 5 months of treatment. While the volume of referrals fluctuates by catchment area and referral source, providers have served an average of 36 additional youth and families since FY12.

Additional factors that influence referrals include: the number of youth on probation or parole, the number of youth involved with DCF, and the number of programs and services in a catchment area.

**Trend:** ◄► Flat/ No Trend

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**How Well Did We Do It?**

- **% of Youth Engaged in Treatment**
  - FY 2011: 94%
  - FY 2012: 94%
  - FY 2013: 96%
  - FY 2014: 94%
  - FY 2015: 91%

**Story Behind the Baseline:**

The MST model call for therapists to actively and frequently be in contact with youth and their families. This approach ultimately increases engagement and strengthens the therapeutic relationship. In addition, therapists receive weekly consultation with the MST Expert in order to improve the effectiveness of service delivery and ensure model fidelity.

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**TAMS Scores Achieved**

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**Story Behind the Baseline:**

The Therapist Adherence Measure-Revised (TAM-R) is completed by the caregiver and assesses the therapist’s fidelity to the MST principles. The adherence score ranges from 0 to 1 with 0.61 as the minimal adherence threshold. TAM-R scores are analyzed to identify the factors that research has linked to producing positive client outcomes. While there is some fluctuation, scores fall above the MST threshold.

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Story Behind the Baseline:
There has been a 7% increase in youth completing treatment between FY 2011 and FY 2015. Case completion is determined by the mutual agreement of the caregiver and the team. High completing rates are attributed to:
- strong partnership with caregivers
- trained therapists in MST
- ongoing trainings and supports
- weekly supervision and consultation
- ongoing review of required program practices, provider strengths, and corresponding plans targeting areas for improvement

Trend: ▲Yes

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<th>% of Youth Demonstrating a Reduction in Substance Use</th>
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Story Behind the Baseline:
The number of youth with a reduction in their substance use as measured by drug test results and family report over the course of treatment has remained stable throughout the reporting periods. Substance use is monitored for youth with an identified substance use issue and a course of treatment is developed for the youth to reduce/abstain from use.

Marijuana is one of the most used substances by youth. The program is encountering youth, caregivers, and communities that do not understand the adverse health effects and the impact it has on the youth’s life, making it very challenging to support long term abstinence or reduction in use.

The data is reported on a different schedule due to the current reporting structure.

Trend: ◄► Flat/ No Trend

Proposed Actions To Turn the Curve:
- Statewide provider meetings with ABH, including the MST teams funded by CSSD, will meet quarterly and workgroups will be established as needed (Summer 2015).
- A statewide referral form will be explored as a way to simply the referral process (Fall 2015).
- A DCF and Juvenile Court specific training will be developed for providers (Fall 2015).
- Therapists and supervisors will be offered a DCF and Juvenile Court specific training (late Fall 2015).
- A practice guide will be developed (Spring 2016).
- A continuous quality improvement plan will developed (Spring 2016).

Data Development Agenda:
- Data elements found in the Provider Information Exchange database will be refined and documented (Fall 2015).
- Data extracts from MSTI will be requested and reviewed on an annual basis, minimally (Fall 2015).
- The GAIN Q3 and PIE databases will be utilized in the analysis of performance measures (Fall 2015).
- Data will be analyzed by race/ethnicity (Fall 2015).