

System Level Coordination/Infrastructure and Management Structure

State Team

An Interagency state team was established at the beginning of the HTI/ EAI project consisting of Missouri Departments and stakeholders concerned with improving outcomes for transitioning young adults. The HTI state team recently reviewed its membership composition and decided to expand by inviting new partners who share similar interests in issues facing our transitioning young adults, especially agencies which provide services typically targeting adults. Therefore, the state team added representation from the Department of Corrections, the Office of State Court Administrators, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education- Special Education Division, the Department of Social Services- Medicaid Division, the Department of Economic Development, the Department of Transportation and representatives from higher education and additional young adults. The HTI team feels that including representation from both traditional adult and youth systems will benefit emerging adults. A brochure providing an overview of the HTI project was developed for this team during this time period.

Coordinating Council and Workgroups

The Coordinating Council is comprised of the following:

Systems Partners

Local Project Director, Healthy Transitions Initiative
Missouri Department of Mental Health – Children’s Services
Missouri Department of Mental Health - Adult Services
Missouri Department of Mental Health - Employment
Missouri Department of Youth Services
Missouri Department of Vocational Rehabilitation
Missouri Children’s Division
Jackson County Family Court

HTI Pilot Site Mental Health Providers

Truman Medical Center Futures Program
Truman Medical Centers Supportive Employment Manager
Comprehensive Mental Health Services
Swope Health Services Behavioral Health
ReDiscover

Community Partners

Independence Missouri School District - Education
Mid-America Regional Council - Housing
Synergy Services - Housing and mental health
YWCA of Greater Kansas City - Community life

Midwest Foster Care and Adoption Association - Housing
United Way of Greater KC - Education
Mental Health America of the Heartland – Mental health
reStart - Housing
Kansas City Housing Authority - Housing
Kids TLC - Housing
GO Project - Housing
Community Volunteer – Housing

Parent Representation

Truman Medical Centers Family Support Provider

This calendar year, the coordinating council created three task groups in the areas of housing, education and employment, and community life functioning and personal effectiveness and wellbeing. The groups were responsible for defining a vision statement for its focus area, identify barriers to making real that vision, and coming up with recommendations to remove the barriers. The purpose of the task groups was to provide direction for the state team and to the coordinating council.

Youth MOVE KC members reviewed the findings to identify areas of agreement, any disagreement and for input on priority-setting. After Youth MOVE KC's review, the coordinating council will address the following two issues through newly created work groups:

- Identify a current organization or create a new organization that can serve as an umbrella/intermediary to coordinate mentor and life coach programs for transition age youth.
- Adapt a current system or build a new comprehensive GIS-based resource map to ensure ready access to resources in all life domains.

Transportation continues to be a major barrier in the Kansas City area. Transportation is consistently identified by the agencies in the demonstration site and the Coordinating Council as a barrier. A broader community approach is needed to address this issue that impacts young adults and other populations. Attempts to identify an organization or leader to coordinate community efforts in this area is trying to be identified.

Identify and include any new or additional public policy, including memoranda of understanding and/or legislation, developed since the last report.

The Medicaid rules were changed to allow Family Support Providers to work with families with children up to age 25.

Legislation was passed that allowed the Children's Division to allow young adults' re-entry to the out of home placement system up to age 24. This allows these young adults to be covered under Medicaid.

List any optional services (as suggested but not mandated in the GFA) being provided. How are these services being funded, managed and supervised?

Two of the community mental health centers involved in the HTI demonstration have adapted psycho social rehabilitation programs to meet the developmental needs of the young adults. This includes individualizing programs and topics to meet their needs that may not have been specifically addressed through traditional adult psycho social programing. The agencies recognize the need for in vivo learning experiences and incorporate this technique into service provision.

Describe any other linkages that have been instituted that address the development of infrastructure in your community. Infrastructure includes governance, workforce development, youth and family involvement and financing strategies.

There are many groups in the Jackson County area that are addressing the needs of young adults. HTI has established linkages with the System Change Committee, Trauma Matters KC and a group that is exploring a tax levy to support services for children and young adults. A community conversation , Creating Community Solutions, a part of President Obama's national dialogue on mental health and was hosted by Kansas City Mayor Sly James was held in September, 2013. Families, youth and agency representatives participated to provide information about the needs in the area.