

# Fiscal Year 2007/2008 Budget Highlights and Goals Mental Health

## **FY 2007 Highlights**

- Two very positive reviews occurred by SAMHSA (US Department of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration) and a Federal Evaluation Team for year 2 of Family CARE-the Child Mental Health Initiative Grant to transform mental health care for youth who have a serious emotional disturbance.
- Established the Family CARE Governance council with state, local, and consumer representatives.
- Received a National Association of Counties (NACO) Outstanding Achievement Award for the Family Resource Developer Program.
- Awarded six additional AmeriCorps members for a total of twenty AmeriCorps recruits to provide tutoring, mentoring, and life skills to at-risk Latino youth and youth who have a serious emotional disturbance.
- Successful implementation of the McHenry County Mental Health Court including hearing of first cases.
- Implemented Local Funds Certification. Submitted Medicaid expenditures to Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Service to forward to the federal government for a 50% reimbursement, resulting in the ability to access additional funding for local mental health programs.
- Established Transitional-Age and Early Childhood Workgroups to inform policy issues and concerns.
- Increased employment of bilingual/bicultural staff across system of care increasing access to care for Latino families.
- Expanded capacity to serve community residents across all populations: mental illness, developmental disabilities, substance abuse and traumatic brain injury.

## **FY 2008 Goals**

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- Maintain and increase capacity for disability services in all categories.
- Encourage the establishment of more affordable and supportive housing for individuals and families with disabilities, including respite.
- Reinforce System of Care principles and Recovery principles across the system.
- Support the Family CARE transformation objectives, including expanded services to the four priority populations of SED youth: Early Childhood; Dual Diagnosis; Latino Culture; and Transitioning Age Youth (17-24).
- Ensure qualified workforce to fulfill service needs of behavioral healthcare member agencies, including specific clinical expertise such as psychiatrists, Spanish-speaking, culturally competent clinicians and case managers, and consumer based peer support.
- Implement a countywide plan for the effective integration of primary care and behavioral healthcare facilities and providers.
- Continue to maintain and grow the continuum of care, focusing on evidenced based practice options for consumers.
- Support the Network Infrastructure through CARF Accreditation, training and MIS system enhancement.