

# *Targeted Technical Assistance*

## **Final Report**

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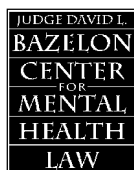
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In September 2000, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS) contracted with the National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors (NASMHPD) to coordinate the *Targeted Technical Assistance* project and to collaborate with four subcontractors: the Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health (FFCMH), the Judge David L. Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law (Bazelon), the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI), and the National Mental Health Association (NMHA). The project operated under this contract for four years, which included an extension period needed to complete all deliverables. In that time, *Targeted Technical Assistance* provided state-of-the-art policy analysis and technical assistance to multiple stakeholders in state public mental health systems. Drawing on a network of policy experts available through five leading national mental health organizations, the *Targeted Technical Assistance* project was organized to deliver written analysis or on-site training/technical assistance on a range of policy issues related to the development and delivery of services for adults with serious mental illnesses and children with serious emotional disturbances.

The project got underway in September 2000. The contract called for completion of state-based on-site technical assistance activities as well as development and distribution of policy analysis tools and documents. During the contract period, NASMHPD and the four subcontractors completed 141 on-site technical assistance activities and produced 45 documents. In addition, each partner provided a needs assessment, an environmental scan, and a review of the impact of selected first year activities.

It was the goal of the project to provide technical assistance and policy analysis to multiple stakeholders in every state and territory. In the end, on-site activities took place in 46 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the Pacific Territories. The ability of *Targeted Technical Assistance* to reach so many states indicates the need for and interest in technical assistance at the state level. At the same time, *Targeted Technical Assistance* activity in the states provided feedback to SAMHSA, CMHS, NASMHPD, and the subcontractors on the issues rising to the surface, helping each organization to keep its priorities in line with the needs of those they serve.

This paper demonstrates the breadth and depth of the *Targeted Technical Assistance* project, listing completed activities by subject matter, cross-referenced with the states in which they took place. Also included is a list of issues that appeared in environmental scans conducted by each of the participating organizations. Not surprisingly, these subjects correspond closely to those on which technical assistance was delivered, as well as to the areas identified as priorities by SAMHSA in such materials as its Programs and Principles Matrix.

The initial *Targeted Technical Assistance* project was conceived and initiated well before the President created the New Freedom Commission on Mental Health or received its report. Only in its final year was the project able to take the goals and recommendations of the Commission report as its unifying policy foundation. Just the same, alignment of the vast majority of activities completed under the *Targeted Technical Assistance* contract with Commission recommendations is notable.

Finally, it must be noted that completion of the first *Targeted Technical Assistance* contract does not mean an end to the project itself. Following release of the Commission report, SAMHSA

issued a new Task Order for *Targeted Technical Assistance*, and a contract was again awarded to NASMHPD in September 2003. Under the new contract, the same group of national organizations has been assembled, along with two important additions: the National Association of Mental Health Planning and Advisory Councils and the National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare. The new contract is explicitly focused on implementation of Commission recommendations. In its year of operation, the new *Targeted Technical Assistance* project has moved swiftly to engage with its new charge, building on the strengths of the partnership created under the contract that has now been completed.

## **Key Issues Addressed by Technical Assistance Projects:**

### *Administrative/Funding Issues*

#### On-Site TA:

- **Alaska** - Design and implementation of a quality management plan (NASMHPD)
- **Colorado** - Presentation on coalition structure, strategic planning, and consensus-building (NMHA)
- **Delaware** – Presentation on budget issues and Medicaid (NMHA)
- **Florida** - Presentation on enhancement of the mental health planning council (FFCMH)
- **Iowa** – Presentation on current mental health policy trends (NAMI)
- **Kansas** – Presentation on Medicaid issues (NAMI)
- **Nevada** – Training on Medicaid issues (NAMI)
- **New Mexico** - Assistance with the implementation of and redesign of the New Mexico behavioral health purchasing cooperative (NASMHPD)
- **Oklahoma** – Presentation on Medicaid waivers (NAMI)
- **Pacific Territories** – Consultation on data infrastructure readiness (NASMHPD)
- **Pacific Territories** - Consultation on mental health systems improvement (NASMHPD)
- **South Carolina** - Consultation on performance-based budgeting (NASMHPD)
- **South Carolina** - Needs assessment to identify gaps in service (NMHA)
- **South Dakota** – Presentation on Medicaid issues (NAMI)
- **Tennessee** - Strategies for monitoring TennCare (Bazelon)
- **Texas** - Assistance regarding full coalition participation regarding a state action plan, the state budget and mental health issues (NMHA)

#### Documents:

- Medicaid Advocacy Manual (NAMI)
- Recovery in the Community: Funding Mental Health Rehabilitative Approaches Under Medicaid (Bazelon)
- State Funding Issues Report - “Bridging Budget Gaps: Strategies for Mental Health Agencies” (NASMHPD)
- Two interrelated funding documents: (1) “States in Crisis: The Grassroots Response – 2002 State Systems Budget and Funding Issues”; and (2) State Budgets at Crossroads – Implications for Medicaid System Funding for 2003 and Beyond” (NAMI)
- Tip Sheet: Understanding and Using Performance Measurement as a Tool for Advocacy (Federation)
- Increasing Involvement in Healthcare Reform: Recommendations from Stakeholders (NMHA)

## *Children and Families*

### On-Site TA:

- **Alabama** - Assistance regarding the crisis in the children's mental health system, proposed reforms and improved services for children with mental illnesses and their families (NAMI)
- **Alaska** - Development of common agenda for children's MH policy (FFCMH)
- **Colorado** - Presentation on developing strategies for family involvement and a statewide system of care (FFCMH)
- **District of Columbia** - Implementation of the Wraparound process from a national perspective - using the wraparound process to serve kids with mental health needs in the community (Bazon)
- **Hawaii** - Strategic planning for transforming the mental health system for children and youth, especially regarding NFC Goals 2.2, 3.1, 3.2 and 4.2 (FFCMH)
- **Idaho** - Prioritization of issues involved in children's MH policy (FFCMH)
- **Indiana** - Development of integrated services for children (Bazon)
- **Iowa** - Strategies for leadership development for families of children and adolescents (FFCMH)
- **Kansas** - Development of a tool for assisting families and youth consumers to understand, translate, and apply mental health center data (FFCMH)
- **Kansas** - Presentation on custody relinquishment (NAMI)
- **Maryland** - Development of strategies for promoting and funding school-based mental health and school violence prevention (FFCMH)
- **Minnesota** - Presentation on the family role in collaboration (FFCMH)
- **Missouri** - Training of families regarding advocacy, policy issues and legislative contact (FFCMH)
- **Missouri** - Policy training on children's mental health (FFCMH)
- **Montana** - Strategies for leadership development for families of children and adolescents (FFCMH)
- **Nebraska** - Strategies for preventing custody relinquishment (Bazon)
- **Nebraska** - Strategy for elimination of custody relinquishment requirement (FFCMH)
- **New Hampshire** - Presentation on importance of family involvement in planning council work (FFCMH)
- **New Hampshire** - Strategies for increasing family involvement in state mental health policy (FFCMH)
- **New Mexico** - Development of improved children's mental health services and improvement in service delivery and service outcomes for children and families (FFCMH)
- **North Dakota** - Strategy for elimination of custody relinquishment requirement (Bazon)
- **Ohio** - Strategy for elimination of custody relinquishment requirement (Bazon)
- **Ohio** - Advocacy efforts regarding potential legislation redressing custody relinquishment (Bazon)
- **Oklahoma** - Strategic planning for a children's behavioral health summit (FFCMH)
- **Oklahoma** - Implementation of a children's behavioral health summit (FFCMH)
- **Oklahoma** - Family involvement in the state system (FFCMH)
- **Rhode Island** - Increased family collaboration with the state (FFCMH)
- **South Carolina** - Policy training on children's mental health issues (FFCMH)
- **South Carolina** - Presentation on children's systems of care (FFCMH)

- **South Carolina** – Statewide community forum, through use of satellite linkage with Jane Adams and sites throughout the state, regarding systems of care (FFCMH)
- **Vermont** - Strategies to enhance children’s system of care (NMHA)
- **Washington** - Development of policy agenda for children’s mental health (Bazelon)
- **Washington** - Strategies for family inclusion in policy development (FFCMH)
- **Multiple** – Conference on children’s evidence based practices (NASMHPD)

Documents:

- *Olmstead* planning for Children with Serious Emotional Disturbances (Bazelon)
- Expanding the Voice for Children’s Mental Health Advocacy (Federation)
- Planning and Funding for Children’s Mental Health (Federation)
- Tip Sheet: Involving Families in Policy Group Work (Federation)
- 2001 Children’s Legislation Trends Report (NAMI)
- Invisible Children’s Project: Power Point Presentation (NMHA)
- Training Institutes Curriculum (Federation)

### *Community-based Services*

On-Site TA:

- **Arkansas** – Coalition building on best practices (NAMI)
- **Hawaii** – Presentation on consumer empowerment (NMHA)
- **Kansas** - Development of youth leadership initiative for involvement in policy, planning & service improvement (FFCMH)
- **Kansas** - Presentation on nursing facility reform (Bazelon)
- **Louisiana** - Planning for implementation of TWWIIA (NMHA)
- **Louisiana** - Consultation on *Olmstead* planning (NMHA)
- **Michigan** - Presentation on self-directed care and person-centered planning (Bazelon)
- **Montana** - Presentation on community-based mental health services and supports (NMHA)
- **Nebraska** – Presentation on funding for community-based services (NMHA)
- **New Mexico** - Planning for implementation of PACT model (NAMI)
- **New York** - Strategies for increasing use of Medicaid rehab option (Bazelon)
- **North Carolina** - Planning for development of PACT services (NAMI)
- **North Dakota** – Planning for assertive community treatment implementation (NAMI)
- **Ohio** - Collaboration on implementation of Village ISA model as pilot (NMHA)
- **Pennsylvania** - Planning for implementation of PACT model (NAMI)
- **Pennsylvania** - Follow-up on PACT development (NAMI)
- **South Carolina** - Evaluation of the SC system of care program and design and implementation of the Comprehensive Continuous System of Care Model (NASMHPD)
- **South Carolina** – Multiple forums in relation to SC SHARE, a rehabilitation and recovery program (NASMHPD)
- **Tennessee** – Identifying barriers to community integration of individuals with mental illness and *Olmstead* issues (Bazelon)
- **West Virginia** - Assistance regarding civil rights, sufficient beds in state, and effective prevention services and community service models at a mental health conference (Bazelon)

Documents:

- Assertive Community Treatment Leader Manual (NAMI)

- Client-Centered Comprehensive assessment and Individualized Treatment Planning in Assertive Community Treatment (NAMI)
- Community Integration of Individuals with Disabilities: An Update on Olmstead Implementation (Bazelon)
- Community Based Services Toolkit (NMHA)
- Supported Employment for Individuals with Serious and Persistent Mental Illness (NMHA)
- Employment Manual – “Partners in Employment” (NMHA)
- Peer Support Power Point presentation (NMHA)

### *Co-Occurring Disorders*

#### On-Site TA:

- **Delaware** - Development of action plan on MH and SA issues in criminal justice programs (NMHA)
- **Idaho** - Presentations focusing on the topic of mental health and substance abuse service regionalization (NAMI)
- **Rhode Island** – Strategies for a collaborative approach to development of prevention programs (NMHA)
- **South Carolina** - Assistance regarding the Second Annual Behavioral Health Best Practices Conference which focused on a series of problems related to mental health and co-occurring substance abuse disorders (NASMHPD)
- **Tennessee** - Best practices for treating youth with co-occurring mental health and substance abuse problems, financing options and how to build stronger collaborations between DOC and mental health systems (NMHA)
- **Virginia** - Planning to enhance services for co-occurring mental health and developmental disabilities (NASMHPD)

#### Documents:

- Mental Health and Substance Abuse: Working Across the Systems - An Advocate’s Primer on Co-Occurring Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders (NMHA)
- Co-occurring DD/MI issues (NASMHPD)
- Individualized care and what can be learned from the DD field (NASMHPD)

### *Criminal Justice/Juvenile Justice and Mental Health*

#### On-Site TA:

- **Colorado** – Assistance regarding juvenile justice at the annual CHADD conference (NASMHPD)
- **Connecticut** – Presentation on juvenile justice issues (NAMI)
- **Florida** - Development of SA & MH intervention strategies for youth at risk of juvenile justice involvement (NMHA)
- **Georgia** - Development of policy on reinstatement of benefits and on jail diversion (Bazelon)

- **Illinois** - Presentation and consultation on mental illness and law enforcement in criminal justice (NAMI)
- **Indiana** - Presentation on the needs of those with mental illness or addiction disorders in the criminal justice system (Bazelon)
- **Indiana** - Presentation on creating legislation on mental health and criminal justice (NMHA)
- **Kansas** - Presentation on criminalization issues (Bazelon)
- **Louisiana** – Presentation on jail diversion and mental health courts (NAMI)
- **Maine** - Development of plan for approach to issues related to persons with mental illness in criminal justice system (NAMI)
- **Missouri** - Presentation on demonstration projects for juvenile justice and mental health (FFCMH)
- **Nevada** - Presentations on criminal justice issues and system development (Bazelon)
- **New Jersey** – Presentation on available benefits for persons just released from prison (Bazelon)
- **New Jersey** - Training on juvenile justice and the availability of community-based alternatives to incarceration (NMHA)
- **New York** - Consultation on consensus building for jail diversion strategy (NMHA)
- **Oklahoma** - Development of process for mental health screening of youth in juvenile justice system (NAMI)
- **Oklahoma** – Mental Health Courts implementation and application (NAMI)
- **Oregon** - Strategies to address criminal justice/mental health interface (Bazelon)
- **Pennsylvania** - Development of links to effective community services for people with mental illness returning to the community from jail or prison (NASMHPD)
- **Pennsylvania** – Presentation on assertive treatment and jail diversion (NAMI)
- **Rhode Island** - Programs for community placement of mentally ill jail detainees (NASMHPD)
- **Rhode Island** - Development of policy on reinstatement of benefits for people with mental illness leaving criminal justice system (Bazelon)
- **Rhode Island** – Presentation on models for collaboration between the criminal justice and mental health communities (NASMHPD)
- **Texas** - Implementation of Mental Health Courts in Tarrant County, Texas (NMHA)
- **Utah** - Presentation on criminal justice issues (NAMI)
- **Virginia** – Presentation on improved collaboration between the mental health and criminal justice systems (NASMHPD)
- **Virginia** - Planning for improved reentry process for people with mental illness leaving criminal justice system (Bazelon)
- **Wisconsin** - Various issues regarding services for persons pre-detention, during detention and post-release (Bazelon)
- **West Virginia** - Training for implementation of a mental health court program (Bazelon)
- **Wyoming** - Strategies for collaboration between the criminal justice and juvenile justice systems and the mental health system (NASMHPD)

Documents:

- Juvenile Mental Health Courts (Bazelon)
- Fact Sheets for Families and Advocates Regarding Federal Benefits for Individuals Leaving Jail or Prison (Bazelon)
- Facts About: Federal Benefits for Individuals with Serious Mental Illness Who Have Been Incarcerated: Veterans Benefits, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Food Stamps (Bazelon)

- Fact Sheets for Advocates: People with Serious Mental Illness in the Criminal Justice System (Bazelon)

## ***Cultural Competency/Outreach***

### On-Site TA:

- **Georgia** – Participation in the implementation of the Awakening Voices program (NASMHPD)
- **Georgia** - Planning to increase outreach to African-American populations (NAMI)

### Documents:

- Meeting the Challenge: Ending Treatment Disparities for Women of Color (NMHA)
- Latino Outreach Manual (NAMI)
- Culturally competent outreach materials – “Las Enfermedades Mental” (NAMI)

## ***Housing***

### On-Site TA:

- **Florida** - Presentation of housing issues for those with mental illness (NAMI)
- **Georgia** – Assistance with the Partnership to Open Doors Program (NASMHPD)
- **Michigan** - Presentations regarding the New Freedom Commission and Olmstead issues (Bazelon)
- **Montana** - Development of housing initiative (NMHA)
- **Nebraska** – Presentation on housing issues (NAMI)
- **New Jersey** – Presentations on housing initiatives (Bazelon)
- **New York** - Information on *Olmstead* implementation (Bazelon)
- **North Carolina** - Implementation of Supported Housing Initiatives (Bazelon)
- **Pennsylvania** – Presentation on affordable housing issues for people with mental illnesses (Bazelon)
- **Rhode Island** - Collaborative approach to elimination of homelessness among people with co-occurring mental illness and substance abuse disorders (NMHA)
- **South Carolina** - Planning for implementation of *Olmstead* decision (NMHA)
- **Tennessee** - Symposium on rural housing initiatives (NAMI)
- **Wyoming** - Presentation on housing issues (NAMI)

### Documents:

- Housing & Olmstead – 3 interwoven documents entitled: (1) Allocating the Burden of Proof in Disability Cases Under the Fair Housing Act; (2) Handling Fair Housing Act Disability Claims in the Context of an Imminent or Pending Eviction Action; (3) The Illegality of “Independent Living” Requirements in Rental Housing, Assisted Living Centers and Continuing Care Retirement Communities (Bazelon)
- Just Like Where You and I Live: Integrated Housing Options for People with Mental Illnesses (Bazelon)
- Housing Toolkit (NAMI)
- Ending Homelessness for People with Mental Illnesses and Co-Occurring Disorders (NMHA)
- Housing Manual - An Advocates Guide to Expanding Housing for People with Mental Illness (NMHA)

## *Medical Treatment Issues*

### On-Site TA:

- **Pennsylvania** - Planning for consistent approach to advance directives (NMHA)
- **Puerto Rico** - Strategies to ensure access to appropriate medications (NAMI)
- **Wisconsin** – Best practices medication management (Bazelon)

### Documents:

- Access to Newer Medications Toolkit (NAMI)
- Protecting Consumer Access to Psychotropic Medications: 2001 (NMHA)
- Psychiatric Advanced Directives toolkit (NMHA)
- Protecting Consumer Access to Psychotropic Medications: 2002(NMHA)
- Power in Planning: Self-Determination through Psychiatric Advance Directives (Bazelon)
- Medical Directors Report on Prevention Issues (NASMHPD)
- Seclusion & Restraint in Special needs populations (NASMHPD)
- Involuntary Outpatient Commitment (NASMHPD)

## *Mental Health Parity*

### On-Site TA:

- **Arizona** - Presentation on developing strategies to implement mental health parity (NMHA)
- **Hawaii** – Mental health parity training for legislative preparedness during the session (NAMI)

### Documents:

- 2001 State Parity Insurance Review (NAMI)

## *President's New Freedom Commission on Mental Health*

### On-Site TA:

- **Rhode Island** – Presentation on the implementation of recommendations of the President's New Freedom Commission on Mental Health (NASMHPD)
- **Nevada** - Presentation on implementation of recommendations of the President's New Freedom Commission on Mental Health report: Children's issues (NASMHPD)
- **Nevada** - Presentation on implementation of recommendations of the President's New Freedom Commission on Mental Health report: Criminal justice issues (NASMHPD)
- **Nevada** - Presentation on implementation of recommendations of the President's New Freedom Commission on Mental Health report: Consumer Issues (NASMHPD)
- **Nevada** - Presentation on implementation of recommendations of the President's New Freedom Commission on Mental Health report: Evidence based practices (NASMHPD)
- **Nevada** - Presentation on implementation of recommendations of the President's New Freedom Commission on Mental Health report: Rural Mental Health Issues (NASMHPD)
- **Nevada** - Presentation on implementation of recommendations of the President's New Freedom Commission on Mental Health report: Diversity Issues (NASMHPD)

- **Nevada** - Presentation on implementation of recommendations of the President's New Freedom Commission on Mental Health report: Telehealth (NASMHPD)
- **Nevada** - Presentation on implementation of recommendations of the President's New Freedom Commission on Mental Health report: Use of science to improve services and using real world services to improve science (NASMHPD)
- **Nevada** - Presentation on implementation of recommendations of the President's New Freedom Commission on Mental Health report: Telehealth II (NASMHPD)
- **Nevada** - Presentation on implementation of recommendations of the President's New Freedom Commission on Mental Health report: Review and summary of issues (NASMHPD)
- **South Carolina** - Community meeting on implementation of recommendations of the President's New Freedom Commission on Mental Health report (NASMHPD)

Documents:

- Exploring the Dynamics of Transformation as Proposed in the President's Commission Report (NASMHPD)

### ***Suicide Prevention***

On-Site TA:

- **Nevada** - Presentation on suicide prevention and co-occurring disorders (NASMHPD)
- **Ohio** - Strategies to prevent suicide for youth and young adults (NASMHPD)

## **Technical Assistance Projects (by state):**

### **On-Site TA**

#### **Alabama**

- Assistance regarding the crisis in the children's mental health system, proposed reforms and improved services for children with mental illnesses and their families (NAMI)

#### **Alaska**

- Development of common agenda for children's MH policy (FFCMH)
- Design and implementation of a quality assurance plan (NASMHPD)

#### **Arkansas**

- Coalition building on best practices (NAMI)

#### **Arizona**

- Presentation on developing strategies to implement mental health parity (NMHA)

#### **Colorado**

- Presentation on developing strategies for family involvement and a statewide system of care (FFCMH)
- Presentation on coalition structure, strategic planning, and consensus-building (NMHA)
- Assistance regarding juvenile justice at the annual CHADD conference (NASMHPD)

#### **Connecticut**

- Presentation on juvenile justice issues (NAMI)

#### **Delaware**

- Development of action plan on MH and SA issues in criminal justice programs (NMHA)
- Presentation on development issues and Medicaid (NMHA)

#### **District of Columbia**

- Implementation of the Wraparound process from a national perspective - using the wraparound process to serve kids with mental health needs in the community (Bazon)

#### **Florida**

- Development of SA & MH intervention strategies for youth at risk of juvenile justice involvement (NMHA)
- Presentation of housing issues for those with mental illness (NAMI)
- Presentation on enhancement of the mental health planning council (FFCMH)

#### **Georgia**

- Planning to increase outreach to African-American populations (NAMI)
- Development of policy on reinstatement of benefits and on jail diversion (Bazon)
- Assistance with the Partnership to Open Doors program (NASMHPD)
- Participation in the implementation of the Awakening Voices program (NASMHPD)

## **Hawaii**

- Mental health parity training for legislative preparedness during the session (NAMI)
- Presentation on consumer empowerment (NMHA)
- Strategic planning for transforming the mental health system for children and youth, especially regarding NFC Goals 2.2, 3.1, 3.2 and 4.2 (FFCMH)

## **Idaho**

- Prioritization of issues involved in children's MH policy (FFCMH)
- Presentations focusing on the topic of mental health and substance abuse service regionalization (NAMI)

## **Illinois**

- Presentation and consultation on mental illness and law enforcement in criminal justice (NAMI)

## **Indiana**

- Presentation on the needs of those with mental illness or addiction disorders in the criminal justice system (Bazelon)
- Presentation on creating legislation on mental health and criminal justice (NMHA)
- Development of integrated services for children (Bazelon)

## **Iowa**

- Strategies for leadership development for families of children and adolescents (FFCMH)
- Presentation on current mental health policy trends (NAMI)

## **Kansas**

- Development of youth leadership initiative for involvement in policy, planning & service improvement (FFCMH)
- Presentation on nursing facility reform (Bazelon)
- Presentation on Medicaid issues (NAMI)
- Presentation on criminalization issues (Bazelon)
- Development of a tool for assisting families and youth consumers to understand, translate, and apply mental health center data (FFCMH)
- Presentation on custody relinquishment (NAMI)

## **Louisiana**

- Planning for implementation of TWWIIA (NMHA)
- Consultation on *Olmstead* planning (NMHA)
- Presentation on jail diversion and mental health courts (NAMI)

## **Maine**

- Development of plan for approach to issues related to persons with mental illness in criminal justice system (NAMI)

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## **Maryland**

- Development of strategies for promoting and funding school-based mental health and school violence prevention (FFCMH)

## **Michigan**

- Presentation on self-directed care and person-centered planning (Bazelon)
- Presentations regarding the New Freedom Commission and Olmstead issues (Bazelon)

## **Minnesota**

- Presentation on the family role in collaboration (FFCMH)

## **Missouri**

- Presentation on demonstration projects for juvenile justice and mental health (FFCMH)
- Policy training on children's mental health (FFCMH)
- Training of families regarding advocacy, policy issues and legislative contact (FFCMH)

## **Montana**

- Strategies for leadership development for families of children and adolescents (FFCMH)
- Development of housing initiative (NMHA)
- Presentation on community-based mental health services and supports (NMHA)

## **Nebraska**

- Strategy for elimination of custody relinquishment requirement (FFCMH)
- Strategies for preventing custody relinquishment (Bazelon)
- Presentation on funding for community-based services (NMHA)
- Presentation on housing issues (NAMI)

## **Nevada**

- Suicide prevention and co-occurring disorders (NASMHPD)
- Training on Medicaid issues (NAMI)
- Presentations on criminal justice issues and system development (Bazelon)
- Presentation on implementation of recommendations of the President's New Freedom Commission on Mental Health report: Children's issues (NASMHPD)
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**New Hampshire**

- Presentation on importance of family involvement in planning council work (FFCMH)
- Strategies for increasing family involvement in state mental health policy (FFCMH)

**New Jersey**

- Presentations on housing initiatives (Bazelon)
- Training on juvenile justice and the availability of community-based alternatives to incarceration (NMHA)
- Presentation on available benefits for persons just released from prison (Bazelon)

**New Mexico**

- Planning for implementation of PACT model (NAMI)
- Development of improved children's mental health services and improvement in service delivery and service outcomes for children and families (FFCMH)
- Assistance with the implementation of and redesign of the New Mexico behavioral health purchasing cooperative (NASMHPD)

**New York**

- Consultation on consensus building for jail diversion strategy (NMHA)
- Strategies for increasing use of Medicaid rehab option (Bazelon)
- Information on *Olmstead* implementation (Bazelon)

**North Carolina**

- Planning for development of PACT services (NAMI)
- Implementation of Supported Housing Initiatives (Bazelon)

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- Strategy for elimination of custody relinquishment requirement (Bazelon)
- Planning for assertive community treatment implementation (NAMI)

**Ohio**

- Collaboration on implementation of Village ISA model as pilot (NMHA)
- Strategy for elimination of custody relinquishment requirement (Bazelon)
- Strategies to prevent suicide for youth and young adults (NASMHPD)
- Advocacy efforts regarding potential legislation redressing custody relinquishment (Bazelon)

**Oklahoma**

- Development of process for MH screening of youth in juvenile justice system (NAMI)
- Mental Health Courts implementation and application (NAMI)
- Presentation on Medicaid waivers (NAMI)
- Strategic planning for a children's behavioral health summit (FFCMH)
- Implementation of a children's behavioral health summit (FFCMH)
- Family involvement in the state system (FFCMH)

**Oregon**

- Strategies to address criminal justice/mental health interface (Bazelon)

### **Pacific Territories**

- Consultation on data infrastructure readiness (NASMHPD)
- Consultation on mental health systems improvement (NASMHPD)

### **Pennsylvania**

- Planning for implementation of PACT model (NAMI)
- Follow-up on PACT development (NAMI)
- Planning for consistent approach to advance directives (NMHA)
- Development of links to effective community services for people with mental illness returning to the community from jail or prison (NASMHPD)
- Presentation on affordable housing issues for people with mental illness (Bazelon)
- Presentation on assertive community treatment and jail diversion (NAMI)

### **Puerto Rico**

- Strategies to ensure access to appropriate medications (NAMI)

### **Rhode Island**

- Programs for community placement of mentally ill jail detainees (NASMHPD)
- Strategies for collaborative approach to development of prevention programs (NMHA)
- Collaborative approach to elimination of homelessness among people with co-occurring mental illness and substance abuse disorders (NMHA)
- Development of policy on reinstatement of benefits for people with mental illness leaving criminal justice system (Bazelon)
- Presentation on models for collaboration between the criminal justice and mental health communities (NASMHPD)
- Presentation on the implementation of recommendations of the President's New Freedom Commission on Mental Health report (NASMHPD)
- Increased family collaboration with the state (FFCMH)

### **South Carolina**

- Planning for implementation of *Olmstead* decision (NMHA)
- Consultation on performance-based budgeting (NASMHPD)
- Needs assessment to identify gaps in service (NMHA)
- Policy training (FFCMH)
- Community meeting on implementation of recommendations of the President's New Freedom Commission on Mental Health report (NASMHPD)
- Presentation on children's system of care (FFCMH)
- Statewide community forum, through use of satellite linkage with Jane Adams and sites throughout the state, regarding systems of care (FFCMH)
- Assistance regarding the Second Annual Behavioral Health Best Practices Conference which focused on a series of problems related to mental health and co-occurring substance abuse disorders (NASMHPD)
- Multiple forums in relation to SC SHARE, a rehabilitation and recovery program (NASMHPD)
- Evaluation of the SC system of care program and design and implementation of the Comprehensive Continuous System of Care Model (NASMHPD)

**South Dakota**

- Presentation on Medicaid issues (NAMI)

**Tennessee**

- Strategies for monitoring TennCare (Bazelon)
- Symposium on rural housing initiatives (NAMI)
- Identifying barriers to community integration of individuals with mental illness and Olmstead issues (Bazelon)
- Best practices for treating youth with co-occurring mental health and substance abuse problems, financing options and how to build stronger collaborations between DOC and mental health systems (NMHA)

**Texas**

- Implementation of mental health courts in Tarrant County, Texas (NMHA)
- Assistance regarding full coalition participation regarding a state action plan, the state budget and mental health issues (NMHA)

**Utah**

- Presentation on criminal justice issues (NAMI)

**Vermont**

- Strategies to enhance children's system of care (NMHA)

**Virginia**

- Planning for improved reentry process for people with mental illness leaving criminal justice system (Bazelon)
- Presentation on improved collaboration between the mental health and criminal justice systems (NASMHPD)
- Planning to enhance services for co-occurring mental health and developmental disabilities (NASMHPD)

**Washington**

- Development of policy agenda for children's mental health (Bazelon)
- Family inclusion in policy development (FFCMH)

**West Virginia**

- Training for implementation of a mental health court program (Bazelon)
- Assistance regarding civil rights, sufficient beds in state, and effective prevention services and community service models at a mental health conference (Bazelon)

**Wisconsin**

- Various issues regarding services for persons pre-detention, during detention and post-release (Bazelon)
- Best practices in medication management (NMHA)

**Wyoming**

- Strategies for collaboration between the criminal justice and juvenile justice systems and the mental health system (NASMHPD)

- Presentation on housing issues (NAMI)

### **Multiple jurisdictions**

- Conference on children’s evidence based practices (NASMHPD)

### **Documents**

- *Olmstead* planning for Children with Serious Emotional Disturbances (Bazelon)
- Recovery in the Community: Funding Mental Health Rehabilitative Approaches Under Medicaid (Bazelon)
- Community Integration of Individuals with Disabilities: An Update on Olmstead Implementation (Bazelon)
- Facts About: Federal Benefits for Individuals with Serious Mental Illness Who Have Been Incarcerated: Veterans Benefits, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Food Stamps (Bazelon)
- Fact Sheets for Advocates: People with Serious Mental Illness in the Criminal Justice System (Bazelon)
- Power in Planning: Self-Determination through Psychiatric Advance Directives (Bazelon)
- Juvenile Mental Health Courts (Bazelon)
- Fact Sheets for Families and Advocates Regarding Federal Benefits for Individuals Leaving Jail or Prison (Bazelon)
- Housing & Olmstead – 3 interwoven documents entitled: (1) Allocating the Burden of Proof in Disability Cases Under the Fair Housing Act; (2) Handling Fair Housing Act Disability Claims in the Context of an Imminent or Pending Eviction Action; (3) The Illegality of “Independent Living” Requirements in Rental Housing, Assisted Living Centers and Continuing Care Retirement Communities (Bazelon)
- Just Like Where You and I Live: Integrated Housing Options for People with Mental Illnesses (Bazelon)
- Tip Sheet: Involving Families in Policy Group Work (Federation)
- Training Institutes Curriculum (Federation)
- Expanding the Voice for Children’s Mental Health Advocacy (Federation)
- Planning and Funding for Children’s Mental Health (Federation)
- Tip Sheet: Understanding and Using Performance Measurement as a Tool for Advocacy (Federation)
- Access to Newer Medications Toolkit (NAMI)
- 2001 State Parity Insurance Review (NAMI)
- 2001 Children’s Legislation Trends Report (NAMI)
- Culturally competent outreach materials – “Las Enfermedades Mental” (NAMI)
- Housing Toolkit (NAMI)
- Client-Centered Comprehensive assessment and Individualized Treatment Planning in Assertive Community Treatment (NAMI)
- Two interrelated funding documents: (1) “States in Crisis: The Grassroots Response – 2002 State Systems Budget and Funding Issues”; and (2) State Budgets at Crossroads – Implications for Medicaid System Funding for 2003 and Beyond” (NAMI)
- Latino Outreach Manual (NAMI)
- Medicaid Advocacy Manual (NAMI)
- Assertive Community Treatment Leader Manual (NAMI)
- Meeting the Challenge: Ending Treatment Disparities for Women of Color (NMHA)

- Supported Employment for Individuals with Serious and Persistent Mental Illness (NMHA)
- Protecting Consumer Access to Psychotropic Medications (NMHA)
- Increasing Involvement in Healthcare Reform: Recommendations from Stakeholders (NMHA)
- Psychiatric Advanced Directives toolkit (NMHA)
- Ending Homelessness for People with Mental Illnesses and Co-Occurring Disorders (NMHA)
- Mental Health and Substance Abuse: Working Across the Systems - An Advocate's Primer on Co-Occurring Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders (NMHA)
- Community Based Services Toolkit (NMHA)
- Protecting Consumer Access to Psychotropic Medications (NMHA)
- Employment Manual – “Partners in Employment” (NMHA)
- Housing Manual - An Advocates Guide to Expanding Housing for People with Mental Illness (NMHA)
- Invisible Children's Project: Power Point Presentation (NMHA)
- Peer Support Power Point presentation (NMHA)
- Seclusion & Restraint in Special needs populations (NASMHPD)
- Involuntary Outpatient Commitment (NASMHPD)
- State Funding Issues Report - “Bridging Budget Gaps: Strategies for Mental Health Agencies” (NASMHPD)
- Co-occurring DD/MI issues (NASMHPD)
- Medical Directors Report on Prevention Issues (NASMHPD)
- Exploring the Dynamics of Transformation as Proposed in the President's Commission Report (NASMHPD)
- Individualized care and what can be learned from the DD field (NASMHPD)

## **Environmental Scan Results:**

Each of the five groups involved in the project conducted a thorough environmental scan within their respective organizations. The top issues from these scans are compiled below. The key issues that came out of the scans suggest that the team has been successful in its focus in several key areas. These areas also correspond with issues of national importance identified as priorities by SAMHSA.

### **Key Issues Identified in Environmental Scans:**

#### **Bazon**

- Housing Issues
- Custody Relinquishment
- Criminalization of People with Mental Illness
- Access to Voluntary Services
- “Stuck Kids”

#### **FFCMH**

- Building support for a state level children’s mental health policy agenda
- Custody Relinquishment
- IDEA Reauthorization
- Juvenile Justice
- Role of Families in Policy Work
- Understanding & Moving Toward Systems of Care

#### **NAMI**

- Adequate Funding of the Adult and Child Mental Health Systems and Access to Services and Medications
- The Criminalization of People with Severe Mental Illness
- Safe Affordable Housing
- Parity for Health Insurance
- Mental health Services Reform to Systems for Children and Adolescents
- Cultural Diversity Issues and Access to Care Challenges

#### **NASMHPD**

- Decline in State Funding
- Criminal Justice
- Co-occurring Substance Abuse and Mental Illness
- Children’s Mental Health Services
- Juvenile Justice
- Identification and Implementation of Evidence Based Practices

#### **NMHA**

- Budget and Appropriations
- Community Integration, including Olmstead Planning, Housing, Employment, and Consumer Involvement
- Criminal Justice
- Mental Health Crisis Response Planning

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