

New Grant to Support Child Trauma Services

Mental Health Partners (MHP) has been awarded a 5-year, \$2,000,000 grant from the Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration for a collaborative project with the University of Colorado's Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence. The aim is to increase the capacity to identify children and families who have experienced trauma and provide evidence-based trauma-focused treatment. The partnership also allows MHP to become a Community Treatment and Services Center in the prestigious National Child Traumatic Stress Network (NCTSN).

The joint grant project, *Building a Trauma Center of Excellence for Children and Families in Colorado: A Community-Academic Partnership*, is a coordinated effort in which the Center for Study and Prevention of Violence will provide vital capacity-building training in trauma-informed evidence-based practices, including targeted interventions for Hispanic families, military families, and families involved in the child welfare systems.

Also, the project will lead to the development of a trauma-informed system at Mental Health Partners to screen, assess, and provide trauma-focused treatment to children and families who have experienced trauma. It is expected the project will provide training and implementation support to more than 900 clinicians, as well as serving over 3,100 clients at Mental Health Partners.



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