



PROMISING PRACTICES Roanoke City and Roanoke County

Therapeutic Day Treatment Services (for children without Medicaid)

Headlines—What your community did/services that were created:

- Partnered with the school system to keep children in their home school with their peers instead of moving children to private day or residential (building services around child vs., moving child out to a program).
- Built upon existing services and combined child specific Medicaid and child specific CSA dollars to fund Day Treatment staff positions.

Goals and Incentives; Leverage Points:

- Desire to prevent more restrictive placement, Special Education Residential Care numbers/costs and difficulty transitioning children back into their home schools.
- More recently the 50% community match rate would be an additional incentive

Barriers:

- Questions about costs, how to best configure the service to meet needs, and from the provider side how to make this doable, e.g. , minimum number of kids to fund a position established.
- The planning and provision of summer services

Strategies for overcoming barriers:

- Discussion with Special ED Director about specific needs, presentation to CPMT about programming and costs.
- Sharing day treatment service description and information.

Strategies for Continuous Quality Improvement:

- Regular meetings with the school Special Ed central administration staff as well school principals to share information, needs, and concerns, to work out problems and celebrate successes.
- Staff and Coordinators also meet with teachers, guidance counselors, etc.
- Program conducts consumer satisfaction surveys twice annually



Funding:

- When children do not have Medicaid, CSA dollars fund these child specific services.
- The monthly cost of the program is configured into a daily rate and divided by the number of children served by that position.

Resources for more information:

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