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**MCHB TA Innovation Center**

**July 14, 2023**

Tele-behavioral health programs technical assistance innovation center



In Newsletter 3, our primary focus is on Pediatric Mental Health Care Access (PMHCA) programs. We are pleased to share 4 research and 2 resource updates that provide valuable insights.

Looking ahead, the TA Innovation Center will produce the fourth and last newsletter in September. This fiscal year-end newsletter will focus on the collaborative efforts that the MDRBD (Maternal Depression and Related Behavioral Disorders) and PMHCA programs are founded on. Stay tuned as we work to highlight both awardee programs and the meaningful work being carried out by your dedicated staff and partners every day.

Please tell us about ways the Technical Assistance (TA) Innovation Center can help keep recipients informed about TA resources and activities related to the implementation of PMHCA and MDRBD programs. Along with updates on funding and policy issues, our goal is to share relevant research articles, webinars, events, and resources in the field of maternal and child behavioral health with you every 3 months.

## RESEARCH UPDATES

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### **Expert Team in Your Back Pocket: Recommendations from a Pediatric Mental Health Access Program**

Nationwide lack of access to mental health care for youth have prompted efforts to integrate mental health into pediatric primary care. Kansas Kids Mental Health Access Program (KSKidsMAP) was developed to promote mental health workforce development through primary care practitioners (PCPs). This program offers free access to consultations, training, and care coordination. [Read more.](#)

### **Clinical Update: Collaborative Mental Health Care for Children and Adolescents in Pediatric Primary Care**

The objective of this clinical update is to review the principles, structures, processes, and outcomes of collaborative mental health care in the pediatric primary care setting. [Read more.](#)

### **When Adverse Childhood Experiences Present to a Statewide Child Psychiatry Access Program**

Many children experience adversity, yet few receive needed psychiatric services. Pediatric PCPs are uniquely positioned to intervene but often lack training and resources to provide patients with adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) with the psychiatric support they need. [Read more.](#)

## Utilization and Outcomes of Direct Consultation in a Child Psychiatry Access Program

Child and adolescent psychiatric disorders are common in the United States. In addition, there is a severe and pervasive shortage of child and adolescent psychiatrists. This situation has led 46 states and territories to launch programs providing child psychiatry consultation to pediatricians. [Read more.](#)

### Resources



### **A Phone Consultation Call Line to Support SBIRT in Pediatric Primary Care**

Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) is recommended as a routine part of pediatric primary care. Yet managing patients who test positive for mental illness is challenging. To address this problem, the state of Massachusetts

created a call line staffed by pediatric substance misuse treatment specialists. This phone line provides consultations for PCPs and access to a behavioral healthcare provider specially trained in managing adolescent substance use. [Read more.](#)

## **Suicide: Blueprint for Youth Suicide Prevention**

This resource was designed to support pediatric healthcare clinicians in advancing equitable youth suicide prevention strategies in all settings where young people live, learn, work, and spend time. [Read more.](#)

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Save the Date



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### **[The HRSA MCHB TA Provider Shared Calendar](#)**

Stay informed about HRSA MCHB TA Provider activities and events with our shared calendar! This centralized calendar provides easy access for PMHCA and MDRBD awardees to review planned TA activities from:

- MCHB TA Innovation Center
- American Academy of Pediatrics
- School-Based Health Alliance
- Emergency Medical Services for Children Innovation and Improvement Center

It also offers convenient access to event follow-ups, including comprehensive PowerPoint slides and concise summaries of previous TA activities.

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### **[Peer-to-Peer Learning Session: Aligning State PMHCA and MDRBD Programs](#)**

Thursday, July 20, 2023, from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. ET

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### **[Early Childhood Mental Health](#)**

Thursday, July 27, 2023, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. ET

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### **Annual All-Awardee Meeting Day 1**

Monday August 28 from 1:00p.m. to 5:00p.m. ET

*Zoom details coming soon.*

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### **Annual All-Awardee Meeting Day 2**

Tuesday August 29 from 1:00p.m. to 5:00p.m. ET

*Zoom details coming soon.*

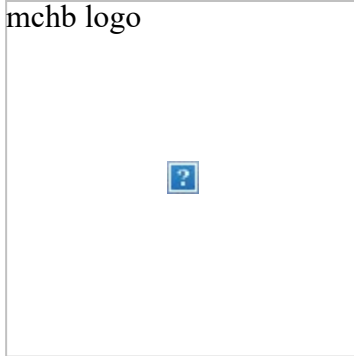
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***Contact us for TA and to share your successes, articles, products, presentations, and challenges:***

**Submit a TA request**

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