

Innovations in Collaboration: Findings from a Collaborative Screening Initiative

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Background

- Prevalence of youth CD
- Importance of screening
- Knowledge Translation & Exchange
 - Research – Community Collaboration
 - Learning from internal CAMH pilot



Current Initiative: GAIN Collaborating Network

- 10 youth serving agencies
- Cross-sectoral
- Joint clinical-research, knowledge translation project – 6 month pilot
- Utilized a collaborative process to develop joint goals, materials and processes



GAIN-CN Agencies

- 3 hospital-based treatment agencies
 - NYGH – Transitional-Aged S.U. Program
 - HSC – Substance Abuse Program
 - CAMH
- 4 community-based treatment agencies
 - Griffin – Substance Use Day Treatment
 - East Metro Youth Services
 - Breakaway
 - CMHA
- 3 community-based outreach/housing/support agencies
 - Turning Point Youth Service
 - LOFT
 - YMCA



Specific Objectives of the GAIN-CN Initiative

- To screen for concurrent disorders in youth seeking services across 10 youth-serving agencies
- To determine if the GAIN-SS is a feasible screening tool across sectors
- To inform planning processes within the GAIN-CN that relate to:
 - Identifying commonalities and differences
 - Identifying gaps in the continuum of services
- Building capacity amongst clinicians for consistent identification and treatment planning for youth with substance use and mental health concerns



Findings: Overview of Clinical Data

- Total N= 420
- Hospital-based Tx (HBT): N= 182
- Community-based Tx (CBT): N = 118
- Outreach, Housing & Support (OHS):
N = 120



Conclusions

- Significant need for co-occurring mental health & substance use concerns -informed services across agency-types & types of mental health concerns
- Broad, collaborative cross-sectoral networks for clinical research and KTE are possible
- Collaborative projects have the potential to build capacity



Thank You & Questions?

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