

The Building Bridges Initiative (BBI): Advancing Partnerships. Improving Lives.

**BBI Webinar: Residential and Child Welfare Partnerships
towards Ensuring Permanent Connections**

Overview of the National Building Bridges Initiative (BBI)



BBI Mission

Identify and promote practice and policy initiatives that will create strong and closely coordinated **partnerships and collaborations** between families, youth, community- and residentially-based treatment and service providers, advocates and policy makers to ensure that comprehensive services and supports are **family-driven, youth-guided, strength-based, culturally and linguistically competent, individualized, evidence and practice-informed, and consistent with the research on sustained positive outcomes.**

Endorse the BBI Joint Resolution

- Go to BBI Web Site (www.buildingbridges4youth.org)
- Read BBI Joint Resolution (JR)
- E-mail Dr. Gary Blau (Gary.Blau@samhsa.hhs.gov) or Beth Caldwell (bethcaldwell@roadrunner.com) that You Would Like to Endorse BBI JR
- Be Put on List Serve to Receive BBI Newly Developed Documents
- Be First to be Invited to BBI Events



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Documents & articles to support field, e.g.:

- *Implementing Effective Short-Term Residential Interventions*
- *Successfully Engaging Families Formed by Adoption: Strategies for Residential Leaders*
- *Fiscal Strategies that Support the Building Bridges Initiative Principles*
- *Cultural and Linguistic Competence Guidelines for Residential Programs*
- *Handbook and Appendices for Hiring and Supporting Peer Youth Advocates*
- *Numerous documents translated into Spanish (e.g., SAT; Family and Youth Tip Sheets)*
- *Engage Us: A Guide Written by Families for Residential Providers*
- *Promoting Youth Engagement in Residential Settings*



BBI Web-Based Training Programs Available

https://theinstitute.umaryland.edu/onlinetraining/programcategory.cfm?ottype_id=30

- Best Practices in the Use of Psychiatric Medications for Youth During Residential Interventions (1.5 CEUs)
- Cultural and Linguistic Competence (Part 1): Why Does it Matter? (2 CEUs)
- Cultural and Linguistic Competence (Part 2): Implementation Strategies (2 CEUs)
- Cultural and Linguistic Competence (Part 3): On a One-to-One Level (1.5 CEUs)
- First Steps for Leaders in Residential Transformation (2 CEUs)
- Including Family Partners on Your Team (2 CEUs)
- Pre-hiring, Hiring, Supporting, and Supervising Youth Peer Advocates in Residential Programs (2 CEUs)
- Successful Strategies for Tracking Long-term Outcomes (1 CEU)
- Youth-Guided Care for Residential Interventions (2.5 CEUs)



BBI Core Principles

- Family Driven & Youth Guided Care
- Cultural & Linguistic Competence
- Clinical Excellence & Quality Standards
- Accessibility & Community Involvement
- Transition Planning & Services (between settings & from youth to adulthood)





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“Helping children and families through the most difficult times of their lives”

SENECA VALUES

- Love
- Respect
- Curiosity
- Hope
- Courage
- Joy

UNCONDITIONAL CARE

- Permanence for all children
- Family centered decision making and treatment
- Culturally responsive and reflective interventions
- Individualized treatment and services
- Close collaboration with families and key stakeholders

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The value of family engagement

Background

- History of Residential Care in California
- Continuum of Care Reform
- Short Term Residential Treatment Program Licensure (STRTP)
 - Short Term
 - Specialized
 - Intensive

Family Engagement Strategies

Plan for discharge upon intake:

- What would success look like for each family?
- Engage each family at every step and remember the 'everything speaks'.
- For youth with no permanency plan when they enter our care, family finding becomes our most urgent intervention (isolation reduction is our main objective).

6 stages of Family Finding:

- Discovery
- Engagement
- Planning
- Decision Making
- Evaluation
- Follow up

Skills for Family Engagement

- Cultural Awareness, Humility, and Responsiveness
- Ability to manage transference and counter-transference
- Must be a good listener and strong communicator (especially around managing conflict and the impact of multi-generational trauma)
- Flexible and adaptive to unforeseen obstacles and challenges
- Perseverance

Innovation in Residential Treatment

Comprehensive Assessment and Stabilization Services

COMPASS

Components of the Model:

- Stabilization
- Assessment
- Individualized Service
- Natural Support and Permanency

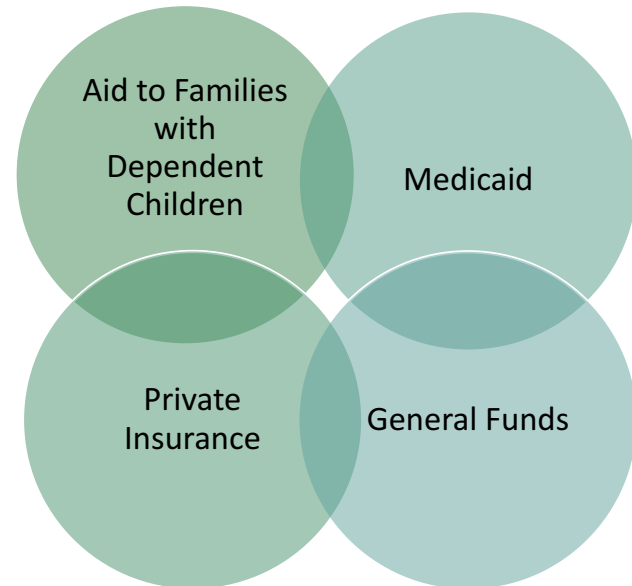
True Continuum

COMPASS

- Therapeutic Behavioral Services
- Intensive In-Home Support
- Crisis Support
- Educational Support
- Case Management
- Wraparound

How Do You Pay for It?

Cost Reimbursement Blended Funding Model



Recommendations for Implementation

- County/Funder Partnership and Financial Sustainability
- Part of a Continuum
- Family at True North
- No Milieu
- Highly Individualized
- Multidisciplinary

QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION



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