

NCTSN Mini-Grant Initiative: Fact Sheet

Name of Project: Partnering with Youth and Families Collaborative Group Face to Face Meeting

<p>Target Area</p>	<p>Which under-funded area did your mini-grant initiative address?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Making child-serving systems more trauma-informed</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Enhancing cultural competence</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enhancing family and youth involvement</p>
<p>Project Description</p>	<p>Title of project: Partnering with Youth and Families Collaborative Group Face to Face Meeting</p> <p>Briefly describe your project, including project goals and target population (e.g., abstract): The Partnering with Youth and Families Workgroup (PYFWG) strives to encourage and support the National Child Traumatic Stress Network (NCTSN) in increasing mutually respectful partnerships with child trauma survivors and their families. The PYFWG is currently engaged in a number of projects, all of which support and further that cause. The PYFWG requires the resources to meet in person to accelerate work being done on these various projects. Many workgroup members have expressed the ability to support their travel to a meeting from their own NCTSN sites' budgets. This proposal is to request funds to support the attendance of our partnering survivors/family members who are active in the workgroup. Enabling them to attend this face-to-face meeting will further their engagement and alliance with the PYFWG and NCTSN</p>

	<p>and ensure that their voices are included in the work. The expected result from the meeting is to have completed or nearly completed several resources and methods that all NCTSN sites can access in order to increase youth and family involvement at their centers.</p>
<p>Project Evaluation</p>	<p>Please describe the evaluation plans for your project. Meeting evaluations were completed and analyzed after the meeting.</p> <p>What was the outcome of your evaluation plan? Participants felt the meeting met its objectives, felt their voices were heard, and were interested in participating in the future of the collaborative group.</p> <p>Based on your evaluation findings, is there an aspect of the project you would have done differently? Because we have so few face to face meetings, the agendas tend to be too full. In future meetings, we will work on limiting agenda items to allow for more discussion and interaction time.</p>
<p>Outcomes</p>	<p>Is there a product or resource that you have developed as part of this initiative? Pathways to Partnerships with Youth and Families in the NCTSN</p> <p>In what way does your project contribute to the field of child traumatic stress (e.g., products, knowledge)? This document offers two self assessments for organizations to use to discuss and plan involvement with traumatized youth and families. It also offers concrete suggestions on ways to include more families and youth at both clinical and organizational levels.</p>

<p>Cultural Considerations</p>	<p>For which specific cultural group(s) is your project tailored for? If none, please respond “not specifically tailored.” not specifically tailored</p> <p>How are cultural issues specifically addressed in your project?</p> <p>If there was a product or resource developed as part of your project what culturally specific issues arise with its use? Organizational readiness to increase family member involvement will likely effect the receptiveness to the Pathways product. These issues are directly addressed within the document.</p>
<p>Partnerships</p>	<p>If you collaborated with other agencies or organizations over the course of this project, please describe this experience. We have a long standing collaboration with the Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health. Members of this collaborative group presented at the Federation of Families national meeting in December 2007. This partnership has been essential to bring the experience and resources of the Federation to the NCTSN.</p>
<p>Future Directions</p>	<p>What would you like to see done next to build upon this project? The Partnering with Youth and Families Committee has held another face to face meeting in July 2008. The committee will focus next on helping NCTSN centers develop peer to peer support programs and will provide guidelines on setting up consumer advisory boards. These focuses are in direct response to the need for additional TA resources to follow the Pathways document.</p> <p>If you have developed a product or resource what is your plan for dissemination? We do not yet have a specific product plan . At least</p>

	one dissemination method will be to share through personal contacts made by Committee members with Network members.
Additional Comments	
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