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Dear Stakeholder,

A major goal for the Outcomes Data Project in 2008 is to insure the quality of the data submitted by each participating agency. The Quality Improvement Committee together with our IT consultant developed missing data reports to help identify gaps in the data being submitted. The reports identify each piece of missing data and link the identified gap back to the client record. The result – some agencies have virtually no data gaps for the children they serve.

A focus of work for the past several months has been review and revision of the instruments used in the Outcomes Data Project. Each question on the instruments created by the OACCA Outcomes Data Project Committee is subjected to scrutiny by asking “How does the information created by asking this question contribute to the measure of outcomes for the children served?” The result – adjustments to some of the questions are being considered by the Steering Committee.

Monthly reports to the agencies for Demographics and Problem Severity Diminishment (Reports 1 and 2) have been validated by our university partners at the Voinovich School, Ohio University. Throughout the summer the remaining reports will be validated. This will bring the project to the point that using validated reports for the sufficient data gathered will allow the information to be authoritatively shared.

That said, the preliminary reports for Residential Treatment and Treatment Foster Care continue to show two important facts.

- Mood disorders and attention deficit/adjustment disorders constitute the majority of diagnoses of children in care for those who have a diagnosis.
- Both the Parents and Youth reports show mean problem severity scores diminishing during the course of treatment.

As the project prepares to move into the 3rd year of the pilot we expect several more agencies will join, bringing the number of participating organizations to nearly 1/3 of the OACCA membership.

Regards,

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