

Fort Bend County

Project Title: Increase Access to Community Based Providers

1115 Waiver – Behavioral Health

Goal : Increase access to community based providers for children and adults with behavioral health disorders to support well-being and recovery.

This system would promote the use of community based services, support well being and recovery, and reduce unnecessary use of ER, hospitalization or 911 system.

The Fort Bend County DSRIP project will include the following components:

1. **Collaboration with community organization (e.g., MHA, NAMI, YMCA) and behavioral health services providers (e.g., Texana, Fort Bend Regional Council, Fort Bend Family Health Center, hospitals) to increase awareness about existing services, expand the array of services, and promote the coordination of services**
2. **Work collaboratively to remove barriers to accessing care (e.g., transportation, language)**
3. **Develop referral and resource lists for high risk populations, especially those being discharged from the emergency room or institutional care**
4. **Work collaboratively to expand the use of electronic media to facilitate access to services, coordination of services and patient feedback**
1. **Work with partners (e.g., Universities) to expand training of behavioral health workforce**
2. **Promote the integration of physical and behavioral health services (e.g. co-location of services, training and access to information)**

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Expected Outcomes

- Increased collaboration and cross systems training (e.g., EMS, Social Services, HHS, CIT/ Law enforcement, Fort bend Family Health, Texana, MHA, NAMI)
- Coordinated and accessible information (web based resources)
- Increase the array of services identified for persons with behavioral health disorders that support well-being and recovery (e.g., MHA, NAMI, Social Services, Veteran's Administration, Texana, YMCA, Fort Bend Family Health)
- Referral/ resource lists available for high risk populations