

New Mexico Background

- ▶ Very poor state
- Primarily rural and frontier
- At or near the bottom in most measures of child well being (Annie E. Casey Kids Count)
- Few General Fund dollars for initiatives but high federal match rate for Medicaid
- Able to build on already expanded Medicaid services and eligibility for <18 population (1992-1996)
- Medicaid Managed Care environment starting in 1996
- The Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD) responsible for child welfare, juvenile justice and children's mental health

Objectives

- ▶ The Children, Youth and Families Department interested in:
 - ► Establishing a more community system of care
 - ► Statewide availability of services
 - Achieving better outcomes
 - ► Addressing disproportionate minority confinement
- Medicaid looking for cost effective alternatives to RTC
- ▶ Determine if model works with New Mexico ethnic mix

Pilot Project

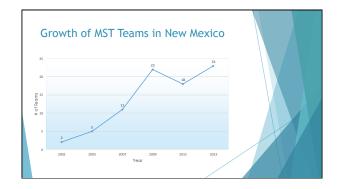
- Collaborated with Medicaid and managed care organizations to implement a pilot project
- Built on previous CYFD and Medicaid initiatives
- ▶ Started with two providers, one team each
- ▶ Both in metropolitan areas

Factors Contributing to Successful Statewide Implementation

- ► Buy in from MCO's
- Established steering committee to monitor pilot project and troubleshoot problems
- Local stakeholders/ champions emerged (MCO Psychiatric Director, JPPO's, providers)
- JPPO's came to see as an important part of continuum due to observed outcomes
- Successful outcomes both anecdotally and by program evaluation
- Carve out of mental health
- ▶ Addition of MST To Medicaid state plan (may want to amplify this)

Challenges to Statewide Implementation

- ▶ Staff hiring and retention in rural and frontier areas
- Fidelity requirements hard to meet in rural frontier areas
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 Oversight by MST (fidelity) more intrusive than state funded services
- ► Fitting a violence prevention model into Medicaid (insurance based) system



CEI 2015 Ultimate Outcomes New Mexico		
AT HOME	85.7%	These results are based on a review of all standard NM teams
IN SCHOOL/ WORKING	86.3%	that were open in 2015 and served by the CEI Network Partnership.
NO ARRESTS	88.5%	Total number of families discharged=565. Total number of families with opportunity to complete a full course of treatment=498.



