

An Empirically-Supported Approach to Statewide Implementation of Blueprints Programs in Georgia: The QulP Model

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Background: Governor Nathan Deal and Criminal Justice Reform

- ▶ Criminal Justice Reform Council - multidisciplinary, diverse and inclusive (created in 2012)
 - ▶ Consultation with Pew and Casey Foundations
- ▶ Data-driven, evidence-based decision making
- ▶ Initial focus on adult criminal justice, then juveniles
- ▶ True partnerships between state and local leaders, sincere commitment to improved outcomes

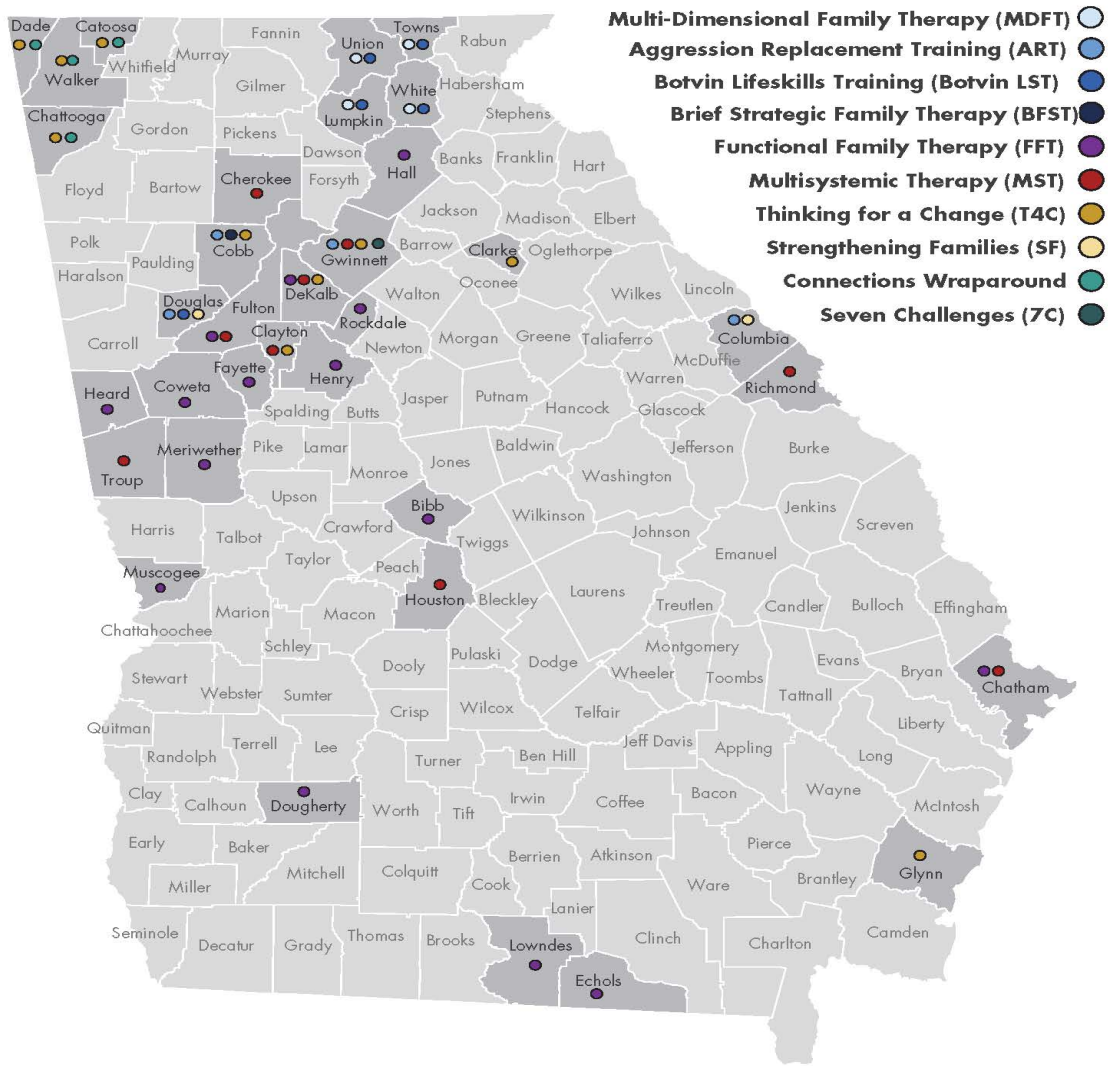


Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant Program

- ▶ JJIGP began in '13: used '12 as 'Baseline' year
- ▶ Target 30 highest committing counties
- ▶ Defined/identified evidence-based programs*
- ▶ Provide funding to counties for EBPs based on need
- ▶ Allow for innovation (e.g., “Managing Entities”)

**note to advocates: encourage Blueprints Programs here*

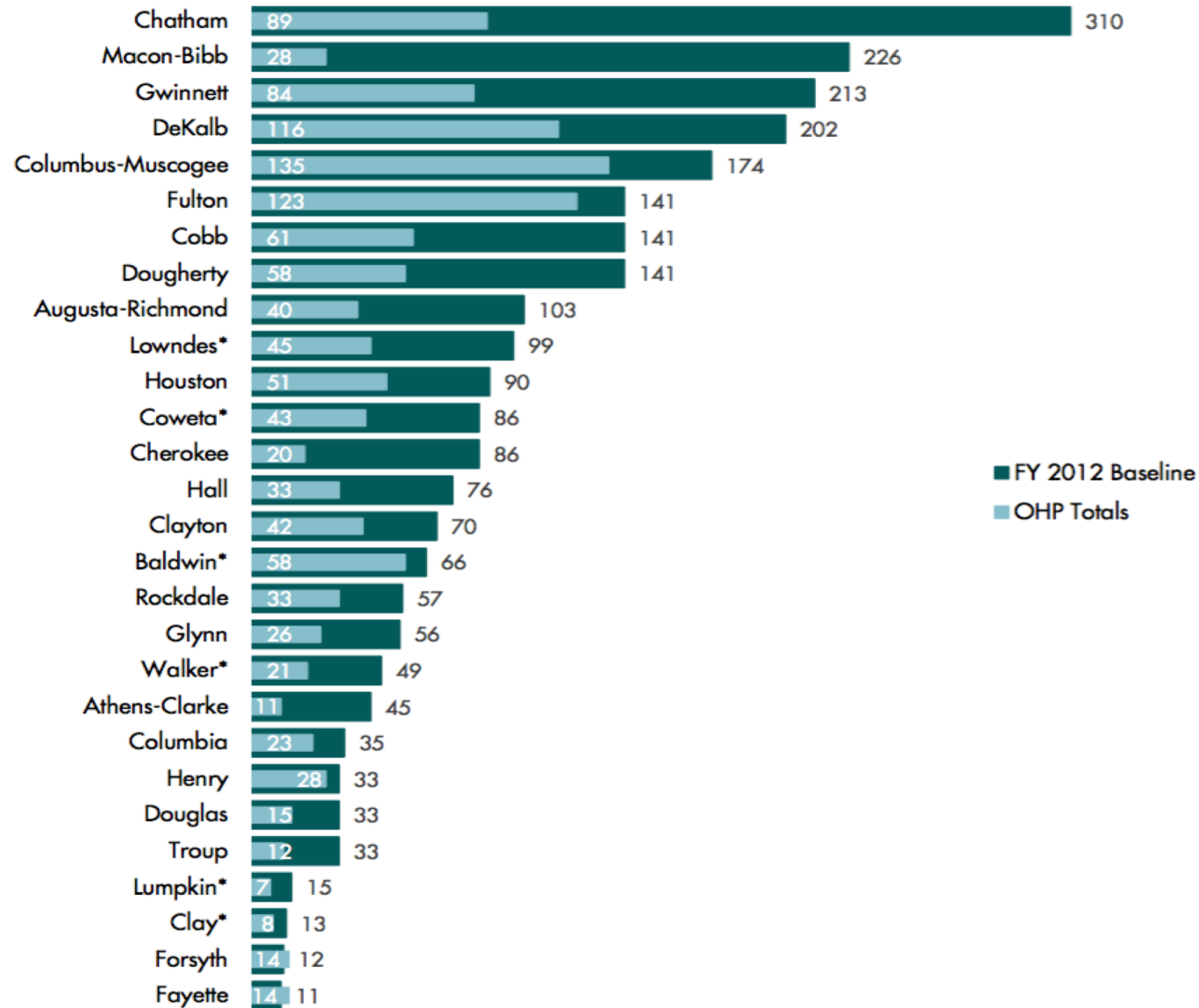
APPENDIX G: GEORGIA JUVENILE JUSTICE INCENTIVE GRANT EVIDENCE-BASED PROGRAM DISTRIBUTION FOR FY 2017



26 out of 28 grantee courts had a reduction in Out-of-Home Placements (STP Admissions & Felony Commitments) compared to their FY 2012 baseline.

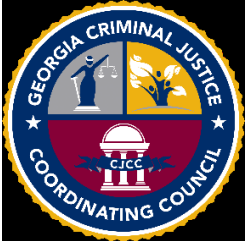
July 2015–June 2016

*Grantee court serves multiple counties



Out-of-Home Placement Targets and Outcomes over Three Implementation Years

	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016
FY 2012 Baseline – Total Out-of-Home Placements	2,603	2,664	2,616
Benchmark Reduction in Out-of-Home Placements	15%	20%	20%
Percent Reduction Achieved	62%	54%	53%
Total Out-of-Home Placements	989	1,227	1,238
Implementation Period	9 months	12 months	12 months
Number of Grantee Courts	29 courts	29 courts	28 courts
Number of Counties Served	49 counties	51 counties	48 counties
Number of Youth Served	1,122	1,666	1,723



NCJA Recognizes GA CJCC with “Outstanding Program” Award for JJIGP



<https://cjcc.georgia.gov/press-releases/2017-08-11/georgia-receives-ncja-outstanding-program-award-juvenile-justice-incentive>

Quality Implementation Partnership (QuIP)

- ▶ Public Funder/Oversight (in this case, CJCC)
- ▶ Managing Entity (General Contractor)
- ▶ Evidence-Based Programs (Purveyor Organizations)
- ▶ Community-Based Service Provider Agencies

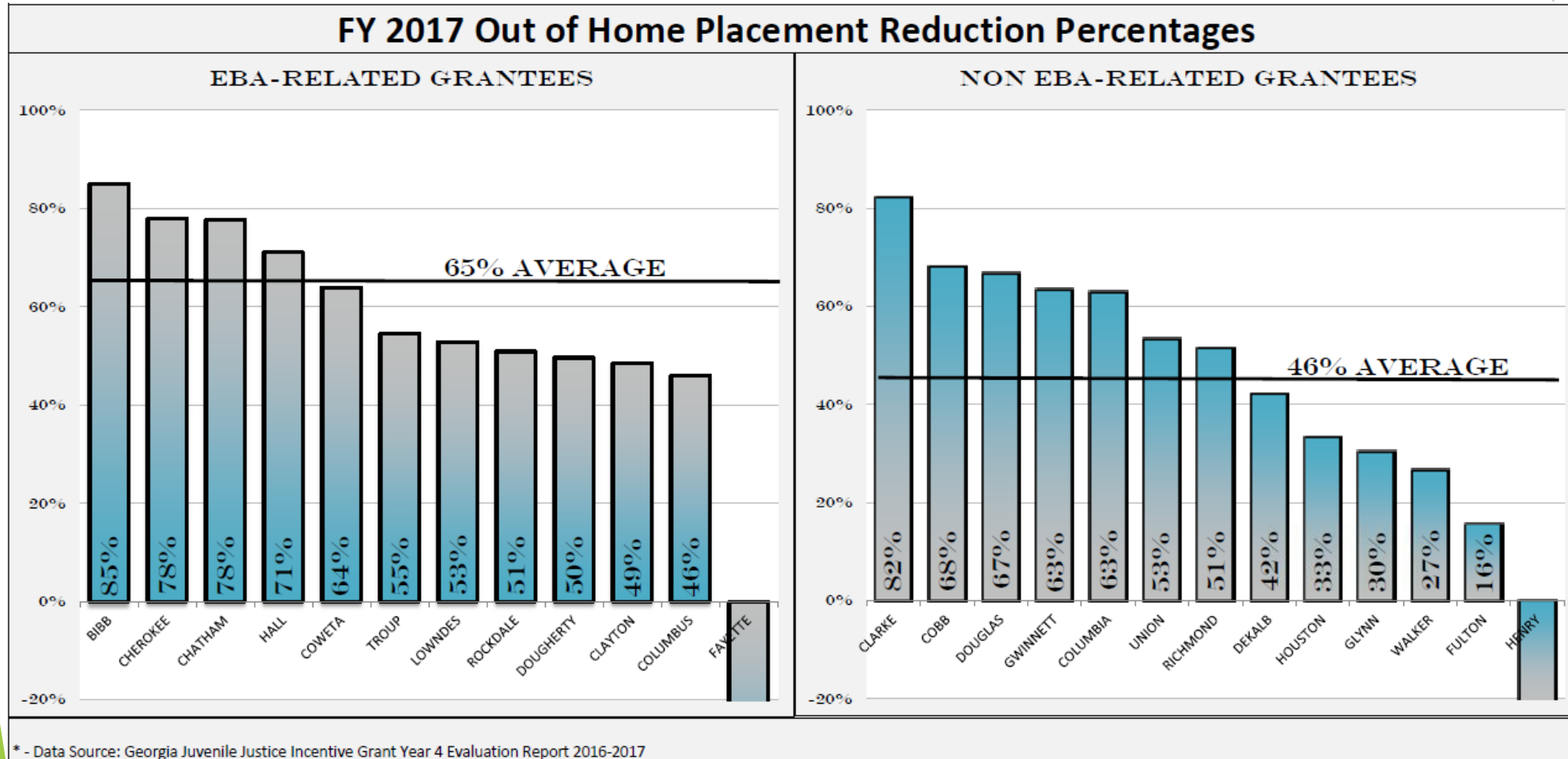
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Features:

- ▶ Engages key leaders, fosters EBP champions
- ▶ Recruit and retain an effective workforce
- ▶ Emphasis on high-fidelity model implementation
 - ▶ Administrative (policies, procedures, practices)
 - ▶ Clinical Team
- ▶ Builds data systems that tie payment to performance
- ▶ *“Teaching the system to be more evidence-based”*

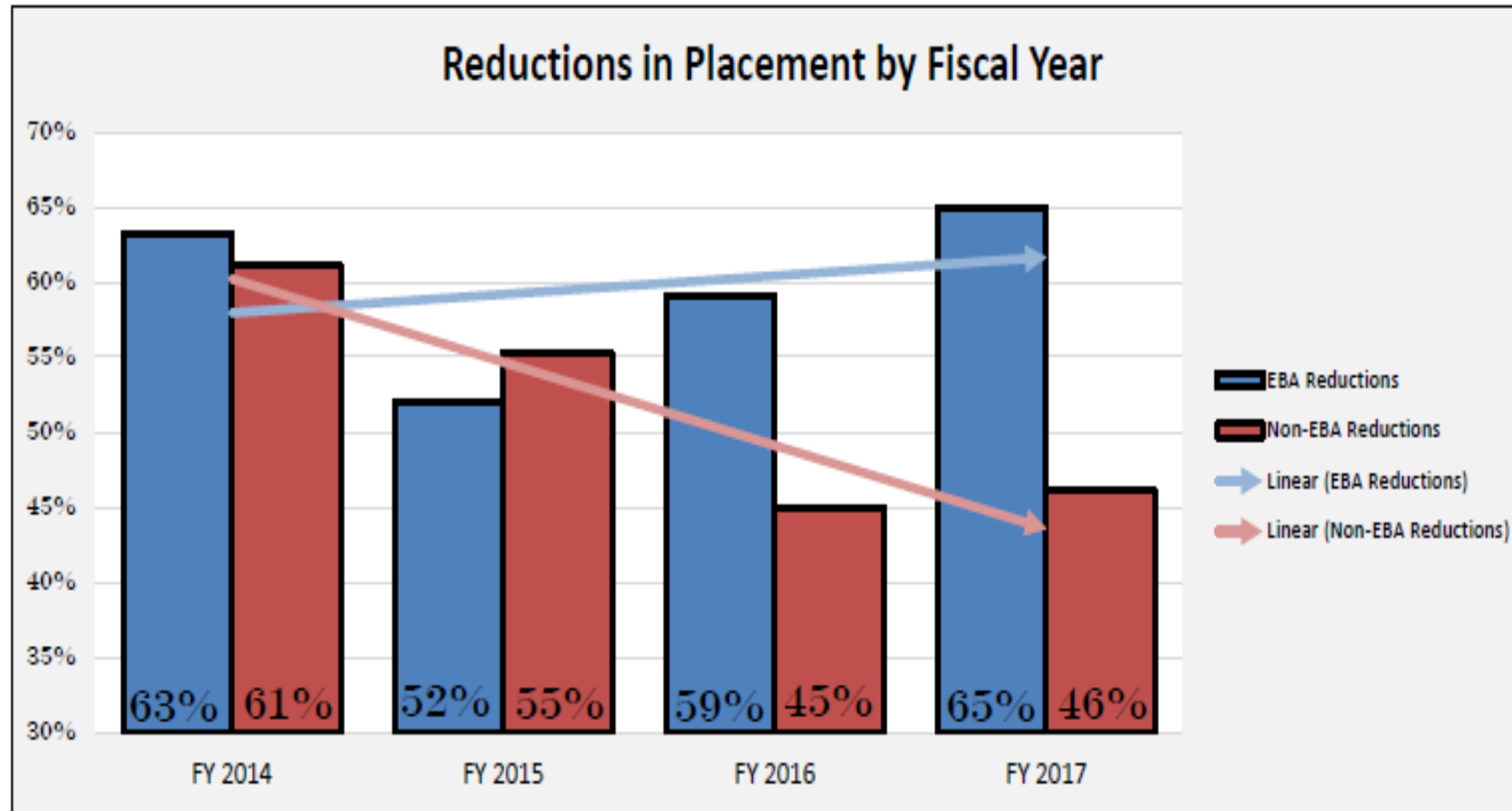


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Domain 1: Evidence-Based Programs

- ▶ Several Models were chosen
- ▶ Functional Family Therapy (FFT) highlighted here today

Domain 2: Agency Functioning

- ▶ Preparation
 - ▶ Preparation of the Agency and Engagement of the Leadership
 - ▶ Cost/Benefit Analysis
 - ▶ Conducting the “are we a good fit” assessment surrounding collaborative relationship
 - ▶ Assessing Stakeholder Relationships
 - ▶ Planning for Program Sustainability

Domain 2: Agency Functioning

► Implementation

- Advocacy and Accountability
- Staff Recruitment, Hiring, and Retention
- Performance based pay linked with quality assurance metrics
- Planning for Yalom's stages of group development within an organization
- Planning to address case failures & conduct case autopsies on unsuccessful cases
- Externship

Domain 2: Agency Functioning

- ▶ Implementation
 - ▶ Programmatic Monitoring
 - ▶ TYPE Reports
 - ▶ Company-wide Weekly Operation Calls
 - ▶ Collaborative Performance Monitoring & Problem Solving
 - ▶ Case Autopsies on Successful Cases
 - ▶ Clinician Development Plans

Domain 3: Community Support

- ▶ Preparation
 - ▶ Engagement
 - ▶ Clarify standards of evidence
 - ▶ Align stakeholder needs with appropriate evidence based program
 - ▶ Identify Stakeholder's data & outcome expectations
 - ▶ Identify the viability & sustainability of existing and potential funding streams

Domain 3: Community Support

- ▶ Preparation continued
 - ▶ Education
 - ▶ Engage and inform key stakeholders on the value of evidence based programs expected outcomes and cost benefit
 - ▶ Facilitate all required model training
 - ▶ Develop and codify eligibility criteria and referral process
 - ▶ Develop evidence based program performance benchmarks, data collection and analytics while introducing the concept of data-driven decision making

Domain 3: Community Support

- ▶ Implementation
 - ▶ Fostering of EBP Champions
 - ▶ Clearly define standard of accountability for providers
 - ▶ Promote high level of professionalism, efficiency and client responsiveness
 - ▶ Monitor progress against referral and utilization targets
 - ▶ Develop mutually consistent formal and informal relationship management with key stakeholders
 - ▶ Design and maintain a continuous quality improvement process

Domain 3: Community Support

- ▶ Implementation continued
 - ▶ Fostering of EBP champions
 - ▶ Collect, analyze and report data to key stakeholders
 - ▶ Issue regular reports and updates to key stakeholders
 - ▶ Focus on model fidelity, staff development, program improvement and meeting performance measures
 - ▶ Hold providers accountable for high performance outcomes
 - ▶ Minimize and eliminate risk of program failure

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THANK YOU!

