Announcing: The California Integrated Core Practice Model for Children, Youth, and Families

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) issued The California Integrated Core Practice Model for Children, Youth and Families (ICPM) on May 18, 2018 (MHSUDS NO. 18-022). The ICPM replaces the existing Core Practice Model (CPM) and provides practical guidance and direction to support county child welfare, juvenile probation, behavioral health agencies, and their partners in delivery of timely, effective, and collaborative services. Important updates in the ICPM include:

- Integration of Probation, Continuum of Care Reform fundamental principles and specific practice behaviors across systems
- Identification of the Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) as the selected measure for DHCS and CDSS to provide a platform for the CFT to guide conversations and support the teaming process
- Guidance for Child Welfare Services (CWS) on Core Practices and behaviors, including Engagement, Assessment, Teaming, Service Planning/Delivery, and Transition
- Components of ICPM implementation and a developmental framework for implementation
- Illustration outlining the referral process in the CWS system (Appendix A)
- Information on accessing mental health services through the Mental Health Plan or Medi-Cal Managed Care Plans (Appendix B)
- Illustration outlining the Juvenile Offender Court Process (Appendix C)

Please share this information with your clinical staff and Care Coordinators. All previous Pathways to Well-Being (PWB) mandates for youth identified as Enhanced/Subclass remain in place.

The ICPM manual and current PWB information can be found on the BHETA PWB website https://theacademy.sdsu.edu/programs/BHETA/pathways/.

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