Data Collaboration for Behavioral Health
Policy Implications of the CMMI
Integrated Care for Kids (InCK) Model
Experience to Date

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Key Policy Levers for Enabling Behavioral Health Disorder Prevention Efforts through Collaborative Whole Person Care

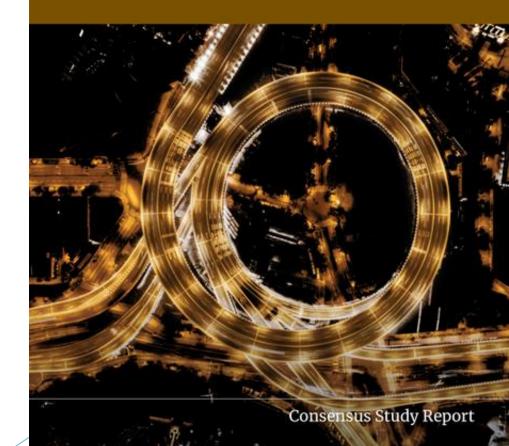
- Legal
- ► Ethical
- ► Procurement
- ► Data Standards

This work has no home

- AISP at U Penn can be considered the home of linked de-identified data
 - ► Committee on National Statistics recent report "Toward a 21st Century National Data Infrastructure: Managing Privacy and Confidentiality Risks with Blended Data"
- Linked identified data, does not have a similar funded "home"
 - Within HHS, ONC now has a whole department focus



Toward a 21st Century National Data Infrastructure: Managing Privacy and Confidentiality Risks with Blended Data



Seeing these policy challenges through the lens of InCK

Stress --->

Core Child Services

- Physical Health Care
- Behavioral Health Care
- Early Care & Education
- Elementary & Secondary Education
- Housing
- Nutrition
- Mobile Crisis Response
- Civil Legal Aid
- Child Welfare
- Law Enforcement
- Family/Juvenile Courts

Resilience



Morbidity & Social Failure

Parallels to other Processes

But where are the connections?

Children's Behavioral Health Policy Lab

K-12

- Georgia
- Kansas
- Kentucky
- Maryland
- Missouri
- Pennsylvania
- Texas
- Utah
- Wisconsin

Child Welfare Behavioral Health Medicaid

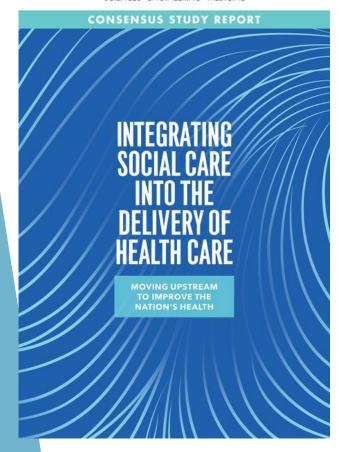
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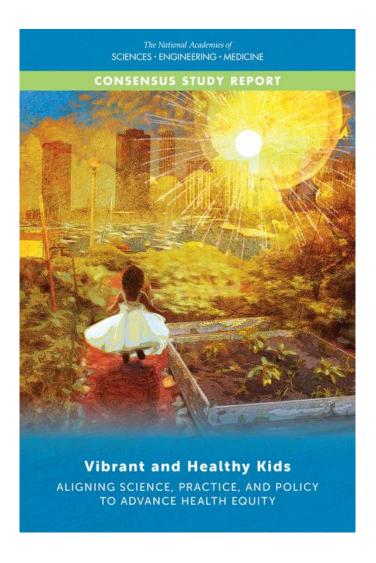
- Ohio
- New York
- Illinois
- North Carolina
- Connecticut
- New Jersey
- Oregon

Full-Service Community Schools/ Promise Neighborhoods

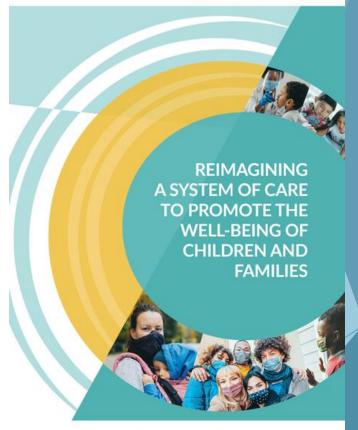
California investing \$4.4B in Children & Youth Behavioral Health Initiative & \$4.1B in California Community Schools Partnership Program

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Legal Issues: The InCK Experience

State Agencies were largely paralyzed by requests from their Medicaid agency for information sharing

- Child welfare involvement
- Free and reduced-price school meals
- ► WIC and SNAP enrollment
- ► Kindergarten readiness

Legal Issues: Policy Recommendations

- Need a new "minimum necessary" standard for a Community Record
- Need consistent interpretation of federal law across states (AGs)
- Need explicit "freeing" guidance and consultation such as California's SHIG at both federal and state level

Ethical Issues: The InCK Experience

Locally determined and guided by the Partnership Council

- # 1 Concern: Not making more trouble with justice and child welfare
- Consent for blanket sharing amongst partners vs.
 - ► Specific pre-defined circumstances
 - ► Case by case basis
- Consented information sharing is an important step toward equity
 - ► Removing burdensome repetitive processes
 - ▶ Preventing retraumatization
 - ► Improving effectiveness of services

Ethical Issues: Policy Recommendations

- ▶ Governance toolkit needed
- Consent-to-Share processes are essential
 - ► Arlington, VA
 - ► Western Colorado's Community Resource Network
- Additional guidance needed from the Office of Civil Rights
 - ► HIPAA centered guidance on disclosing PHI for social referrals not enough
 - Where can coordination cause more harm; for example by leading to CPS referrals or legal issues

Procurement of Information Systems

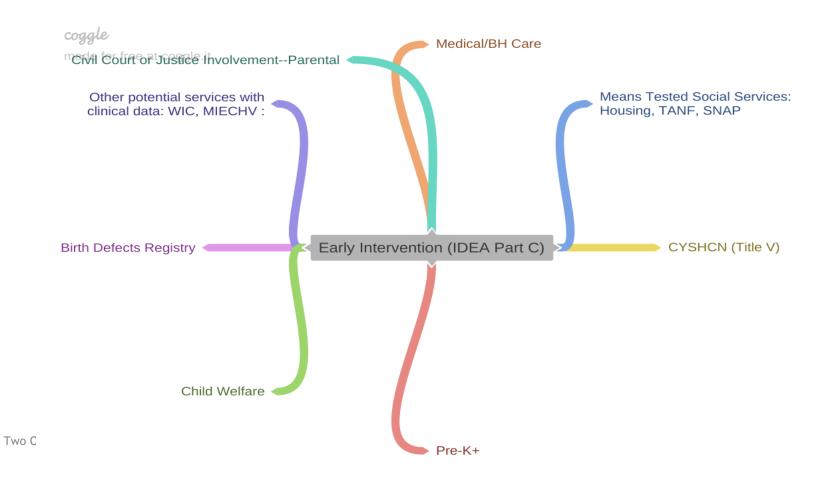
(Same principles apply to the funding of the services)

- Current health and social service systems built for essentially 2 purposes
 - ► Narrow workflow
 - Reporting up to county/state/federal funder
- ► Future systems need to be multipurpose & interoperable
 - Explicit multi-sector funding
 - Braiding and Blending
 - Cross Sector Governance: Data stewardship, ownership and usage

Information Systems Example: IDEA Part C (current)



Information Systems Example: IDEA Part C (future)



Data Standards: The InCK Experience

- CWIS
- Title V: MIECHV, CYSHCN
- ► CDC
- SAMHSA
- WIC & SNAP
- ► HUD
- Justice (NIEM)
- Education: Early Intervention, SISs (CEDS & EdFi)
- ► Medicine: HL7--v2 with FHIR emergent

Data Standards: Policy Recommendation

- Ensure ability to represent PEOPLE, FAMILIES, HOUSEHOLDS
- Rapidly support the new ONC role for all of HHS so that grant funded healthcare and ACF are included
- ► Fund, Staff and Convene cross agency working group: DOJ, USDA, HUD, DoEd etc.
 - ▶ Tie their work into procurement!

Sources of Inspiration and Guidance

- ▶ San Diego CIE/HIE
- ► Agency for Community Living and Community Care Hubs
- White House SDOH Playbook
- Medicaid waivers
 - ► NY
 - ► CA
 - ► NC
- ► HIEs
 - ► Bronx RHIO
 - Georgia HIN

Thank You

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Stewards of Change Resources

- Consent to Share: California's Opportunity to Modernize Cross-Sector Data Sharing (2023)
- ► <u>Modernizing Consent to Advance Health & Equity</u> (2021)
- Interoperability Insights: Demonstrating the Need and the Benefits of Connecting Health and Human Services (2020)