



Back To The Basics System of Care

History

Mental Health Systems Act

- Started in 1979 by the federal government to serve Seriously Emotionally Disturbed Children
 - A project for urban and reservation Native American organizations
 - The act was repealed by President Regan in 1981



CASSP

- Began in 1982 when the Children, Adolescents, Service System Program was given \$10 million federal dollars
- Funds were used to start programs and services in each State
- Training and Research Centers were initiated by Georgetown Univ. at Georgetown, Portland, and Florida



System of Care

- Was introduced in 1984 at the CASSP conference which had the primary responsibility to define its mission and values
- The seminal book “System of Care” came out of this conference



What is Important to Remember

- That the System of Care was about the beginning of a movement and changing the way services were delivered!!!



Family – Youth Movement

- Families moved the system from Child Centered Services
- To Family Focused, to Family Driven Services
- Today, it is the youth movement that is in the forefront of service delivery
- System of Care fostered the beginning of the:
 - Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health
 - Youth Move

Wraparound

- Today Wraparound is the primary service delivery process for the System of Care
- Now found in every state and many foreign countries.

