

Mental Health Transformation State Incentive Grant

Short Title: MHT SIG

Funding Agency: SAMHSA CMHS

Start Date: 09/30/2006 **End Date:** 09/29/2011

Award: \$2+ million per year over 5 years = Over \$10 million total

What is the objective of this grant?

To advance the vision and goals of the final report of the President's New Freedom Commission on Mental Health (refer to back of page) using the 19 recommendations as a guide. The first task for the State will be to develop a Comprehensive State Mental Health Plan to bring about mental health system transformation.

What would a Comprehensive State Mental Health Plan support?

What SAMHSA wants . . .	What we mean . . .
Increase availability of high-quality services	Get good services to everyone
Overcome existing system fragmentation	Get the system to work together
Increase flexibility of resource use	Find ways to spend money so that the system and services work, not just to meet "rules"
Have state and local levels of government be more accountable, not just to the Federal funding agencies, but to consumers and families	Get the government to answer to ALL of the stakeholders, not just the big money
Expand the options and the array of services and supports	Offer more services and supports

How will we develop a Comprehensive Mental Health Plan?

SAMHSA requires that states set up a Mental Health Transformation Working Group which is convened by the Governor. This group shall guide the process of developing a Comprehensive State Mental Health Plan and implementing it. The Working Group's first tasks are to complete a statewide mental health inventory of resources and a statewide mental health needs assessment. In other words, the Working Group will oversee staff to go into the community and find out what we already have and determine what is needed.

What can we do with the money? NO DIRECT SERVICES!

What SAMHSA allows . . .	What we mean . . .
Needs and resource assessment	Find out what we need; find out what we have
Strategic planning	Plan to get where we want to be
Policy formulation and implementation	Change rules that get in the way
Development or expansion of provider, consumer, and family networks	Empower and grow projects
Expand the options and the array of services and supports	Get funds for the necessary services and supports