

MI Kids Now Loan Repayment:

- MKN LRP contracts started on 11/1 with a total of 144 contracts for priority groups 1 and 2 including those working at CMHs and Public Schools. Executed \$3,435,000 worth of contractual agreements for the 144 program grantees.
- Began screening and intake process for final batch of MI Kids Now Loan Repayment applications from the 2022 Application Cycle conducting application reviews for remaining 250 applicants. This includes applicants from priority groups 3 and 4 (nonprofit child serving agency, nonprofit adult serving agency).
- Began preparation for upcoming 2023 MKN Application Cycle, which will launch in the spring.

MI Kids Now Internship Stipend Program:

- In the process of developing a program which will increase the availability of behavioral health professionals within the State of Michigan by providing internship stipends to students who are in the process of obtaining behavioral health credentials from accredited programs and completing internships at approved sites within the state. This program is anticipated to begin by October of 2023.

Intensive Crisis Stabilization Services for Children

- MDHHS launched the first cohort of grantees for the MI Kids Now Mobile Response for Children grant on January 1, 2023. MDHHS also convened a Learning Community in January will be a structured space for sharing knowledge with current and future grantees, as well as MDHHS staff and expert partners. Participants will be able to connect with peers on challenges and successes, receive and provide feedback, and share metrics and outcomes. MDHHS will host scheduled monthly calls that highlight a particular topic or area of focus. Topics will be informed by grantee feedback.
- MDHHS will use the results of the grant and the lessons learned through the Learning Collaborative to amend Medicaid policy and contracts and update certification criteria for Intensive Crisis Stabilization Services for Children.

Child Mental Health Professional Memo

- MDHHS issued a memo last January to provide PIHPs with temporary flexibility to hire individuals as Child Mental Health Providers (CMHP) even if the individual does not possess the requisite year of experience. This temporary flexibility lapsed on December 31, 2022.
- PIHPs will not be able to waive the experience requirement for individuals who are hired after December 31, 2022, and the department expects the PIHPs to work towards bringing their provider networks into compliance with provider qualification requirements by the end of 2023.

- MDHHS also expects the PIHPs and contracted providers to examine whether individuals who were hired as CMHPs in 2022 have the necessary experience based upon (1) experience gained over the past year and (2) internships and fieldwork that the individual may have undertaken during graduate training. Evidence of specialized training would include fieldwork and/or internships associated with the academic curriculum where the student works directly with individuals with Severe Emotional Disturbance or Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities as part of that experience. The time spent in fieldwork or internship can be counted toward the one-year experience requirement and must be documented by the student's supervisor or the program's coordinator for fieldwork/internships.

Provider Recertification

- MDHHS is required to certify five types of providers for delivery of Medicaid-funded specialty behavioral health services: Home-Based Services, Intensive Crisis Stabilization Services for Children, Wraparound, Children's Therapeutic Foster Care, and Crisis Residential Services.
- MDHHS will commence the next round of recertifications for Home-Based Services providers in April 2023. MDHHS will also transition the certification process to the new Customer Relationship Management system as part of this round of recertifications. MDHHS will be issuing a memo shortly to provide guidance to the PIHPs and CMHSPs on the recertification process for Home-Based Services and the related round of upcoming trainings.

MichiCANS Implementation Interagency Team:

- What is the MichiCANS?
 - The MichiCANS is a comprehensive strengths-based, information integration tool with the purpose of conveying the story of the child/youth and family and supporting the communication of the child, youth and families needs, strengths, and goals across different child serving systems.
- The MichiCANS will support:
 - Statewide utilization of the Michigan Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (MichiCANS) tool to ensure the same tool is being used for eligibility decision support and service planning throughout the State.
 - This tool will be used at identified decision and access points to ensure all PIHPs and CMHs are utilizing equivalent screening, assessment, and eligibility criteria.
- The MichiCANS will:
 - Includes youth with Serious Emotional Disturbances and Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
 - Can be used up to age 21.
 - Supports cross system understanding and collaboration.
 - Elevates strengths and needs for planning.
 - May help with early identification of health needs for youth and families and support crisis prevention.

MI Kids Now Community Reintegration Process:

- This work has an emphasis on the child welfare population, and is tasked creating and proposing initiatives that would support children and youth with a higher level of care in transitioning successfully to the community with needed services and supports.
- There is currently a proposed initiative that would allow for the development and support of a group of highly trained and supported community reintegration foster homes, more to come on this soon.
- This group is also looking at family finding initiatives as well as quality after care services.

MI KIDS Now Community Treatment and Placement Team

- This work has an emphasis on the child welfare population and is tasked creating and proposing initiatives that would support children and youth with a higher level of care to remain home and in community with needed services and supports.
- There is a proposal approved to support Enhanced Treatment Foster Care for children involved in child welfare and Children's Therapeutic Foster Care which is an SEDW covered Medicaid service.