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ABSTRACT:
The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services is demonstrating that Systems of Care principles, traditionally seen in the context of service delivery for children with behavioral health needs, can be successfully applied to a child welfare setting. This approach is helping to address issues such as a limited array of services, inconsistent partnering with families served, lack of coordination and collaboration between service providers, and failure to engage community supports. Using Systems of Care principles, the three departments of social services respond to reports of child abuse, neglect, or dependency. The DSS engages the family using family-centered practice in assessing the family around child safety issues and in developing a services agreement through a team meeting that includes the family, community agency partners, and others involved with the family. In-home services are redesigned to enhance the strengths of families and address their needs in neighborhood, home-based, and community settings. As a result of the project, the three counties will build an infrastructure to support families, work collaboratively with community organizations, and engage families in planning for supports for their own families, and in participating as partners in community collaborative groups. Findings from the project will be used in the development of statewide services.

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