



Webcast- Video Conference Update:

During May and June of 2009 the Youth and Family Training Institute sponsored a Webcast-Video Conference Series. The series of 6 topics, listed below, were selected by the conference planning committee that consisted of family members, youth and professionals. The topics and presenters were selected based on content, interest to the audience and needs within the various fields of practice.

Each broadcast was held live and down linked to various sites around the state. The broadcast have also been taped and are available to view at any time at the following Site:

Go to <http://www.wpic.pitt.edu/oerp/> then, under "What's New", on the YFTI Webcast Archives, click on "click here to watch", then on the webcast of your choice.

You may also contact YFTI for a DVD version of the webcast by emailing Michael Bricker at brickerma@upmc.edu.

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The following information captures the amount of hits the website has had for each webcast. (Please note that we currently have no way to capture how many are viewing the actual webcast)

- Reactive Attachment Disorder: Diagnosis, Treatment, Parenting and Evidences Based Practices (A029) –991
- Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders: Current Practices (A030)—320
- Integrating Family Members as Family Support in a Professional Environment (A031)—417
- Ethical and Legal Issues in Every day's Children's Mental Health Practice (A032)—322
- Suicide Prevention in a Primary Care Setting (A033)--350
- Suicide Prevention in Schools: Best Practices and Questionable Practices (A034)—223

A variety of credits were offered for each of the webcasts. The following information reflects that the number of people who have obtained credits since the video – webcast series has begun:

- Reactive Attachment Disorder – 11
- Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders – 1
- Integrating Family Members as Staff – 4
- Ethical and Legal Issues in Children's Mental Health – 26
- Suicide Prevention in Primary Care – 10
- Suicide Prevention in Schools - 7

Question 1– Recruitment of Transition Age Youth

Youth with BH *and* Cross-System Issues

Youth want to give back by helping others

Application process (is it “friendly?”)

Community Treatment Teams (CTT) identified potential applicants (↓crisis issues)

Nominated by county

Recommended by a friend

Transition Age Conference(s)

Youth Conference(s)

County MH/MR offices

United Way

**Drop in Centers

Provider referrals

Schools – Special education
 Guidance counselors
 Student assistance

Faith-based org's

Neighborhood/Community Centers

Probation Officers

Independent Living Programs

Child Welfare

Stipends & expenses paid

PA Families Inc.

Advocacy Alliance

Colleges/Universities – community service/learning credits

YFI Advisory Board Discussion w/ CAC Representatives 8/12/2009

Issues Raised:

Age, aging out ...

Transportation

Coming out of placements, when representing for example "youth in Child Welfare sys;

Question 2 – **Curriculum/Training Needs**

On-line courses (be aware of style of learning) – Webinar's

Peer Specialist Training, geared toward youth/young adults

User friendly training

Work together to develop trainings – based on objectives and needs (relevance)

Fun

P.E.A.K. (MHA Training – Parent Education A.... Knowledge)

Research existing curriculums

Youth and Parents as Co-Trainers

Mentoring Program for youth reps

Progressive mentoring

Role of leadership – define and provide training.