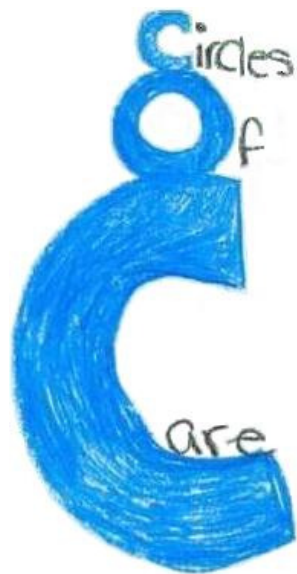


# The Invisible Pain

Assessing the Mental Health Needs of Southeastern Connecticut Native American Youth Ages 0-25: MPTN Circles of Care Project



March 25, 2010

# Circles of Care Grant





# What is Circles of Care?

- 3 year Native American planning grant (October 2008-October 2011)
- Identify gaps in our current system of mental health services for SEBD (Severe Emotional Behavioral Disturbance) children

# Circles of Care SEBD Definition

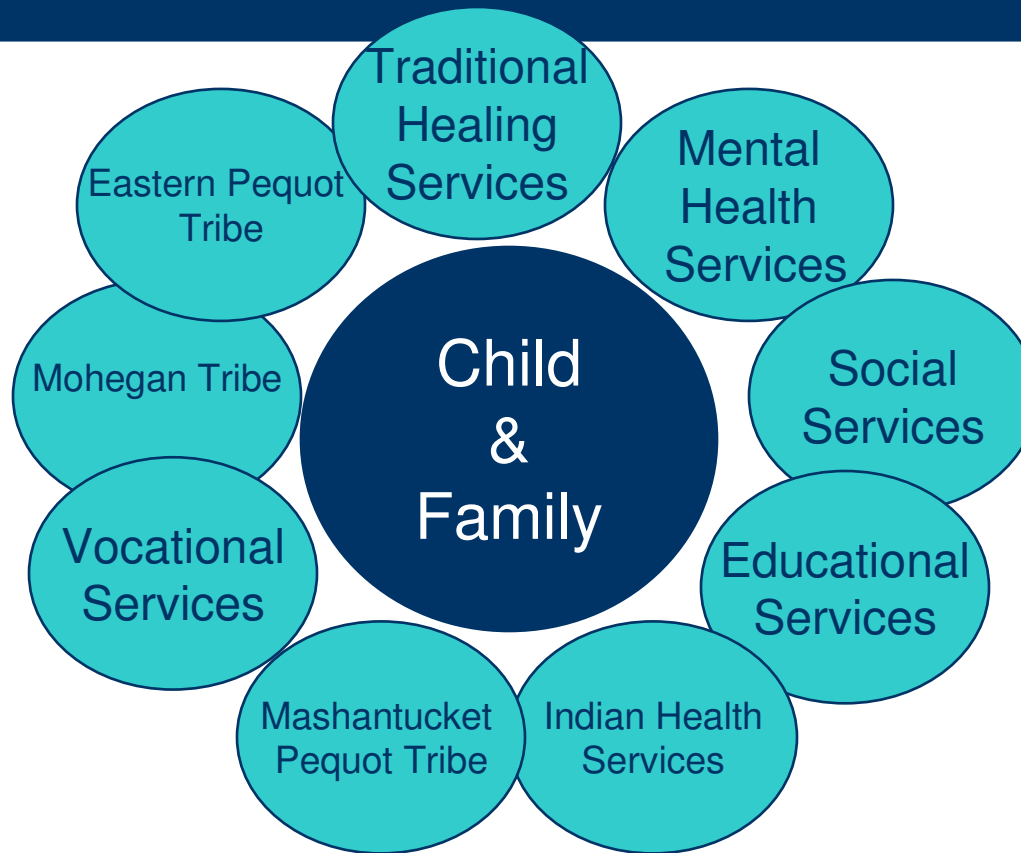


*A child and family in need of holistic balance and healing of the spirit to overcome life's challenges*

## What is Circles of Care (cont.)?

- Establish a culturally appropriate service model for our youth and their families
- One coordinated effort to meet the youth's mental health needs

# Mental Healthcare Framework



# Who will do the work?

- Native American Advisory Board:
  - Decision-making body comprised of Tribal stakeholders
- Youth Advisory Board:
  - Subcommittee of NAAB to engage youth
- Steering Committee:
  - Non decision making body comprised of Tribal and community stakeholders

# Champion Our Project

## Who?

Educators, school officials, pediatricians, mental health providers, traditional healers, community members

## How?

Attend events, participate in needs assessment, help develop our service system model

## When?

Starting now through 2012

# Youth Involvement

- Youth involvement at Grantee Meetings
- Youth Subcommittee
- Important to include youth voice



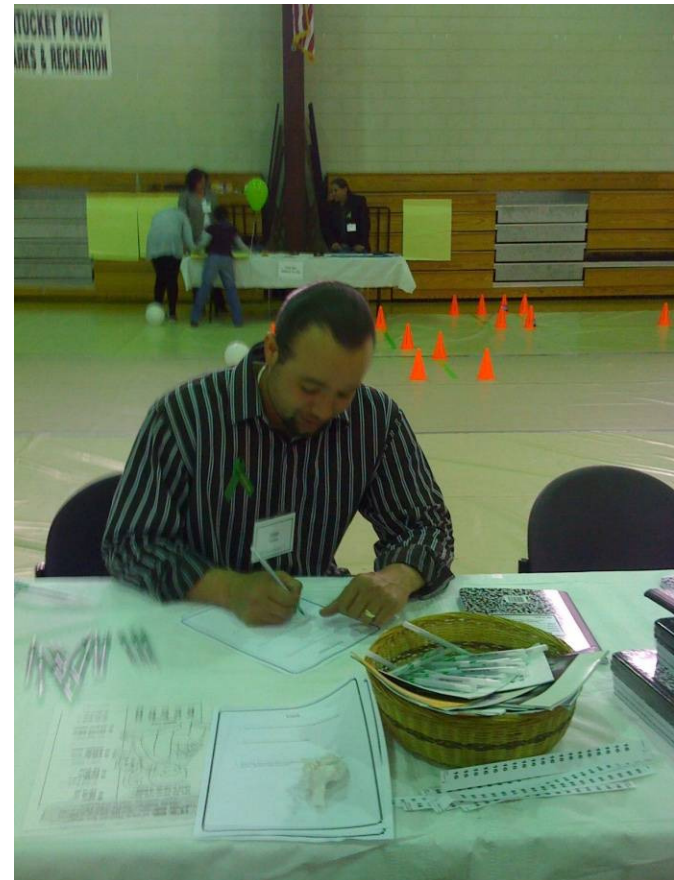
# Tribal Elder Involvement



- Native American Advisory Board
- Grantee Meeting Attendance
- Talking Circles
- Mental Health Awareness Day

# Community/Parent Involvement

- Native American Advisory Board
- Trained Facilitator
- Growing community support for Circles of Care project



# Provider Involvement



- Steering Committee
- Important to create System of Care
- More provider involvement



## Questions and Comments

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