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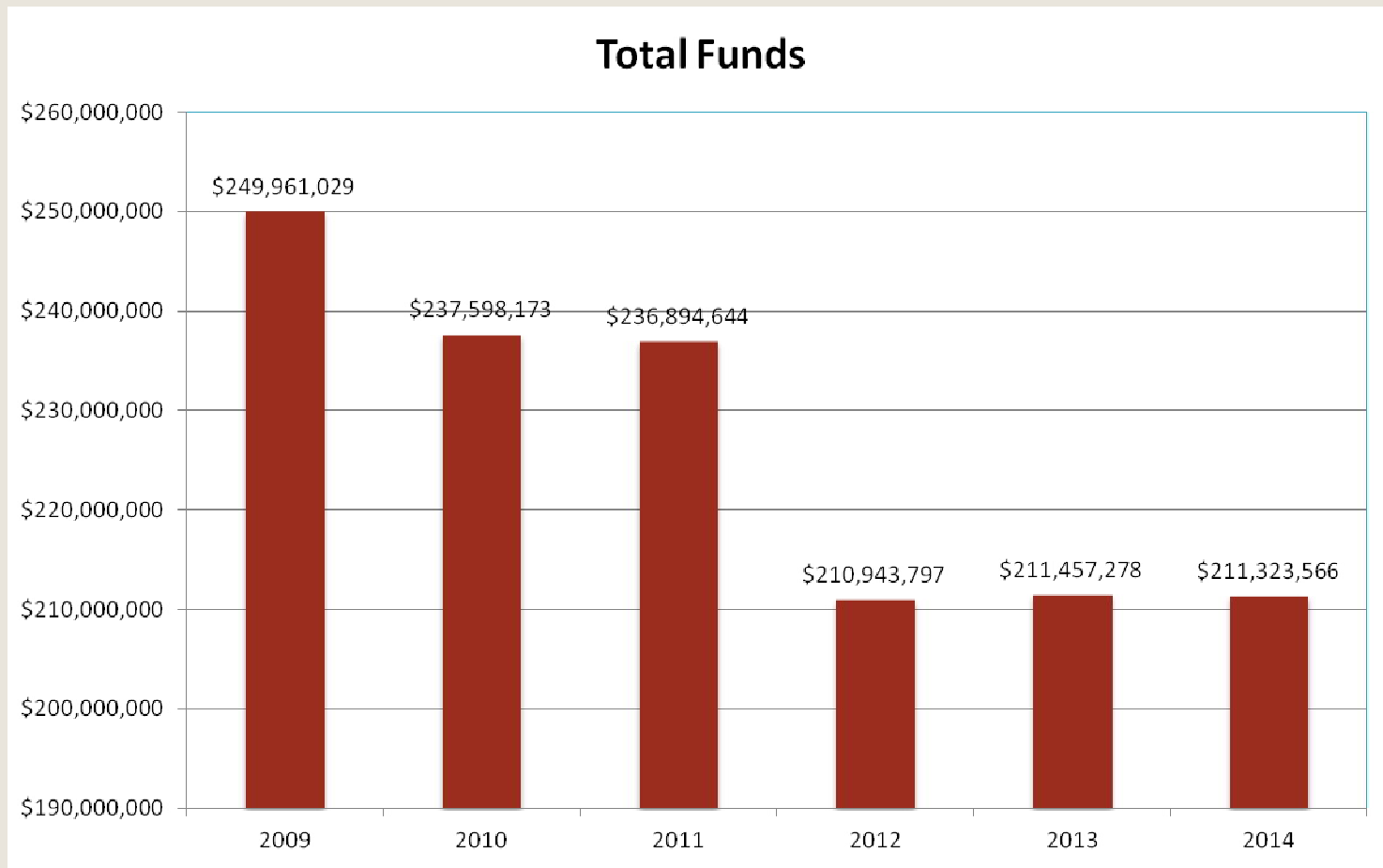
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Agenda

- DCYF Budget
- The Impact on Children
- Case Study
- Evidence-Based Practices
- Recommendations for the Future of the System

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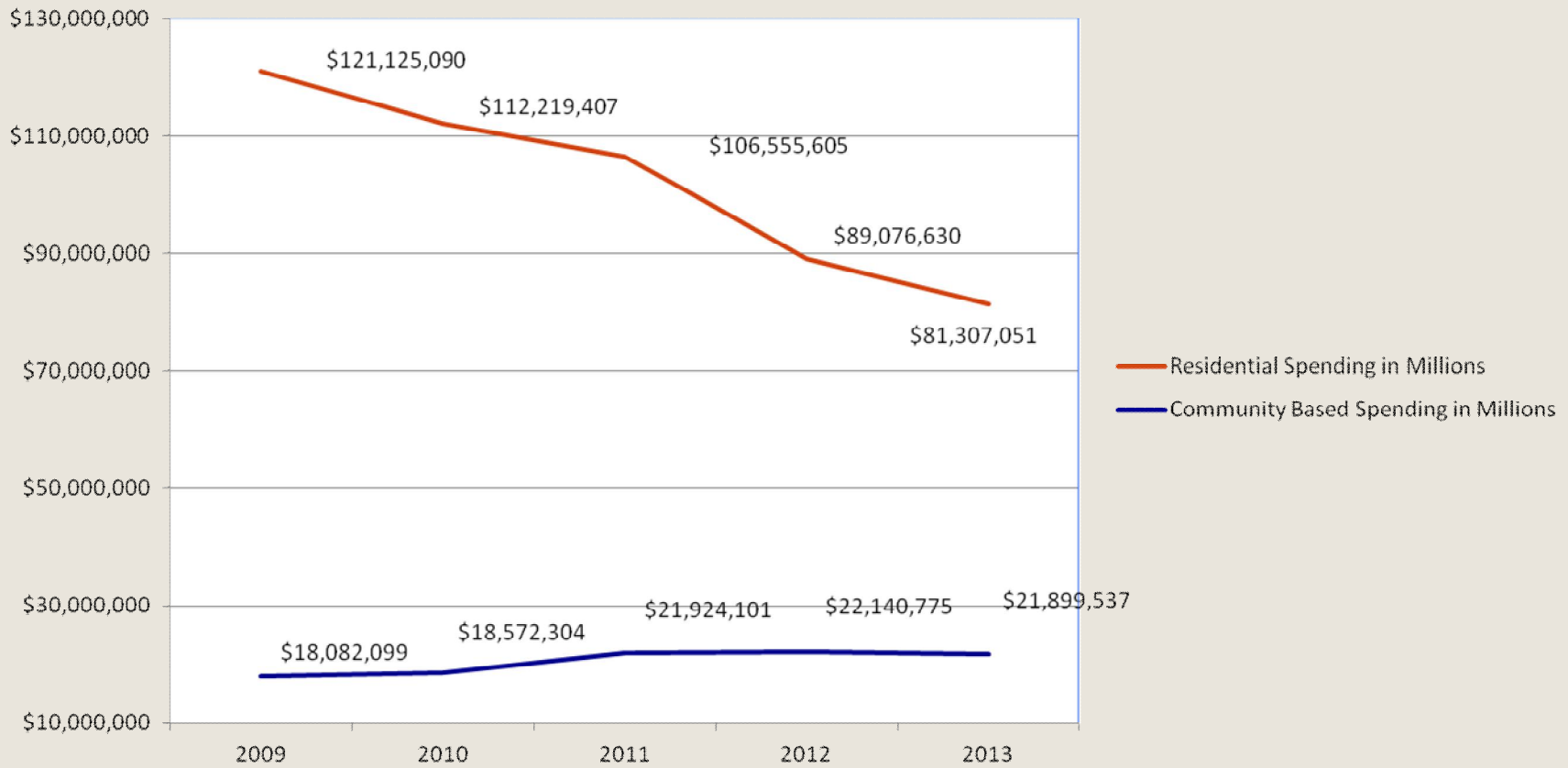
DCYF Budget



Source = RI DCYF

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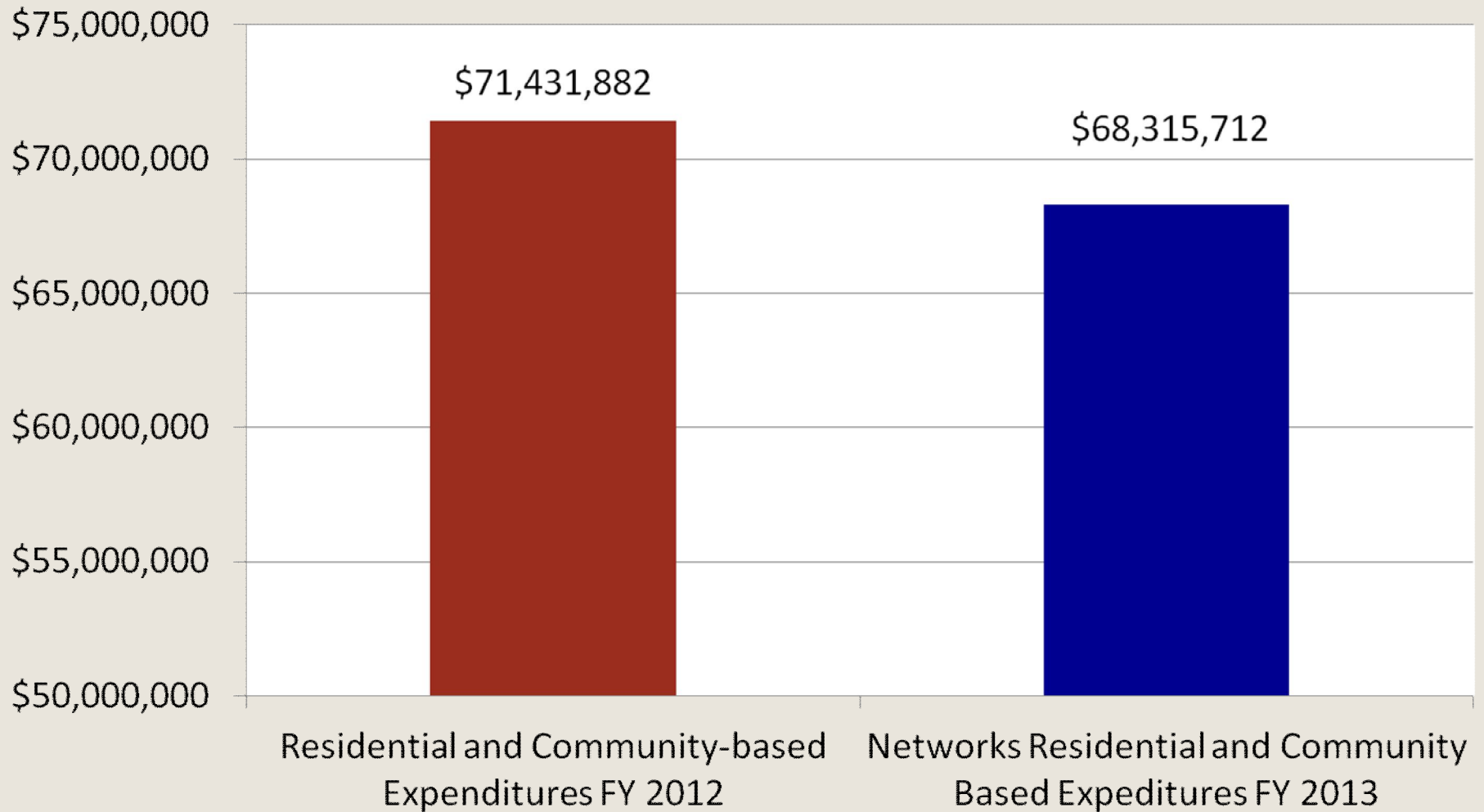
Residential Services Spending



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Residential and Community Expenditures



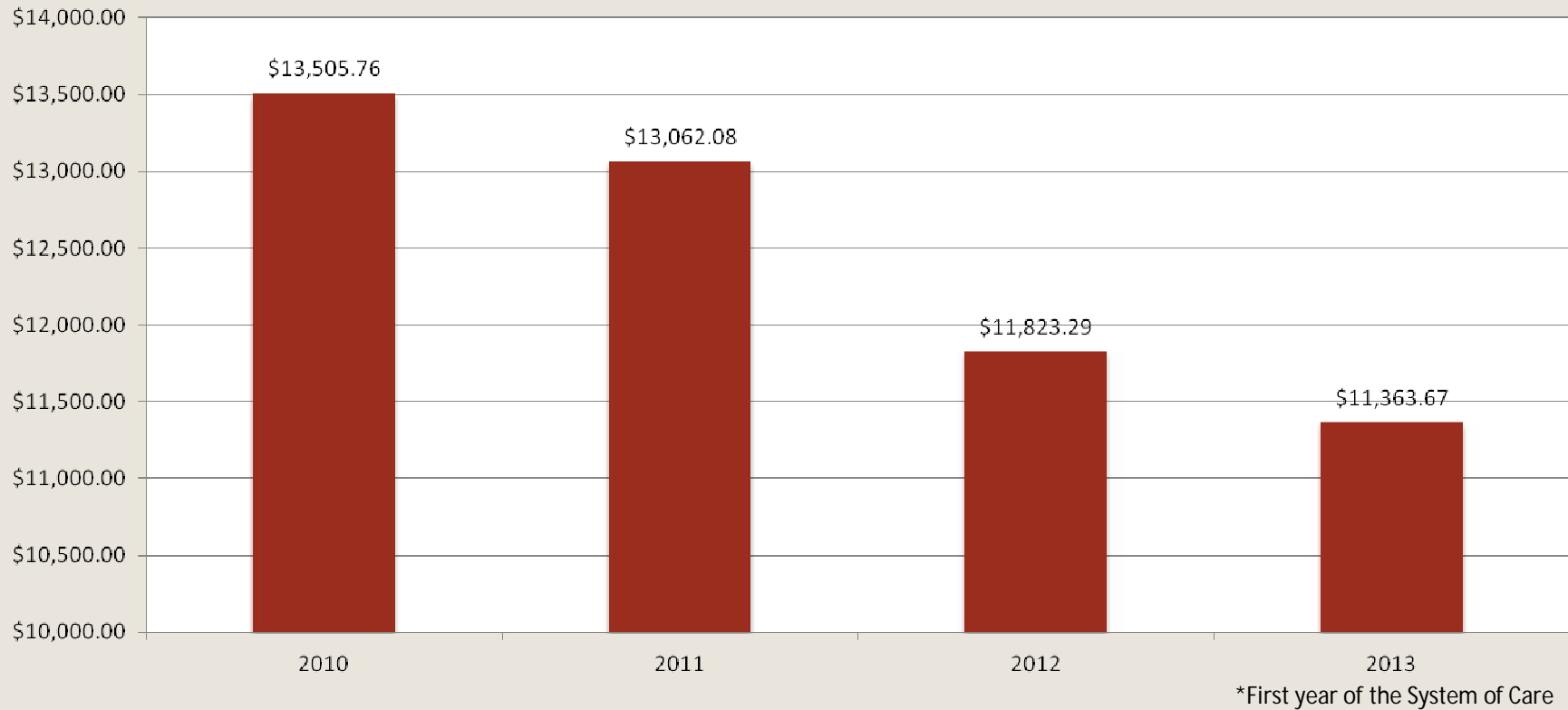
*Includes Supplemental Spending

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Decreases in Annual Costs Per Youth

Average Cost Per Youth



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Foster Care: The Front Line

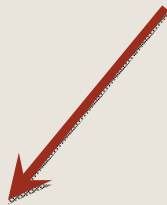
- In the struggle to protect vulnerable children like these siblings, foster care is really the front line.
- We need to develop a foster parent recruitment system made up of public and private partners. With a coordinated effort to expand our pool of available foster parents, we would be able to respond to cases like these siblings' quickly and effectively. DCYF has received a Federal Diligent Recruitment grant, but they cannot tackle this issue alone.

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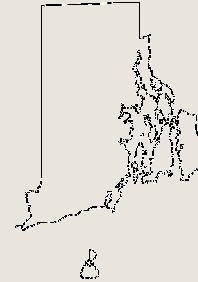
Foster Care: The Front Line



\$26.93



Average Daily Reimbursement
Rate for **Connecticut** Foster
Parents



\$14.39



Average Daily Reimbursement
Rate for **Rhode Island** Foster
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Sibling-Set Placements

- *When we split up foster children from their brothers and sisters, we are taking away the only connection they still have to the people they love.*

- National Center for Youth Law

- Efforts should be made to increase the number of sibling-set foster homes. This will lead to better overall outcomes and avoid unnecessary suffering.
- Increasing sibling-set placement capacity will reduce the number of cases that progress further into the System.

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Out-of-State Placements

- The State of Rhode Island does not have specialized, evidence-based residential programs that focus on the challenges that some of our youth present.
- There is an opportunity for an out-of-state project team to develop prescriptive plans to safely bring individual youths back to Rhode Island and make recommendations for program development.

Just because the evidence-based program is in Rhode Island doesn't mean it will cost less.

- Evidence-based practitioner

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Budget Reductions to Residential and TFC Services

There is a need for a system that sets and manages provider rates to match the service needs of RI children and families.

Across-the-board budget cuts to Residential Treatment and Therapeutic Foster Care Services

- July 2009
- July 2011
- February 2012.

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New Evidence-Based Services

- Parenting with Love and Limits (PLL)
- Strengthening Families
- Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT)
- Alternatives for Families – Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (AF-CBT)
- Common Sense Parenting
- Trauma Systems Treatment
- Groden Center LINKS (Family Preservation Program for children with ASD)
- Teen Assertive Community Treatment (TACT)
- Positive Parenting Program (PPP)
- Family Centered Treatment (FCT)

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Positive Indicators and What We Have Learned

- 82% of children from families receiving community based services remain at home
- Decrease in length of stay for children in emergency shelters
- Children who are receiving Wraparound care have a greater permanency rate
- Successful grant writing efforts by DCYF bring in millions of federal dollars for diligent recruitment Adoption and Trauma Services.
- Based on discharge data, congregate care is not meeting the needs of many children who do not achieve permanency or transition to a less restrictive setting.

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Recommendations

- Budget and Finance
- Data and IT
- Planning and Evaluation
- Practice and Workforce Development
- Inclusion and Collaboration

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Budget and Finance Model

Financing a comprehensive system of care for children, adolescents, and their families is one of the most complex aspects of system reform.

*- Toward an Organized System of Care for Rhode Island's Children, Youth and Families
January 2003*

- Cost Reporting and Rate-Setting System
- Braided Funding
- Insurance and HealthSource RI
- Sustainable Funding Model
- Systematic Review and Revision

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Statewide Data and IT Capacity Building

- Statewide Software and Infrastructure
- Research other states
- Data Sharing and Transparency
- Tools for shared analytical capacity
- Tools for the front-line workers and front-line service providers
- Real-time Data

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Statewide Planning and Evaluation

- Review of utility and effectiveness of current consultants
- Data collection capacity
- Analysis capacity
- Project management capacity to implement new strategies and services

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Practice and Workforce Development

- Research capacity on best practices to match current resource needs in RI. (i.e. Muskie Institute at University of Maine, Orono, Child Welfare Institute at University of Illinois-Champaign)
- Increased opportunities for cross-training for DCYF employees and providers
- Increased opportunities for evidence-based practices training

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Shared Vision

Stakeholders share a set of values and beliefs that guide the development of a true System of Care

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