

# IDENTIFYING YOUR CORE LEADERSHIP TEAM

Creating a comprehensive strategic plan is dependent upon creating a core group or leadership team that comes from various constituencies that are committed to and interested in system of care expansion efforts. As you think of your community, consider leaders from a wide range of constituencies. Sheila Pires (2010) suggests that we identify leaders who are committed, capable, credible, and committed.

Although not exhaustive, the following constituencies would provide a good starting point to build your core leadership team:

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Constituency	Name	Contact Information
Children’s Mental Health Provider (Administrator)		
Children’s Mental Health Provider (Program Staff)		
Child welfare		
City/county official		
Community-based organization/local non-profit		
County health and human services		
Juvenile justice		
Parents/family members (at least two, but preferably more)		
Young people who have received services (at least two, but preferably more)		
Education representative (school district)		
Advocate for children’s mental health		
Faith-based organization		
Other:		