The Mental Health Agency Research Network (MHARN): Developing a statewide network for knowledge sharing, technical assistance & collaborative research

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Comments
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**MHARN Objectives**
- Disseminate information about evidence-based practices and DMH system priorities
- Engage academics, DMH personnel, and community agencies in a dialogue about research & evaluation
- Engage technical assistance and organizational change strategies to implement evidence-based practices in local needs and circumstances

**MHARN Goals**
- Increase awareness about evidence-based practices and programs
- Improve translation of knowledge about evidence-based practice into changes in practitioner behavior and benefits to consumers
- Improve the relevance of research to DMH, providers, consumers and family members by conducting research in DMH settings

**MHARN Structure**

**Research**
- Active partners in collaborative research & grant-writing

**Engagement**
- Knowledge translation, implementing evidence-based practice, organizational change

**Dissemination**
- Large, demonstrable network of information seeking providers/consumers

**Bidirectional Work**
- Improving research in practice settings
- Partner with DMH and community agencies in grant writing and conducting research in practice settings

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