**Goal of the Grant:** to improve behavioral health outcomes for children and youth (birth through age 21) who meet criteria for SED and their families and who have child welfare involvement. For this project, child welfare-involved families are those for whom a child abuse and/or neglect investigation results in a substantiation or services-needed finding.

**Purpose of the GMIT:** interagency team responsible for management of the grant, oversight of state and local implementation activities, and ongoing communication with the system of care governing bodies.

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| Attendees |
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| 1. **Holding Hope for Families- Dyzz Cooper & Amanda Metcalf** | | |
| Sharing from lived experience with the child welfare system from a youth and  family perspective to get a better understanding of how youth and families feel while involved in the child welfare system to better understand how to help and support those involved.  Dyzz and Amanda gave tips and advice for how to support a  youth/family through the following stages of child welfare involvement:  Stage 1: Confusion  Stage 2: Anger  Stage 3: Feelings of Ambivalence  After Child Welfare Services:   * 20% of youth who were in foster care that will become instantly become * homeless when they age out * There is less than a 3% chance of a child who ages out of foster care * achieving higher education * Only 1 out of 2 older youth will have employment by the age of 24   How we can make it better:   * Help build supportive relationships and connections * Teach money management * Assist with finding and maintaining employment * Help with securing housing   Holding Hope for Families:   * Hold hope for families who can’t see hope for themselves * Offer information, training, resources, and services that could support a family in reunification | | |
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| 1. **Panel Discussion** | | |
| Kelly and Amanda facilitated a panel discussion with youth and parents with experience in the child welfare system  Panelists shared barriers to accessing services and responded to how the RGMIT can help those in need:   * Hearing the family/prompting questions * Focusing on strengths and goals * No one is expecting to be in the system * System lacking engagement * Training on how to listen to someone’s story to collect information, change in thinking, one person at a time   RGMIT members shared in the discussion:   * greatest benefit would be putting peer support at entry into DCBS services * listen to hear not to respond   Panelists described ways RGMIT can get information out about services:   * ‘Attitude of gratitude’ and approach others for help * Dr. offices * Radio commercials * Facebook/social media platforms | | |
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**NEXT MEETING**: **March 21, 2022, 1 p.m. EST. ZOOM format**.

**SOC Website**: [Kentucky System of Care V – Improving Outcomes for Children, Youth, and YoungAdults with Mental Health Challenges and their Families (hdiuky.net)](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__socv.hdiuky.net_&d=DwMF-g&c=jvUANN7rYqzaQJvTqI-69lgi41yDEZ3CXTgIEaHlx7c&r=vvdmQRqAiuDcGaPiU7F_XLazHk28PX23BPOJTCMBmeg&m=fH4FapPknOPJXNWyToXVHIflnd3tAQ4AMBaUAshD2-U&s=1GgSvgR-o0dUEsMiwWTPb7MdQFGknVmua3SCSqCSlcY&e=)