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The Work of SAMHSA's Statewide Family Networks in the Lives of Children with SED and their Families

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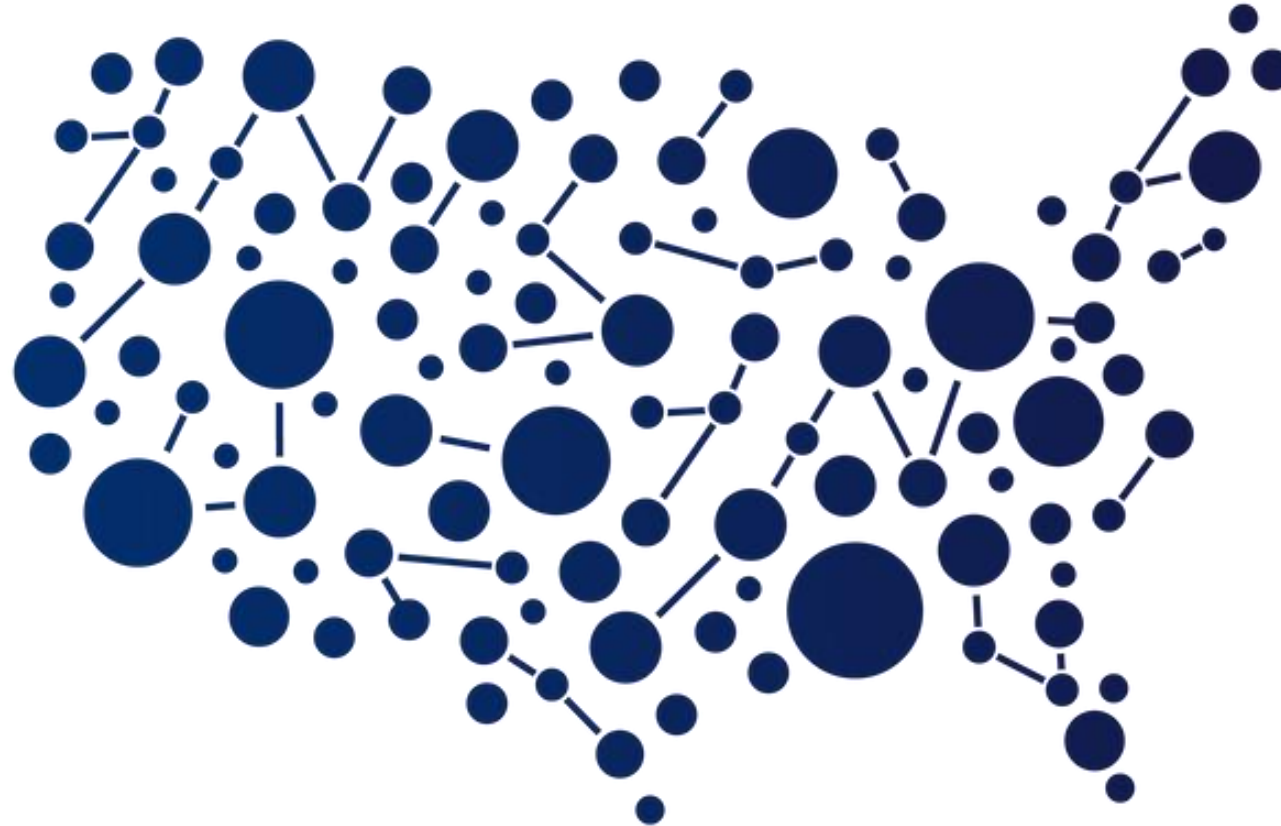
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Learning Objectives

1. To learn about the history of Statewide Family Networks (SFN)s
2. To understand the role SFNs play in the behavioral health systems in their states
3. To share the challenges and lessons learned as Statewide Family Networks have evolved
4. To hear about the core components of effective Statewide Family Networks



An Introduction to Statewide Family Networks by Liz Sweet



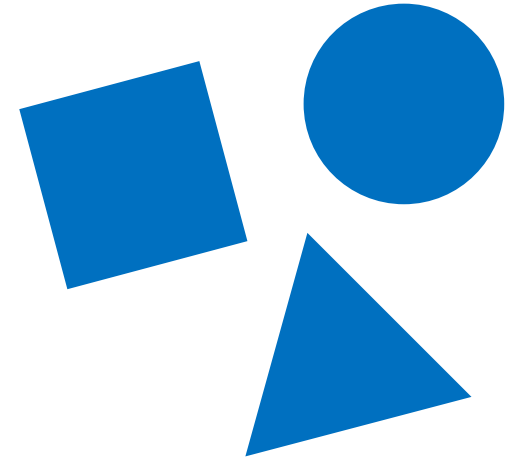
Statewide Family Network Grants History

- The Statewide Family Networks started with 5 grantees for \$20,000 and grew to 46 states being funded and currently there are 29 grantees receiving \$95,000 a year for three years.



Statewide Family Network (SFN) Basics

- SFN funding began in 1988.
- They began because the federal government recognized the need for family voice in policy development.
- The role of the SFNs is to provide:
 - information, education, and support to families who have children with mental health issues and part of the work of providing information is to inform and educate policy makers concerning the needs of families raising children with mental health needs.
- The SFN grant cycle is 3 years.



Statewide Family Network Grant Requirements

Requirements include:

- The grantee must be an independent 501-c-3, NOT functioning under an umbrella organization.
- 51% of the organizations board of directors **MUST** be made up of family members who are **CURRENTLY** raising a child with a serious emotional disorder.
- The grantee in their application must sign a certificate as to the validity of points A and B.



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