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I. PURPOSE

To define and establish policy and procedure for the delivery of integrated services to adult consumers with mental illness and/or substance use disorders who are parents of minor aged children.

II. APPLICATION

Adult consumers with mental illness and/or substance use disorders who are parents of minor aged children.

III. DEFINITIONS

Integrated Services Plan: Procedures in the treatment plan of a parent consumer that address the mental health and substance use issues of the consumer's minor aged children.

Family: An adult consumer and his/her minor aged children.

Community Resources: Human service organizations, support groups, religious organizations, educational institutions, and other groups which provide a variety of formal and informal supports to community members.

IV. POLICY

It is the policy of CMHOC to address the parenting needs of adult CMH consumers with mental illness and/or substance use disorders and the mental health and substance use related needs of their children in an integrated and seamless fashion.

V. PROCEDURE

1. At the time of the initial assessment and treatment planning, the adult consumer will be queried regarding his/her minor children and the family's need for community resources.

2. Dependent upon the consumer's identified family/community resource needs, the clinician/case manager/supports coordinator may:

- a. Provide consumer with information about community resources for families via websites, brochures, fact sheets, phone numbers, etc.
- b. Using Person-Centered Planning, assist the consumer in developing an integrated plan of service which encompasses:
 - i. Treatment needs of the parent/consumer

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- ii. The basic needs of the family (e.g., brochures, referrals to agencies and organizations for food, shelter, and medical care)
- iii. The family and social support needs of the parents and children (e.g., referrals to agencies and organizations, such as parenting classes, Alanon/Alateen)
- iv. The individual mental health needs of the children (e.g., referral to appropriate mental health services or-CMHOC Family Services, brochures, books from the lending library). The child who is receiving services at CMHOC will have a separate medical record.
- c. Create a crisis plan which addresses how the needs of the children will be met during episodes of acute illness when the parent is unable to meet the children's basic needs or to provide for their safety.
- 3. The clinician/case manager/supports coordinator will assist consumers and their minor aged children in accessing needed supports, services and learning opportunities both within CMHOC and in the community, as outlined in Procedure #2.

VI. ATTACHMENT

Not Applicable.

VII. REFERENCE

Integrated Services for Children of Adults with Mental Illness, FY 1997-98 and 1998-99 CMHOC Psychosocial Assessment.