

## Co-Occurring Disorders Treatment



### INVOLVING COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS...

*“The system of care operates in partnership with consumers, family members, and concerned significant others, and a continuous effort is made to involve the individual and the family at the system, program, and individual levels.”*

- LITS Principle 9

## Louisiana Integrated Treatment Services

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### Community Networking Groups



### Local Community Stakeholders...

Providing a unique perspective to state and local agencies on improved treatment services for people with co-occurring substance abuse & mental health disorders

## LITS Community Networking Groups (CNG) for Co-Occurring Disorders Capable Treatment

### What is a Community Networking Group?

A Community Networking Group (CNG) is a locally-formed entity that cooperates with the statewide initiative for Louisiana Integrated Treatment Services (LITS) under the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals. **The overall mission of LITS is to improve treatment services for persons with co-occurring substance abuse and mental disorders, at the state and local level.** CNGs work to identify community needs and strengths, provide ongoing input to local LITS adaptation process, and advocate for those needs on a state level.



### What issues do CNGs explore?

CNGs explore any issues related to services for people with **co-occurring disorders**, such as:

- \*Treatment Agency Philosophy*
- \*Management Structure*
- \*Access*
- \*Screening & Assessment*
- \*Treatment Planning*
- \*Treatment Programming*
- \*Professional Relationships*
- \*Program Policies*
- \*Psychiatric Services*
- \*Discharge Planning*
- \*Staff Competency*
- \*Family Involvement*

### How does a CNG influence treatment services?

CNGs are part of the statewide advocacy network for LITS, providing a unique perspective on treatment design and delivery. Input collected from each CNG will be channeled to local Steering Committees (agency management) across the state, helping to shape the way your local service delivery system works. Steering Committees are charged with making changes in the local systems, and consideration will be given to CNG concerns and ideas throughout the change process.

### Who should join a CNG?

A CNG is comprised of clients, consumers, family members, advocates, and other community stakeholders involved in the LITS initiative to improve services for people with co-occurring disorders.

**If you have a stake in issues surrounding co-occurring disorders treatment services and you would like to share your input and contribute to the change process, then the CNG is for you.**

***To find out about a CNG meeting in your area...***

*Contact your local LITS partners (listed on the back of this brochure).*