STRATEGY: III: Improve early detection, screening, intervention & prevention

Ways that coalition members can support the implementation of this strategy's objectives:

- Determine well-researched screening instruments & processes (is it validated?)
  (across lifespan: certain ages)
- Engage providers to meet the needs of the populations they serve
- Develop comprehensive list of resources
- Identify infrastructure needed for training assistance
- Source of clear pathway for referral
- Way/Process of follow-up by individual protocols

What challenges exist specific to the implementation of this strategy's objectives:

- Competition of existing tools (have to be sensitive to those using the tool)
- Various 1st/2nd/3rd level interventionists need different training
- Who consents for kids in various settings to screenings
- Cost (who pays for it)? / Capacity problems / Reimbursement
- Time / commitment
- Stigma: Raises many red flags b/c of sensitivity of information

Ways the above challenges can be addressed or overcome, (this can – and probably should – overlap to some degree with the first query):

- Much more comprehensive forum on issue
- Who are knowledgeable in area to develop a coordinated plan (maybe diff. age groups specialists)
- Prepare our system to handle the volume
- Create a system of different levels of screening
- The roll/the scope
- Pathways to support various providers
- Focus groups that target various age groups w/ mental health professionals present

- Anticipatory guidelines across lifespan
- Bring providers & mental health communities together to overcome apprehension of providers that aren't...
- Taking established recommendations & facilitating meetings w/ insurers in state.
- Education for providers & cooperation w/ insurers aren't billing necessarily.
- Partnerships w/ various screeners throughout State.
- Creating new billing code. (Statewide initiative & agreement)