DATA COLLECTION FOR PCCD-FUNDED TF-CBT PROJECTS: WHAT THERAPISTS NEED TO KNOW

All PCCD-funded TF-CBT projects are required to participate in a specific data collection and reporting process. The only exceptions are projects funded by the Endowment Act that began funding on January 1, 2016.

This data collection serves several important purposes at the project level.

- **Local evaluation:** Data about each project is used to determine if grantees are meeting their proposed goals. In addition, the data can be shared with local referral sources and stakeholders to advocate for TF-CBT in the community.
- **Statewide evaluation:** Data across multiple projects is pulled together to assess TF-CBT outcomes statewide, evaluate the overall impact of PCCD funding, and guide future training and support efforts.

The data can also be valuable to you, as a therapist.

- Changes in posttraumatic stress symptoms from intake to discharge are calculated automatically by the data collection tool, helping therapists easily evaluate client progress.
- The data tools are a useful way of meeting TF-CBT certification requirements regarding the use of pre/post measures.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR THERAPISTS?

As a therapist, you play a critical role in helping your project collect *client-level* data.

First, you will be asked to complete a brief on-line training. This training takes about an hour and will orient you to the data collection tool you are expected to use. You'll need to complete an on-line quiz to verify that you've completed the training.

- [ ] Watch the training video for the **Clinical Data Tool**, which can be found at http://www.episcenter.psu.edu/newvpp/tfcbt/evaluation-tools
- [ ] Complete the Training Verification Quiz and Form
- [ ] Download copies of the Clinical Data Tool, CPSS, and Brief Practice Checklist

Then, you will be expected to enter data for each TF-CBT case you serve into your Clinical Data Tool. This includes entering demographic information, completing a Child PTSD Symptom Scale at intake and discharge, and filling in the Brief Practice Checklist to track model fidelity for each case.

Each quarter, you will be asked to provide a copy of your Clinical Data Tool to your Project Lead.

WHAT HAPPENS WITH THIS DATA?

Your grant's Project Lead will transfer each clinician's data into a special summary spreadsheet (the Agency Data Tool), which gets submitted to PCCD each quarter of your grant. Staff from the EPISCenter review each project's data to identify any areas of concern as well as program successes.

YOU ARE A KEY PLAYER IN DATA COLLECTION!

Please ensure your data is complete, accurate, and submitted to your Project Lead on time each quarter.