



RHODE ISLAND CIP

Trauma-Focused Mental Health Evaluation Initiative for Child Welfare-Involved Youth

What We Did

- We assessed whether completing a trauma-focused mental health evaluation impacted permanency
- RIFC mental health clinicians completed trauma-focused evaluations with 68 child welfare-involved youth aged 8-16 years old
 - Evaluations produced a comprehensive psychiatric formulation and recommendations that were submitted to presiding judge
- We compared permanency outcomes between those 68 youth and 57 youth who received "care as usual"

What We Found

- Youth who completed the evaluation were more likely to experience case closure and achieve permanency
- Youth who completed the evaluation achieved case closure, on average, **8 months sooner** than youth in usual care

Questions?

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