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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services, along with 21 colleges and universities across the state, invites you to a:

Conference for Graduating Bachelor's and Master's Students

in social work, psychology, education, nursing, counseling, or human services fields

The Future of Children's Behavioral Health Care in MA

Building a Strength-Based, Family-Driven System of Care

Monday, April 13, 2009, 8:45 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Northeastern University, Curry Student Center

- Dialogue with senior clinicians and family leader/advocates about newly opening Wraparound services, starting July 1, 2009
- Learn skills required in these jobs through interactive workshops (For more information on Wraparound, please visit: <http://www.rtc.pdx.edu/nwi/>)
- Talk with employers from every region of Massachusetts who are hiring bachelor's- and master's-level clinicians to fill up to **several hundred** positions in coming months

There is no registration fee, but space is limited. Registration will be on a first-come, first-served basis set aside for each sponsoring university and college.

To reserve your spot, please e-mail all of the requested information below to Greg.Chalmers@valueoptions.com **no later than March 18, 2009.**

**Salem State
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Simmons College

Smith College

Springfield College

Suffolk University

Name

School attending

Major/anticipated degree

E-mail address

Phone number

Tufts University

UMass-Amherst

UMass-Boston

UMass-Dartmouth

Westfield State College

Wheelock College

Background on the Children's Behavioral Health Initiative

The Children's Behavioral Health Initiative (CBHI) is an interagency initiative of the Commonwealth's Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) whose mission is to strengthen, expand, and integrate Massachusetts state services into a comprehensive, community-based system of care, to ensure that families and their children with significant behavioral, emotional, and mental health needs obtain the services necessary for success in home, school, and community. It was initially formed in order to coordinate the implementation of the court-ordered remedy resulting from the *Rosie D. v. Romney* Medicaid class action suit. However, EOHHS Secretary Judy Ann Bigby, MD, developed the CBHI to go beyond the requirements of the court order and to undertake a larger interagency effort to develop, over time, an integrated system of state-funded behavioral health services for children, youth, and their families.

Rosie D. v. Romney was filed on behalf of MassHealth (Medicaid)-enrolled youth under the age of 21 with "serious emotional disturbance" (SED). The lawsuit alleged that EOHHS failed to comply with several provisions of the federal Medicaid Act, including the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) provisions. Among the requirements of the court-ordered remedy, the Commonwealth must implement standardized behavioral-health screening as a part of EPSDT "well-child" visits by December 31, 2007; improve and standardize behavioral health assessments for eligible MassHealth members by November 30, 2008; develop an information technology system to track assessments, treatment planning, and treatment delivery by November 30, 2008; and provide new or improved community-based services, including intensive care coordination and other home and community-based therapeutic and behavioral support services, by June 30, 2009.

Massachusetts is currently developing seven new and/or improved community-based services and supports to eligible children and youth, which will become available June 30, 2009, pending federal approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS). The services are: Intensive Care Coordination, In-Home Therapy, In-Home Behavioral Services, Mobile Crisis Intervention, Crisis Stabilization, Caregiver Peer-to Peer Support, and Therapeutic Mentoring. The first service, Intensive Care Coordination, as ordered by the court order, will provide Targeted Case Management using the Wraparound model of care planning as defined by the National Wraparound Initiative (<http://www.rtc.pdx.edu/nwi/index.php>). It is limited to members of the class, i.e., those defined as having SED, while eligibility for the other services will only depend upon meeting certain medical necessity criteria. MassHealth submitted state plan amendments for these services to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid for federal approval. CMS has approved Intensive Care Coordination and is expected to issue its final decision on the remaining six services this spring.

For more information on the CBHI, please visit
www.mass.gov/masshealth/childbehavioralhealth.