**NWI Is a Partner in New CMHI TA Network**

The National Wraparound Initiative is pleased to announce that it will be a core partner of the new Technical Assistance Network for Children’s Behavioral Health (TA Network), which will serve as a national center for states and communities funded by the Comprehensive Community Mental Health Services for Children and Their Families Program (known as the Children’s Mental Health Initiative or CMHI).

CMHI is an initiative of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS) that supports communities in their efforts to expand and sustain community-based systems of care for children, youth and young adults with behavioral health needs and their families.

Under the lead of the Institute for Innovation and Implementation (The Institute) at the University of Maryland, School of Social Work, NWI faculty and staff located at Portland State University and the University of Washington will support CMHI grantees to implement high-quality, model-adherent wraparound. Specifically, the NWI will deliver system- and program-level technical assistance; aid workforce development through training and data-informed coaching and supervision; and work with states and communities to develop and implement comprehensive evaluation and quality assurance (QA) plans. Participation in the TA Network will also provide an opportunity for the NWI to develop new products and tools that facilitate high-quality wraparound practice, and become a more active hub of implementation support.

For more information about the NWI’s role in the new TA Center, contact Eric Bruns, co-director of the NWI, at ebruns@uw.edu.