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This News brief alerts you to the following "Datapoints" article:  
Semansky, R. M., & Koyanagi, C. (2003). Accessing Medicaid's Child  
Mental Health Services: The Experience of Parents in Two States.  
*Psychiatric Services*, 54(4), 475-476.

The authors conducted a series of focus groups to understand the  
experiences of families receiving Medicaid whose children had a  
diagnosis of a serious emotional disorder. This brief article discusses  
four types of problems common to the parents (N = 68) from New York and  
Oregon who participated in these groups: (a) crisis-oriented systems in  
which identification and treatment of disorders were delayed, (b) the  
scarcity of child psychiatrists, (c) limited access to intensive  
services, and (d) a "cookie-cutter" approach to services. Findings from  
this project are available online, at the addresses below.

Assessing Child Mental Health Services in New York: A Report on Three  
Focus Groups  
[www.bazelon.org/children/newyork](http://www.bazelon.org/children/newyork)

Assessing Child Mental Health Services in Oregon: A Report on Three  
Focus Groups  
[www.bazelon.org/children/oregon](http://www.bazelon.org/children/oregon)

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and Human Services. There are two Data Trends products: 1) Summaries  
(ISSN# 1537-0399), which detail recent, published articles on systems of  
care for children with emotional and behavioral disabilities and their  
families, and; 2) News briefs (ISSN# 1537-0402), which highlight related  
items or events of interest to the field.