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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

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

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