Building Bridges Initiative Documents

All documents are available on the BBI website: www.buildingbridges4youth.org.

The BBI Joint Resolution
The BBI Joint Resolution provides the foundation for what constitutes best practice principles and offers clarifying information that articulates examples of program practices for each principle.

The BBI Performance Guidelines and Indicators Matrix and Self-Assessment Tools (SAT), including versions for Youth and Families, as well as materials providing guidance on how to effectively use the SAT:
The BBI Matrix, SAT and supporting documents provide organizations with an excellent self-assessment process that can guide quality improvement efforts. It is recommended that organizations watch the BBI/Magellan webinar on the SAT (http://www.buildingbridges4youth.org/events/2010/12/building-bridges-initiative-magella) to gain an understanding about how different organizations have utilized this tool. Some organizations find it useful to use different parts over time with different audiences rather than using the entire tool at once.

Long and short versions of the BBI Family Tip Sheet and the BBI Youth Tip Sheet
The Family and Youth Tip Sheets were developed by families and youth to provide families and youth considering residential care, or already served in a residential program, with information about best practice expectations in a residential program. The short versions of the Tip Sheets can be given to families or youth by a family or youth advocate or staff, with the advocate or staff taking the time to explain the different parts of the Tip Sheet to them. The longer versions are good to review with small groups of families or youth, with an advocate or staff supporting a fuller discussion of the areas listed.

BBI Handbook: Peer Youth Advocates in Residential Programs, and Appendices
The Peer Youth Advocate Handbook provides organizations with information and details about hiring, training, supervising and supporting new youth advocates or supporting existing positions. The Appendices provide helpful documents (e.g., job descriptions; training programs; contact information of those who have valuable experience using Peer Youth Advocates successfully).

Fiscal Strategies that Support the BBI Principles
The BBI Fiscal Strategies document provides examples of numerous types of fiscal strategies that can be used to support residential and community programs in operationalizing BBI practices, as well as contact information for those who have successfully implemented various fiscal strategies.
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**Cultural and Linguistic Competence (CLC) Guidelines for Residential Programs**
The BBI CLC Guidelines for Residential Programs provides guidance in a number of areas to support residential programs in improving their focus on cultural and linguistic competence. The Guide is extensive and it is recommended that organizational leaders assign a group of staff, advocates, families and youth to review small sections of the guide to assess how their organization is addressing different CLC topic areas. The assessment of strengths and needs can become part of a larger quality improvement process.

**The Building Bridges Initiative & Child Welfare: A Collaborative Path to Achieve Permanency (Fact Sheet)**
This fact sheet is the first to offer specific BBI information for partner audiences. In a concise way, the Fact Sheet explains the Building Bridges initiative and offers a compelling rationale for why BBI should be an integral part of child welfare work across the country.

**Building Bridges Initiative Engage Us: A Guide Written by Families for Residential Providers**
The BBI Family Engagement Guide is written by families with lived experience of having a child in residential. The Guide will equip residential providers with a variety of hands-on tips and techniques for engaging families. Both community and residential program leaders throughout the country have shared that they have utilized this guide in mini-training and/or mini-discussion groups with staff to talk about ways they could improve their skills and practices in successfully engaging families. This Guide is a simple and wonderful tool to support staff in understanding the perceptions and needs of families.