

Executive Summary: FAST Forward Community Readiness Assessment

Key Question: Are NH communities ready to provide services and supports?

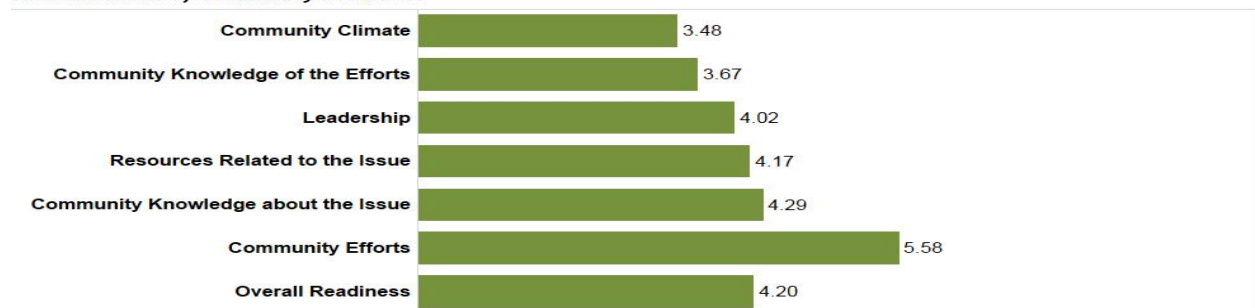
- The FAST Forward System of Care is designed to meet serve the diverse needs of NH youth with severe emotional disturbance (SED) and their families.
- FAST Forward's success hinges on the readiness of NH communities to provide accessible, well-coordinated, high-quality services and supports.

Method: Let's find out: community readiness assessment (CRA)

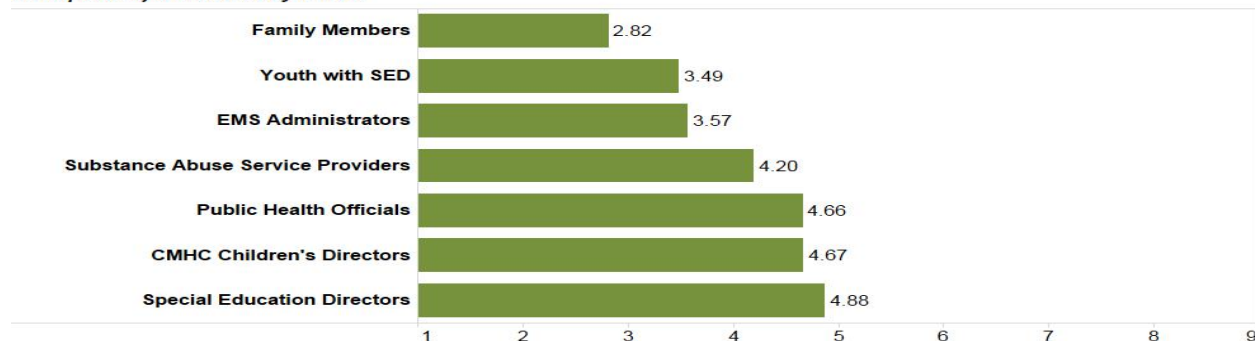
63 Key Informants Nominated 58 Key Informants Interviewed 94% response rate
10 NH Regions 7 Sectors 9 Readiness Levels 6 Dimensions

Findings: Efforts under way, but communities/systems not very aware or supportive

Six Dimensions of Community Readiness



Perception of Readiness by Sector



Recommendations: Bring youth, families, communities, and systems together

- Develop broad community awareness and education campaigns that demonstrate how the needs of youth and families and their communities are aligned.
- Better prepare, guide, and support youth and families to successfully navigate NH's behavioral health system and resources.
- Enhance family trust and confidence in youth serving systems, paving the way to infuse youth and family perspective throughout NH's community-based systems of care.
- Strengthen and connect local systems of care to the state level system of care.
- Promote awareness of existing behavioral health supports and services, and improve effectiveness and coordination of them.