

Knowledge Network Membership Plan 2010



Knowledge Network participation is divided into two categories: Dissemination Site and Membership

A Dissemination Site is an organization that is committed to improving the Science to Service Gap with the use and dissemination of research findings and practices.

Membership includes the following tiers:

- ***An Exploratory Member is an organization that is committed to participation in research in the future by taking developmental steps of readiness to participate fully in research studies and practices.***
- ***A Research Member is an organization that is fully committed to bridging the Science to Service Gap by engaging in research studies and implementing research-based practices in treatment.***

Each applicant can submit for a tier of membership based on their type of organization and level of organizational commitment and experience with research-based practices. The organization may apply for the next membership tier when they have met the requirements of that tier. Organizational Readiness will be assessed upon application for membership.

Dissemination Site

A Dissemination Site is a CBHO, Vendor, or National Association/Organization or other such entity that is supportive of the mission and vision of KN through dissemination of behavioral health research information available to others and/or utilizes these findings in their practice or product development.

Expectations:

1. Leading recipient of breakthrough research findings and practice advancements resulting from the work within the Knowledge Network and disseminates these to stakeholders, consumers, and the public.
2. Accesses resources and research articles as a subscriber to the KN website (learning) community and list serve.
3. Supports the mission and vision of Knowledge Network by sharing information with state and local stakeholders, business partners, and consumers within their agency.
4. Recognized as a KN Dissemination Site on the KN website.
5. Considers / engages in the opportunity to participate in KN Policy Advocacy work.

Exploratory Member

An Exploratory Member is a CBHO that has a commitment to provide research-based care and to begin organizational steps technologically and developmentally in preparation to participate in research studies.

Requirements:

1. Regular participation in 1 working group
2. Participates in one meeting with KN technology staff to assess organizational readiness for participation in the KN data warehouse and develops plan for organization to be able to participate technologically within the next 3 years.
3. Attends 1 KN Summit annually in person.
4. Submits data and other information for the KN membership database template to the best of their ability. It is acceptable for a completion rate of 25% of the items due to technological issues the first year.
5. At completion of the first year, organization submits a completed readiness report applying for active membership.
6. Verification of organizational commitment for the minimum of 0.1 FTE comprised of 2 staff to participate in KN activities and have identified individuals at their agency that will have dedicated time to KN group meetings.
7. MOU and DUA signed and dated.
8. Meets at least one of these criteria:
 - a. Client population exceeds 7,000
 - b. Existing research infrastructure
9. Opportunity to participate in KN Policy Advocacy work.

Exploratory Member Benefits

- Agency is engaged in efforts to move research into practice.
- Clients receive better care through increased agency access to research-based treatments.
- Agency receives recognition on the KN website and at KN venues as an organization that is working to bridge the science to service gap in behavioral healthcare.
- Clinicians receive free education re: new research findings.
- Agency collaborates with other behavioral healthcare organizations to cure mental illness.
- Agency receives increased access to grant-funded opportunities for collaborative KN research and dissemination efforts.
- Clinicians and management receive educational materials to assist with research-based practice implementation (i.e. implementation workgroup product).
- Clinicians receive access to searchable databases at online clearinghouse on research projects at member centers and resources.
- Agency tech representative receives access to data warehouse/wiki.

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Research Member

A Research Member is a CBHO or other provider organization that is solidly committed to closing the Science to Service Gap by being fully engaged in research studies and implements research-based practices within the organizations behavioral health treatment programs and services.

Requirements:

To complement Centerstone Research Institute's technical and financial assistance and to maximize CRI's ability to continue the project, organization agrees to the following commitments outlined in a contractual agreement:

1. CEO champions the Knowledge Network project within the organization and at public and industry specific meetings.
2. MOU and DUA signed and dated.
3. Research infrastructure in place in the agency
4. Agency is actively participating in at least one some research related activity such as an academic partnership or a grant funded program.
5. Agency participates in 1 KN research study every 2 years.
6. Agency ensures staff representation on each of the following workgroups: Technology, Implementation, and Research.
7. Agency participates fully in the KN data warehouse.
8. Agency provides adequate work time from Information Technology professionals to complete Technology Work Group tasks.
9. Agency provides technology staff person time (approximately 10 hours a quarter) to help maintain/improve KN data warehouse and information exchange capabilities.
10. Agency submits a full KN membership data template.
11. Agency identifies and commits the talent and time from one professional to serve in the role of KN Coordinator for the organization to liaison information and be primary contact for the KN.
12. Agency KN staff representatives attend the work group meetings regularly as required.
13. Agency KN staff representatives complete work group tasks assigned by date identified to support progression of the work group.
14. Agency assumes travel requirements for KN staff representatives as needed.
15. The agency KN Coordinator attends 2 KN meetings a year in person.
16. The Agency participates in sharing resources and information that promotes the work of the KN and specific work group agenda items.
17. The Agency KN Coordinator keeps CRI leadership and coordinators informed of issues related to unforeseen barriers that impede the work of the Knowledge Network with the agency.
18. The Agency adheres to the Intellectual property guidelines established by the Knowledge Network.
19. The Agency obtains IRB approval prior to starting any KN-related research project.

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20. The Agency obtains approval from KN Advisory Board before associating any project with the KN.
21. The Agency adheres to local, state, and federal laws regarding sharing and release of information. .
22. The Agency agrees to work in good faith on contracts, budgets, protocols, and related material for each proposed project.
23. The Agency agrees to notify partnering agencies in the event of any gross misconduct.

Full Member Benefits (in addition to all the above):

- CRI and the KN provides assistance, including mentoring and direct support, for training and implementation of new research protocols at centers in training staff in new protocols.
- CRI and the KN provides publication assistance regarding research and implementation outcomes.
- CRI and the KN provides opportunities for regional and national level recognition or the agency as an organization that is focused on research-based care.
- CRI and the KN provides onsite consultation with research partners.
- CRI and the KN provides access to models for implementation to increase the use of research based practices.
- CRI and the KN provides data and advocacy materials to assist the agency in working to increase payer reimbursement for research based services that improve patient outcomes.
- CRI and the KN coordinate opportunities for research partner advocacy of research based services that improve patient outcomes with payers and state and federal policymakers.

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