

# About CCOR™

Client-Centered Outcomes Research  
in Public Mental Health (CCOR-PMH)

Felton's CCOR (see-core) Division, one of only a handful of public mental health-focused community-based research centers in the United States, grounds its work in the belief that stakeholder and community insights are fundamental to transformative change.

Felton CCOR aspires to leverage client- and community-centered research and program evaluation in the service of innovation, health equity and sustainable impact.

CCOR partners across the public and private sectors, pursuing research and research-driven program development with the agility and flexibility that a community-based organization affords. Attention to the intersection of culture/race/ethnicity, social adversity and access to quality services is at the forefront of all of CCOR's work.

CCOR works hand in hand with Felton Institute's award winning direct service programs and divisions as well as Felton Institute training and technical assistance initiatives throughout California and across the United States.

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*Interested in informing CCOR's research and program development in early psychosis? Felton is currently forming an early psychosis/early intervention stakeholder research advisory board. Please contact us for an application and additional information.*

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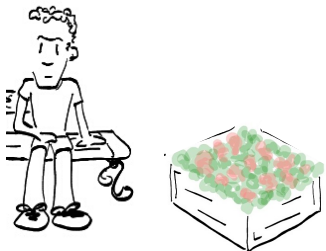
## CURRENT POLICY & PRACTICE

### LANDSCAPE

Early intervention in psychosis (EIP), also referred to as “coordinated specialty care” (CSC) for early psychosis, describes a team-driven service model aimed at engaging and supporting youth and young adults with early psychosis at the earliest possible point following the onset of distressing experiences.

Beginning in 2012, congress required that the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration (SAMHSA) require that States utilize 5% (now 10%) of their mental health block grant funds to support the development of specialized first episode psychosis programs across the United States. Over the past few years, the growth of EIP/CSC services has been exponential.

While tremendous progress has been made, the voices and priorities of young people, former clients, and diverse community stakeholders has so far been minimal. In partnership with others around the country, including Yale University’s Program for Recovery and Community Health (PRCH), the Felton Institute’s Division for Client-Centered Outcomes Research in Public Mental Health (CCOR) is on a mission to ensure that early intervention services nationally and in the state of California, truly reflect the perspectives of people with personal experience of psychosis and their families and communities.



## WHY IT MATTERS



“Nothing about us, without us’ is the enduring slogan of the cross-disability movement, a rallying call that demands that those of us who are the targets of particular services, those of us who receive them or pass through them, those of us, who have experienced ‘psychosis’ or ‘disability’ first hand, must be intimately involved in shaping them, in shaping policy, and in deciding how these services change and grow or are rethought.

Such involvement is both a matter of social justice and necessary component of transformative change.”

—Nev Jones



## WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

Felton CCOR, led by a client-alumna of early psychosis services and national advocate and researcher, is currently organizing peers, youth and community members as part of EVOLVE, an initiative aimed at increasing stakeholder involvement in all aspects of EIP/CSC, including policy, program development, evaluation and research.

To get involved or join our national policy mailing list, please contact us ([evolve@felton.org](mailto:evolve@felton.org)).

### Existing Resources

- Peer Involvement and Leadership in Early Intervention in Psychosis Services: A Guidance Manual.
- Toolkits to Support Students with Early Psychosis in Higher Education.

To access these resources, please visit [www.felton.org/research/assistance](http://www.felton.org/research/assistance)

### Partners & Collaborators

- Yale University Program for Recovery & Community Health
- University of Illinois at Chicago, Department of Psychiatry
- International Early Psychosis Association