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• Early psychosis intervention came to Oregon in 2001, with Mid-Valley Behavioral Care Network’s Early Assessment and Support Team (EAST). EAST began treating first episode schizophrenia patients only.

• The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation creates program office to disseminate EDIPP (Early Detection in Preventing Psychosis) model in 2007 designed to prevent onset of first episode. EAST becomes site in national research project and integrates first episode patients into treatment model.
EDIPP Treatment Model

Clinical and functional intervention: Family Aided Community Treatment (FACT) (McFarlane, 2007).

- Community Education
- Acceptance criteria based on Structured Interview for Prodromal Syndromes (SIPS 4.0 McGlashan et al. 2003) SOPS cut off score.
- Psycho-educational multifamily groups
- Case management using key Assertive Community Treatment methods
  - Integrated trans-disciplinary team; outreach PRN; rapid response; continuous review, and accountability
- Supported employment and education
- Cognitive assessments, completed by OT used in school or job
- Substance abuse treatment, as indicated
- Counseling (CBT, Strength’s based/solution focused)
- Medications as indicated
Method

- Investigators reviewed demographics, diagnosis, and functional outcomes for EAST and EDIPP groups (n=100) after the first year of model initiation.
Age at Intake

Age in years

EAST (n=52)

EDIPP (n=49)
Gender

The chart illustrates the gender distribution in EAST and EDIPP regions. For EAST, there are 50 females and 40 males. In EDIPP, there are 45 females and 35 males.
Functioning at Intake

**EAST**
- n=46
- Employed: 6
- Enrolled in School: 27
- Both school and work: 0
- None: 13

**EDIPP**
- n=48
- Employed: 6
- Enrolled in School: 26
- Both School and work: 1
- None: 15
Functioning at 12 months

**EAST**
- Employed: 18
- Enrolled in School: 25
- Both School and Work: 0
- None: 9
- Total: 52

**EDIPP**
- Employed: 14
- Enrolled in School: 27
- Both School and Work: 0
- None: 7
- Total: 48
Diagnosis at 12 months

**EAST**

- N=52
- Schizo. (12)
- Psy NOS (24)
- Bipolar (8)
- Depression (0)
- PTSD (2)
- Other (6)

**EDIPP**

- N=48
- Schizo. (6)
- Psy NOS (11)
- Bipolar (5)
- Depression (3)
- PTSD (7)
- Other (16)
Conclusions/Discussion

• Regardless of severity of illness both groups at baseline are not functioning well at multiple levels.
• Both groups improve with intensive treatment model and are functioning at similar levels after 12 months.
• At Risk Group (EDIPP) diagnosis varies more at 12 months than first episode group, but both have variation.