

# SWOT Analysis

## Child Psychiatry Telepsychiatry Clinic

### Strengths

- Allows access to specialty practitioners
- Provides increased opportunity for collaboration between clinicians & local professionals, including school staff
- Patients are seen in a more naturalistic setting
- Provides telepsychiatry experience & training for child psychiatry fellows
- Resources available from the local telemedicine center

### Weaknesses

- Fellow providers rotating off service decreases continuity for the patients
- Some non-verbal cues might be missed compared to in-person visits
- Decreased availability for follow-up sessions in summer for some school-based sites
- Higher no-show rate than for in-person clinic
- Occasional technological difficulties

### Opportunities

- High need for services due to lack of child psychiatry specialists in rural areas
- ECHO may make more PCPs aware of availability of the service
- Offers opportunity for clinical research
- Site coordinators act as “Clinical Champions” and can be strong advocates
- Growing health system can make telehealth a priority
- Equipment systems can be shared with other providers

### Threats

- Legal restrictions to prescribing controlled medications
- Higher overhead due to technology costs and the need for updating technology
- The protocol for between-visit communication tends to be confusing for patients
- Some PCPs are resistant to collaboration
- HIPAA