

**Early Childhood Mental Health Workgroup  
November 30, 2015**

**10:00AM – 3 PM**

**Department of Mental Health  
1706 E. Elm Street, Jefferson City, MO 65101  
Conference Room A**

**Call – In Numbers:  
526-5402/866-630-9346**

**Notes**

- Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation Definition
  - Dr. Patsy Carter, DMH
  - Discussed the definition developed by the Mental Health Workgroup.
  - Working with Mo HealthNet to get early childhood mental health consultation services billable through Medicaid.
- Training Update/Discussion
  - Discussed the 3<sup>rd</sup> training. Decided to have a half day for those who participated in the two collaboratives and a half day with another expert in infant and early childhood mental health. Shelley will reach out to Dr. Martin Maldonado.
- Inclusion Policy Statement
  - Discussed the Joint Policy Statement on Inclusion from the Administration for Children & Families and the Department of Education
  - Many of the strategies discussed in the policy statement - the Mental Health workgroup is working to advance including mental health consultation.
  - Additional strategies to promote inclusion in early childhood classrooms:
    - Infuse good mental health practices and relationship based interventions throughout the Part B program.
    - Encourage the provision of mental health consultation to special education teachers working with young children with disabilities and the provision of mental health services to children with disabilities who are experiencing emotional/behavioral problems in the classroom.
    - Provide continuing education and other early childhood mental health training opportunities for practicing therapists, teachers and early interventionists.

- 2016 Priorities & Strategic Direction
  - Discussed the strategic plan and outlined several key priorities for 2016 including identifying strategies for funding and public education/outreach on the importance of mental health consultation in early childhood as a key prevention and early intervention strategies.
  - In addition, identified the following priorities
    - Ensure that emotional, behavioral, and social development domains are included in screens and assessment tools used by Medicaid providers, home visitation programs, health care providers, schools and early care and education programs. Work with Project LAUNCH to facilitate this.
    - Promote training in early childhood, including child development and behavior and social and emotional development to mental health, health care providers, teachers, and interventionists who work with children with disabilities  
Promote training and professional development in social & development and infant mental health in early childhood programs.
      - Inventory Development of SE training and garnering buy-in/encouraging facilities. (Trauma and social-emotional – introductory trainings.)
    - Maintain website
    - Conduct an environmental scan
    - Infant/Early Childhood Mental Health Summit
    - Review and participating in implementation of the CCDBG state plan related to preschool expulsion and social and emotional development.
    - Maintain website Other identified needs:
    - Conduct an environmental scan
    - Infant Mental Health Summit to raise awareness and start to develop buy-in
    - Review of CCDBG state plan for SE.
- Announcements & Updates
  - Cindy Reese - MIECHV Funding Announcement recently came out. They are changing the funding now there are more formula dollars, more services for families and more stable funding. Through ECCS, working to get out a competitive bid for more communities to apply for trauma awareness and child abuse prevention and protective factors. Working closely with Project LAUNCH. Also, working with Children's Trust Fund and Children's Division to talk about a parent advisory council and have an event in the Spring to have a leadership event and kick-off. Funding from MIECHV, ECCS and CTF

- Julie Allen – Project LAUNCH – look at what we can do around educating healthcare providers around social and emotional development. Did an event last fall, but what type of follow-up can we do?
    - Ohio has some great webinars that we are looking at potentially partnering with OH-AAP.
  - Susie Henderson –
    - ARC training introductory workshop April 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. Will send to EMHC workgroup. Two tracks – clinical track and providers track.
    - Springfield – Child Abuse/Neglect collaborative – MFH grant to bring Triple P to Springfield.
  - Mary Chant- Discussed the Missouri Children’s Trauma Network
  - Kristin Yach – Looking at bringing up an early childhood day treatment, assessment center in Pathways vacant building in Jefferson City. The focus will be on 12 and below.
    - Pathways has been approached by the Head Start providers through Missouri Valley Community Action Agency to contract for early childhood mental health services. They cover Johnson, Pettis and Lafayette Counties. Mental Health Consultation – Head Start partnership.
  - Ann Thomas- gaps – home based services for prevention
    - SAFE CARE model
    - Looking at alternative services – what are good home-based programs that KC needs to look at?
    - Potentially look at the Home Visitation workgroup. United Way potentially convenes this group. Cindy will look at contact and send to Ann.
  - Justin – currently training the Workforce Investment Boards (WIBs) going to start taking child care subsidy applications.
- Jan & February Meetings – will meet February 8<sup>th</sup> in person due to state holidays.