

Report for the Missouri Coordinating Board for Early Childhood
January 2015

Department: Department of Health and Senior Services: Early Childhood Comprehensive System (ECCS) and Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV)

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Report as of: December 16, 2014 for the period of September 20, 2014 through December 16, 2014.

Action Items Completed	Date Completed	Strategic Plan Reference
A request was submitted to HRSA and approval received to use carryover funds from the last ECCS grant year for Parent Café Training in the current grant year. The training will be done in two communities by July 31, 2015.	November 13, 2014	Family Support: Objectives: Develop a system of family support that enhances protective factors in families. Long-Term Activities: Promote and support the Strengthening Families approach throughout Missouri.
Trauma Responsiveness training was provided in Springfield on December 4, 2014 and in Poplar Bluff on December 9, 2014.	December 4 & 9, 2014	Mental Health and Social Emotional Development: Objectives: Collaborative efforts in communities identify social, emotional and behavioral risks and intervene to prevent more serious mental health problems.
The ECCS Coordinator attended local ECCS Stakeholder Team meetings in Cape Girardeau on November 11, 2014 and in St. Joseph on December 12, 2014	November 11 & December 12, 2014	Infrastructure: Governance and Leadership: Goals: The governance structure supports coordination and collaboration for an integrated comprehensive system.
The ECCS State Steering Committee met on October 28, 2014.	October 28, 2014	Infrastructure: Governance and Leadership: Goals: The governance structure supports coordination and collaboration for an integrated comprehensive system.
DHSS responded to funding opportunity announcements for Maternal Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV).	November/December 2014	Parenting Education: Desired Outcome: Supportive and nurturing family environments for Missouri's young children are enhanced by the integration of parenting education into the early childhood system. Objective: Parents participate in ongoing support, education and skill development opportunities that promote warm, healthy parent/child relationships.

Action Items In-progress/Pending	Date	Strategic Plan Reference
Planning for the 2015 Family Leadership Conference. ECCS is partnering with the DHSS Bureau of Special Health Care	Ongoing, Conference March 27 & 28, 2015	Governance and Leadership: Objectives: Develop a system for advancing family leadership that

Needs Family Partnership program to provide this leadership opportunity. A save the date has been sent out, the agenda will be finalized soon. There will be a track on leadership and advocacy conducted by the Friends National Resource Center.		includes training, mentoring, and linkage of families with diverse leadership opportunities.
A workgroup of the ECCS steering committee has been formed to plan the quarterly calls with communities with the goal of improving the communication between the state and local level. They met on December 2 & 16, 2014. Recommendations for the format and topics for these calls will be sent out to the steering committee within two weeks.	Ongoing	Infrastructure: Governance and Leadership: Goals: Missouri public policies ensure a comprehensive and integrated early childhood system, built on a foundation of collaborative governance and leadership at the state and local level. Objectives: Decisions regarding key elements of a comprehensive early childhood system are addressed collaboratively.
A workgroup of the steering committee has been formed to brand and disseminate the Early Childhood Strategic Plan. This group met on December 8, 2014 and will meet again on January 9, 2015. The group will work on ideas/recommendations to take to the state steering committee in January.	Ongoing	Infrastructure: Public Engagement: Goals: Stakeholders deliver a consistent message regarding the needs of children and families in Missouri.
The ECCS and DMH is continuing work with the YWCA Head Start in St. Louis to become a trauma informed agency. There is training for the trauma team scheduled for January 16, 2015.	Ongoing	Mental Health and Social-Emotional Development: Long-Term Activity: Ensure that best practice standards and protocols for screening young children for emotional, social and behavioral risk factors, including the use of culturally appropriate tools and processes, are integrated into the comprehensive early childhood system.

Bold = New items

Announcements:

- The next ECCS State Steering Committee meeting will be held on January 20, 2015 from 1:00 to 4:00 at 930 Wildwood, Jefferson City, MO.

Questions for the board/larger group:

Other Notes:

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