

Report for the Missouri Coordinating Board for Early Childhood
April 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: March 23, 2015 for the period of December 17, 2014 through March 23, 2015.

Action Items Completed	Date Completed	Strategic Plan Reference
<p>DHSS responded to funding opportunity announcements for Maternal Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV). DHSS was awarded FFY 15 formula funding (\$2,183,504) to support existing MIECHV formula-funded services through September 30, 2016. DHSS was not awarded FFY 15 competitive funding.</p>	<p>November/December 2014 February 2015</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>Objective: Parents participate in ongoing support, education and skill development opportunities that promote warm, healthy parent/child relationships.</p>
<p>The ECCS State Steering Committee met on January 20, 2015.</p>	<p>January 20, 2015</p>	<p>Infrastructure: Governance and Leadership: Goals: The governance structure supports coordination and collaboration for an integrated comprehensive system.</p>
<p>The first quarterly call with the local/regional stakeholder teams for 2015 was on February 18, 2015, the topic was Strengthening Families. Dr. Dave Schramm presented on his Strong Parents, Stable Children training curriculum and how people can access it. The Community Engagement Specialist for Project LAUNCH in St. Louis was on the call to talk about Parent Cafés from the parents perspective.</p>	<p>February 18, 2015</p>	<p>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. Missouri's integrated early childhood system incorporates family leadership at all levels. Family Support, Long Term Activities: Promote and support the Strengthening Families approach throughout Missouri.</p>
<p>Trauma Responsiveness training was provided in Cape Girardeau on March 17, 2015</p>	<p>March 17, 2015</p>	<p>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.</p>

Action Items In-progress/Pending	Date	Strategic Plan Reference
<p>Planning for the 2015 Family Leadership Conference. ECCS is partnering with the DHSS Bureau of Special Health Care Needs Family Partnership program to provide this leadership opportunity. The agenda is final, Friends National Resource Center will be there to present on toxic stress, leadership and Cafés. The Conference will be held in Columbia at the Holiday Inn Executive Center</p>	<p>Ongoing, Conference March 27 & 28, 2015</p>	<p>Governance and Leadership: Objectives: Develop a system for advancing family leadership that includes training, mentoring, and linkage of families with diverse leadership opportunities.</p>
<p>A workgroup of the 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 2 weeks. The workgroup met on January 27, 2015 and finalized the meeting topics and draft agendas for the year.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>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. The group met on January 12 & 28, and February 17 & 24. The group is working on potential Facebook and Twitter messages for a toolkit to be used by early childhood organizations.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Infrastructure: Public Engagement: Goals: Stakeholders deliver a consistent message regarding the needs of children and families in Missouri.</p>
<p>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 their trauma team scheduled for January 16, 2015. The ECCS Program Coordinator and Patsy Carter from DMH will be meeting with their trauma committee on April 29th to learn more about their organization and to discuss the next steps.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>A workgroup of the steering</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Infrastructure: Quality Assurance and</p>

<p>committee was formed to plan for reporting on Benchmark Area 6 which is Coordination and Referral for other Community Resources and Supports. This workgroup met on January 28, 2015 and February 25, 2015. The workgroup is recommending that we use a national data set to report this benchmark, in the mean time the Program Coordinator will be at a meeting with other states and will find out more about how they are reporting, the group will meet once more to finalize the recommendation.</p>		<p>Accountability: Reliable data inform all policy decisions.</p>
<p>ECCS is partnering with Boone LAUNCH to bring Parent Café training along with Strong Parents, Stable Children training to organizations in mid-Missouri. The training is scheduled for June 15-17, 2015.</p>	<p>June 15 – 17, 2015</p>	<p>Family Support: Objective: Develop a system of family support that enhances protective factors in families.</p>
<p>ECCS is working on bringing Parent Café and Strong Parents, Stable Children training to St. Joseph, MO in June.</p>	<p>June 17 – 19, 2015</p>	<p>Family Support: Objective: Develop a system of family support that enhances protective factors in families.</p>

Bold = New items

Announcements:

- The next ECCS State Steering Committee meeting will be held on April 21, 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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