

**Report for the Missouri Coordinating Board for Early Childhood**  
*July 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:** June 25, 2015 for the period of March 24, 2015 through June 25, 2015.

<b>Action Items Completed</b>	<b>Date Completed</b>	<b>Strategic Plan Reference</b>
The 2015 Family Leadership conference was held in Columbia on March 27 & 28, 2015. The conference was attended by approximately 113 parents. The sessions included a Parent Café for fathers only and a track from FRIENDS National Resource Center that included information on toxic stress, parent engagement, and the café models.	March 27 & 28, 2015	<b>Governance and Leadership:</b> <b>Objectives:</b> Develop a system for advancing family leadership that includes training, mentoring, and linkage of families with diverse leadership opportunities.
Trauma Responsiveness training was provided in McDonald County on April 2, 2015 and in Columbia on April 22, 2015	April 2 & 22, 2015	<b>Mental Health and Social Emotional Development:</b> <b>Objectives:</b> Collaborative efforts in communities identify social, emotional and behavioral risks and intervene to prevent more serious mental health problems.
The ECCS State Steering Committee met on April 21, 2015.	April 21, 2015	<b>Infrastructure:</b> <b>Governance and Leadership:</b> <b>Goals:</b> The governance structure supports coordination and collaboration for an integrated comprehensive system.
The second quarterly call with the local/regional stakeholder teams for 2015 was held on May 20, 2015. The topic was financing/resources. Julie Kleffner from the Office of Administration, Division of Purchasing and Materials Management presented on the process of how to be notified when funding opportunities exist and what they look for in grant applications. Jim Koeneman from Francis Family Foundation also presented on what they look for from a private funder perspective.	May 20, 2015	<b>Infrastructure, Governance and Leadership:</b> <b>Goals:</b> 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. <b>Financial Resources:</b> <b>Desired Outcome:</b> Missouri's early childhood system is supported by adequate and sustainable financial resources. <b>Goals:</b> Sustainable funding supports a comprehensive early childhood system.
Strong Parents, Stable Children training by Dr. Dave Schramm was held in Columbia on June 15, 2015	June 15 & 17, 2015	<b>Family Support:</b> <b>Objectives:</b> Develop a system of family support that enhances protective factors in families. <b>Long Term</b>

and in St. Joseph on June 17, 2015.		<b>Activities: Promote and support the Strengthening Families approach throughout Missouri. 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. Goals: Community agencies and programs effectively engage families in ways that support their parenting. Objectives: Parents participate in ongoing support, education and skill development opportunities that promote warm, Healthy, parent/child relationships.</b>
Parent Café training by Be Strong Families from Illinois was done in Columbia on June 16 & 17, 2015 and in St. Joseph on June 18 & 19, 2015.	June 16-19, 2015	<b>Family Support: Objectives: Develop a system of family support that enhances protective factors in families. Long Term Activities: Partner to support the implementation of statewide family leadership opportunities. Promote and support the Strengthening Families approach throughout Missouri. Parenting Education: Goals: Community agencies and programs effectively engage families in ways that support their parenting. Objectives: Parents participate in ongoing support, education and skill development opportunities that promote warm, healthy parent/child relationships.</b>

<b>Action Items In-progress/Pending</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Strategic Plan Reference</b>
A workgroup of the steering committee has been formed to brand and disseminate the Early Childhood Strategic Plan. <b>The group is planning an in-person all day meeting to finalize a toolkit for communities and agencies across the state to use.</b>	Ongoing	<b>Infrastructure: Public Engagement: Goals: Stakeholders deliver a consistent message regarding the needs of children and families in Missouri.</b>
The ECCS and DMH is continuing work with the YWCA Head Start in St. Louis to become a trauma informed agency. <b>The ECCS Program Coordinator and Patsy Carter from DMH will be meeting with them on June 26<sup>th</sup> to tour facilities and meet with their trauma committee.</b>	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.

<p><b>The ECCS Program Coordinator will begin meeting with the Children's Trust Fund to talk about the family leadership event to be scheduled for spring of 2016 and the possibility of developing a state Parent Advisory Council.</b></p>	<p><b>Ongoing</b></p>	<p><b>Governance and Leadership: Objectives: Develop a system for advancing family leadership that includes training, mentoring, and linkage of families with diverse leadership opportunities.</b></p>
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**Bold = New items**

**Announcements:**

- The next ECCS State Steering Committee meeting will be held on July 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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