

# Report for the Missouri Coordinating Board for Early Childhood

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**Work Group:** Home Visiting

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## **In-progress:**

- The HV Workgroup met in May and June.
  - The May meeting focused on refinement of the educational document shared with CBEC at the April meeting. New version is attached, with a revised focus on demonstrating how home visiting efforts support the CBEC/ECCS Strategic Plan. In addition, the group discussed the possibility of engaging stakeholders in a discussion of priorities related to the timeline of work on the recommendations in the OSEDA report.
  - The June call focused on discussion of the proposed World Café. The purpose of the event is to discuss stakeholder perspectives on the 8 topics defined in the ZTT home visiting assessment tool to inform the “intended goals and outcomes of a coordinated early childhood home visiting system in Missouri,” as charged in the OSEDA report. This input will be used to proceed with determining priorities and timeline for the OSEDA recommendations.
- A decision was made to propose the World Café (with estimated budget) to the CBEC Executive Committee on June 19. If approved, the event is proposed to be held September 16, with 48 stakeholders across state offices, local programs, and geographic representation. Sixteen volunteers (CBEC and others) would facilitate the groups. Eight tables with 6-8 individuals would focus on the 8 topics reviewed in the home visiting assessment tool. The focus on aligning current efforts will prevent this from being a replication of the OSEDA report, and will further inform efforts to address the recommendations.

## **Questions for the board/larger group:**

- The HV Workgroup *seeks approval* from CBEC for the implementation of a HV Stakeholder World Café.

## **Other Notes:**

- The next meeting will be held in late July or August, depending on CBEC decision on the World Café.

## Home Visiting: A Critical Component of Missouri’s Early Childhood System

Home Visiting (HV) is a fundamental element of a comprehensive early childhood system (<http://dss.mo.gov/cbec/pdf/strategic-plan.pdf>). The Missouri Coordinating Board for Early Childhood (CEBC) defines home visiting as:

*A prenatal, infant and early childhood health and development approach in which the design assumes home visits with parents as the primary method for delivering a service or intervention, and through which an ongoing relationship is developed with enrolled families over time.*

The following table highlights how a strong HV system supports the CBEC Strategic Plan.

Unique Features of HV	System Component From Strategic Plan	HV Best Meets these Goals and Objectives	Desired Outcome	Vision
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Access to service that best meets the family’s needs:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Family’s natural setting</li> <li>○ Service influences the environment, which influences development</li> <li>○ Supports family engagement</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Services may begin prenatally</li> <li>● Multi-generational approach</li> <li>● Parent/caregiver is the focus of service</li> <li>● Ongoing relationship with parents/caregivers</li> <li>● Measurable outcomes that impact family interactions and goals</li> </ul>	Family Support	Goal 4. Families meet the basic safety and subsistence needs of the young children in their care.	Missouri’s young children have their basic needs met.	<p><b>All young children in Missouri are safe, healthy and capable of reaching their full potential.</b></p>
	Parent Education	Goal 3. Families have the skills and access the programs and resources they need to facilitate their child’s growth and development.	Supportive and nurturing family environments are enhanced by the integration of parenting education into the early childhood system.	
	Early Childhood Programs	Objective 1. Early learning programs include an array of home visiting and group care settings that meet the needs of Missouri’s young children and families. Objective 2. Policies and practices support effective transitions for children and families across programs and systems, reflecting an understanding of children’s needs throughout the continuum from prenatal development through third grade.	Missouri’s children have access to high quality early childhood programs.	
	Health	Goal 4. Families are health literate and actively participate in decision-making regarding the health and wellness of their children.	Missouri’s children have a source of coordinated, comprehensive and family-centered primary health care and services.	
	Mental Health and Social-Emotional Development	Objective 3: Missouri’s families provide a socially and emotionally healthy home environment.	Missouri’s children are socially and emotionally healthy	