

**Report for the Missouri Coordinating Board for Early Childhood**  
*October 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:** September 15, 2015 for the period of June 25, 2015 through September 15, 2015.

<b>Action Items Completed</b>	<b>Date Completed</b>	<b>Strategic Plan Reference</b>
The ECCS State Steering Committee met on July 21, 2015. The committee was able to view the first episode of the documentary The Raising of America, and had discussion of how to utilize this throughout the state.	July 21, 2015	<b>Infrastructure:</b> <b>Governance and Leadership:</b> <b>Goals: The governance structure supports coordination and collaboration for an integrated comprehensive system.</b>
The third quarterly call/webinar with the local/regional stakeholder teams for 2015 was held on August 19, 2015. The topic was English language learners. Dr. Francisco Palermo with the Department of Human Development and Family Science at the University of Missouri presented on research that he has done in this area along with potential resources for the field.	August 19, 2015	<b>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.</b> <b>Family Support: Goals: Communities recognize, support, and respond proactively to the diversity of Missouri's families. Missouri's communities ensure that preventive and intervention services are accessible to meet a range of family needs.</b>
Trauma Responsiveness training was provided in Jefferson County on August 25, 2015.	August 25, 2015	<b>Mental Health and Social Emotional Development:</b> <b>Objectives: Collaborative efforts in communities identify social, emotional and behavioral risks and intervene to prevent more serious mental health problems.</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>This workgroup met on September 4, 2015 and developed a multifaceted plan for using social media for this work.</b>	Ongoing	<b>Infrastructure:</b> <b>Public Engagement:</b> <b>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.	Ongoing	<b>Mental Health and Social-Emotional Development:</b> <b>Long-Term Activity: Ensure that best</b>

<p>The ECCS Program Coordinator and Patsy Carter from DMH met with the trauma committee on July 31, 2015. They will be meeting internally in September and Patsy will join them again in October.</p>		<p>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>The ECCS Program Coordinator has met with the Children’s Trust Fund, Missouri KidsFirst, and Project LAUNCH to talk about the family leadership event to be scheduled for spring of 2016 and the possibility of developing a state Parent Advisory Council. We are expanding this group to include 2 parent leaders, the Missouri Head Start Association, and MO Kids Count and will be meeting on September 29, 2015.</p>	<p><b>Ongoing</b></p>	<p><b>Governance and Leadership:</b>  <b>Objectives: Develop a system for advancing family leadership that includes training, mentoring, and linkage of families with diverse leadership opportunities.</b></p>
<p>The six agencies trained in Parent Cafés will begin implementation and will conduct two series of cafés over the next year. These agencies are in mid-Missouri and northwest Missouri.</p>	<p>August 1, 2015- June 30, 2016</p>	<p><b>Family Support: Objectives: Develop a system of family support that enhances protective factors in families.</b>  <b>Long-term activities: Partner to support the implementation of statewide family leadership opportunities. Promote and support the Strengthening Families approach throughout Missouri.</b></p>
<p>Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), which funds the MIECHV Program, is in the process of redesigning the benchmarks and constructs (performance measures) state grantees are required to report on to better align with Maternal and Child Health Title V Block Grant measures as well as Healthy People 2020. The 60-day notice for public comment on the redesign of the MIECHV performance measures was posted on September 9th in the Federal Register. The notice can be accessed at: <a href="http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-09-08/pdf/2015-22545.pdf">http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-09-08/pdf/2015-22545.pdf</a>. Please contact <a href="mailto:paperwork@hrsa.gov">paperwork@hrsa.gov</a> to request a copy of the draft data collection instruments and to submit comments. HRSA will</p>	<p><b>Ongoing</b></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><b>accept comments through November 9th, 2015.</b></p> <p><b>HRSA is also revising future FOAs for MIECHV formula and competitive opportunities. Although HRSA has not shared revision details with state grantees yet, they have informed grantees that during FFY 16, a formula FOA will be released in November 2015 and a competitive FOA will be released in March 2016.</b></p>		
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**Bold = New items**

**Announcements:**

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