

Report for the Missouri Coordinating Board for Early Childhood

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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 15, 2016 for the period of December 22, 2015 through March 14, 2016.

Action Items Completed	Date Completed	Strategic Plan Reference
<p>The ECCS State Steering Committee met on January 7, 2016. The committee heard a presentation on traumatic brain injury; a presentation on a Kansas City home visiting initiative, Promise 1000; and from the MIECHV Evaluation team from MU.</p>	<p>January 7, 2016</p>	<p>Infrastructure: Governance and Leadership: Goals: The governance structure supports coordination and collaboration for an integrated comprehensive system.</p>
<p>The ECCS Program Coordinator worked with the St. Louis Regional Early Childhood Council, ParentLink at MU, and the DHSS Epidemiology Team to submit the ECCS Impact grant application to HRSA. If awarded it will replace the current ECCS grant that expires on July 31, 2016. This grant has an overall aim of increasing by 25% the number of 3 year old children in a place based community (St. Louis City and County) at the appropriate developmental skill level within 5 years. This is for \$426,600 per year for 5 years. There will only be 15 awards across the country.</p>	<p>March 14, 2016</p>	<p>Financial Resources: Desired Outcome: Missouri’s early childhood system is supported by adequate and sustainable financial resources. Goal: Fiscal resources are coordinated from federal, state, and local sources, both public and private, to ensure the most effective, efficient and accountable use of funds.</p>
<p>ECCS along with MIECHV piloted a Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) initiative in Joplin in November. The purpose of this was for the MIECHV program to be able to gather more community input for CQI purposes. This was done in a World Café format and was very successful. We will begin doing this quarterly. The second session of this pilot was completed on February 25, 2016 on the topic of transportation.</p>	<p>February 25, 2016</p>	<p>Infrastructure: Quality Assurance and Accountability: Desired Outcome: Quality assurance and accountability is integrated into and throughout Missouri’s Early Childhood System. Goals: State and local communities use cross-sector data for planning, analysis, decision-making, and evaluation.</p>
<p>The first quarterly call/webinar with the local/regional stakeholder</p>	<p>February 24, 2016</p>	<p>Infrastructure, Governance and Leadership: Goals: Missouri public policies ensure a</p>

<p>teams for 2016 was held on February 24, 2016. The topic was Parent Engagement. Meryl Levine and Cory Best from the Birth Parent National Network presented on engaging parents and facilitated discussion with the group on this topic.</p>		<p>comprehensive and integrated early childhood system, built on a foundation of collaborative governance and leadership at the state and local level. Public Engagement: Desired Outcome: The public is actively engaged and invested in the well-being of Missouri's young children and families. Goals: Stakeholders deliver a consistent message regarding the needs of children and families in Missouri.</p>
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Action Items In-progress/Pending	Date	Strategic Plan Reference
<p>A workgroup of the steering committee has been formed to brand and disseminate the Early Childhood Strategic Plan. This workgroup met on September 4, 2015 and developed a multifaceted plan for using social media for this work. Justin Logan with DSS in partnership with ECCS is working on getting the Strategic Plan disseminated to child care providers across the state.</p>	Ongoing	<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. Their trauma committee met on January 8, 2016 and on February 19, 2016. Patsy Carter and Cindy Reese attended the meeting in January and are planning to attend the March meeting.</p>	Ongoing	<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>The planning committee working on the spring 2016 parent leadership event has expanded to include the Children's Division, Missouri Kids Count, and the Head Start State Collaboration Office. The committee has met on October 27, 2015; November 4, 2015; November 13, 2015; November 17, 2015; and December 14, 2015. Funding from DHSS-ECCS, CTF, and DHSS-MIECHV will be put into a bid to contract with an entity to put on the event. The committee has sent out flyers and nomination forms to organizations asking them to nominate parents and will meet on March 16, 2016 to go through the nominations</p>	Ongoing	<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>

and decide on next steps.		
The six agencies trained in Parent Cafés will begin implementation and will conduct 2 series of cafés over the next year. These agencies are in mid-Missouri and northwest Missouri.	August 1, 2015- June 30, 2016	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.
The MIECHV program submitted the FFY2016 Formula Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) on January 15, 2016. Notice of the Formula Funding award is expected by April 1, 2016. Additionally, on March 18, 2016, a new FOA was received for the FFY 2016 MIECHV Innovation Awards. This competitive FOA will award approximately 10 cooperative agreements with a maximum of \$2,000,000 individually or \$4,000,000 for multi-applicant collaboration for innovative projects to strengthen and improve the delivery of MIECHV-funded early childhood home visiting services to eligible families, and is due on May 17, 2016.	January 15, 2016 and Ongoing.	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. Long-Term Activities: Support an in-depth analysis of existing parenting education and home visiting programs to ensure that they employ best practices and are serving families most in need.

Bold = New items

Announcements:

- The next ECCS State Steering Committee meeting will be held on April 7, 2016 from 1:00 to 4:00 at 930 Wildwood, Jefferson City, MO.

Questions for the board/larger group:

Other Notes:

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