

Report for the Missouri Coordinating Board for Early Childhood

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Department: Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS): Early Childhood Comprehensive System (ECCS) and Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV)

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Report as of: December 29, 2016 for the period of September 16, 2016 through December 29, 2016.

Action Items Completed	Date Completed	Strategic Plan Reference
<p>The ECCS State Steering Committee met on October 6, 2016. There was detailed discussion on the formation of the state Parent Advisory Council and the group began a discussion of the final University of Missouri – Kansas City Evaluation Report for ECCS that will continue into the next meeting.</p>	<p>October 6, 2016</p>	<p>Infrastructure: Governance and Leadership: Goals: The governance structure supports coordination and collaboration for an integrated comprehensive system.</p>
<p>The Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) Program received notification that Missouri was not selected as an awardee for the 2016 Competitive MIECHV Program Innovation Award Grant. Missouri’s grant proposal would have enhanced coordination of health-related services for at-risk families in the four counties identified to be at highest risk in maternal, infant, and early childhood health: Pemiscot, Dunklin, Butler, and Ripley. DHSS gained additional knowledge of the needs of at-risk families in the highest risk counties that will benefit the MIECHV Program’s future planning.</p>	<p>November 29, 2016</p>	<p>Parenting Education: Goal: Community agencies and programs effectively engage families in ways that support their parenting. Goal: Missouri’s families have the skills and access to programs and resources they need to facilitate their child(ren)’s growth and development. Objective: Parents participate in ongoing support, education and skill development opportunities that promote warm, healthy parent/child relationships.</p>
<p>The fourth quarterly call/webinar with the local/regional ECCS stakeholder teams for 2016 was held on November 30, 2016. The topic was chronic neglect. Crystal Wilson and Kara Wilcox-Bauer from the Children’s Division discussed the steps that their division is taking to work with families and children experiencing chronic neglect.</p>	<p>November 30, 2016</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. 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>

Action Items In-progress/Pending	Date	Strategic Plan Reference
<p>A planning committee including ECCS, Project LAUNCH, the Children’s Trust Fund (CTF), the Children’s Division, the Head Start State Collaboration Office, Lutheran Children and Family Services, and Department of Mental Health staff is working to develop a statewide Parent Advisory Council. There is now a finalized list of parent leaders who will be the first members of the state Parent Advisory Council; a call will be held in January for them to introduce themselves and discuss the next steps for their in-person meeting in March.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Family Support: Long Term Activities: Partner to support the implementation of statewide family leadership opportunities.</p>

Bold = New items

Announcements:

- The next ECCS State Steering Committee meeting will be held on January 5, 2017 from 1:30 to 3:30 at 930 Wildwood, Jefferson City, MO.
- **Questions for the board/larger group:**

Other Notes:

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