

## Report for the Missouri Coordinating Board for Early Childhood

*April 2017*

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

**Liaison to the Board:** Dr. Randall Williams Written report submitted by Cindy Reese.

**Report as of:** March 17, 2017 for the period of December 29, 2016 through March 17, 2017.

Action Items Completed	Date Completed	Strategic Plan Reference
The ECCS State Steering Committee met on <b>January 5, 2017</b> . The group discussed in detail the recommendations from the final University of Missouri – Kansas City Evaluation Report. This discussion focused on public awareness and increasing public will. As a result, the next meeting will include a presentation and discussion on lessons learned from the Raise Your Hands For Kids tax initiative.	<b>January 5, 2017</b>	Infrastructure, Governance and Leadership: Goals: The governance structure supports coordination and collaboration for an integrated comprehensive system.
The first quarterly call/webinar with the local/regional ECCS stakeholder teams for 2017 was held on February 22, 2017. The topic was the Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) New Rules. Marianne Dawson from the Children’s Division discussed how they will be implementing the new rules and how that will impact child care programs. She then answered questions asked by the child care program leaders in attendance.	<b>February 22, 2017</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. 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.

Action Items In-progress/Pending	Date	Strategic Plan Reference
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. <b>They will meet in-person on March 23, 2017 before the CTF Conference begins on the same day. CTF has also invited all members to attend the conference at no cost.</b>	<b>Ongoing</b>	<b>Family Support: Long Term Activities: Partner to support the implementation of statewide family leadership opportunities.</b>

**Bold = New items**

**Announcements:**

- The next ECCS State Steering Committee meeting will be held on April 6, 2017 from 2:00 to 4:00 at 930 Wildwood, Jefferson City, MO.
- **Questions for the board/larger group:**

**Other Notes:**

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