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EARLY CHILDHOOD COMPREHENSIVE SYSTEMS: BUILDING HEALTH THROUGH INTEGRATION

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- Competitive federal grant through HRSA Health Resources and Services Administration
- Previously, awarded to the Department of Public Health.
- United Way of CT applied on behalf of the State of Connecticut's Office of Early Childhood (OEC).

PURPOSE

The purpose of this grant program is to improve the healthy physical, social and emotional development during infancy and early childhood; to eliminate disparities; and to increase access to needed early childhood services by engaging in systems development, integration activities and utilizing a collective impact approach to strengthen communities from families and young children and to improve the quality and availability of early childhood services at both the state and local levels.

CONNECTICUT'S STRATEGY

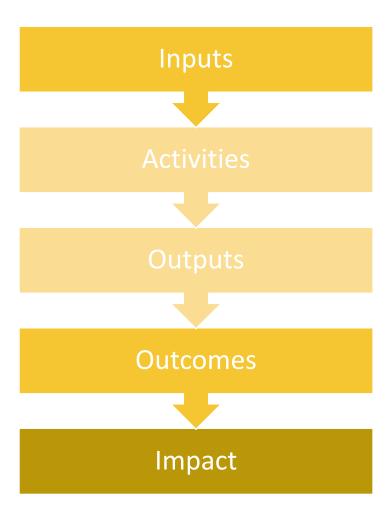
STRATEGY 2

Coordination of the expansion of developmental screening activities in early care and education settings statewide by connecting pediatric and other child health leaders with child care health consultants to link training and referrals among medical homes, early intervention services, child care programs and families

ECCS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Planning initiative:

- Ensure existing components of our ECC provide the most benefit to children
- Ensure screening and follow up services are accessible and fully integrated
- Build capacity of system to respond to increased need for referrals to services



ECCS PARTNERSHIP LOGIC MODEL: BETTER COORDINATION OF DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENING AND FOLLOW UP FOR CHILDREN AGED BIRTH TO 3

Overarching Goal: To expand early childhood development screening and to strengthen coordination across the early childhood system to enable more and easier access to necessary follow up services.

INPUTS OUTPUTS IMPACT **ACTIVITIES** OUTCOMES Access types of screening Child Care Centers Improved access to early tools being used. care screening - increase Head Start Training on early screening Conduct more screenings In-Home Child Care in number of children for early child care in medical homes, child Supports screened. Improved access professionals. care programs, and Community-Based to necessary developmental IMPROVEMENT families. Supports support services. Complete and disseminate IN PHYSICAL MIECHV Home Visiting Improved qualifications of Child Health Consultant Family Support Programs ECE staff - both formal and AND BEHAVIORAL curriculum. informal settings. Trainings held: More Child Trainings for early childhood HEALTH FOR Healthcare consultants Referral and Care health consultants. CONNECTICUT'S Implement timely referrals trained and deployed. Coordination Supports Deploy newly trained Child to developmental support Help Me Grow CHILDREN DUE Health Consultants. services. Child Development TO MORE EARLY Infoline Earlier access to Establish MOU's and 2-1-1 Child Care Research report and developmental support SCREENINGS. referral/workflow agreements. implementation plan for services. BETTER sustainable coordinated **Identify sustainable funding** Improved coordination Child Care Health system response to and resources for support COORDINATION of services at state and Consultants additional need. services. community levels. Primary Care Providers/ AND EASIER Establish data collecting More beneficial use of Medical Homes ACCESS TO and data sharing protocols Other Health Providers existing services and Lessons learned: Report across early care system. resources, including state **NECESSARY** on innovative coordination and federal resources. strategies for early FOLLOW-UP Conduct research and ■ ECCS Advisory Committee screenings in community Implement effective ongoing SERVICES. develop ECCS plan for CQI system. settings and families. addressing increased need. Conduct pilot programs **Empowerment and increased** Evaluator to test innovative, scalable engagement of parents/ screening strategies in caregivers.

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families.

ECCS ACTIVITIES

- 1. Expand developmental screening activities in early care and education
- 2. Engage Pediatric
 Providers, child care
 health consultants,
 home visitors



- 3. Training for ECE
 Professionals on
 Developmental and
 Behavioral Screening
- 4. System Enhancements, Work Flow, Financing Structure and Policy

ECCS MEASURES

- Percentage of infants born preterm.
- Rate of substantiated child abuse and neglect among children birth to age three.
- Percentage of children who received developmental screening and did not need follow up or referral.

- Percentage of families which screen positive for domestic violence and are referred
- Percentage of children in poverty level
- Measured coordination with documented referrals between child care programs, medical homes and early intervention service providers.

CURRENT STATUS

ECCS Advisory Committee meeting has been scheduled for October 31, 2013.

Recruiting for an E.C.C.S. Manager

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