E.C.C.S.

- 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**
- Child Care Centers
- Head Start
- In-Home Child Care Supports
- Community-Based Supports
- MIECHV Home Visiting
- Family Support Programs
- Referral and Care Coordination Supports
- Help Me Grow
- Child Development Infosline
- 2-1-1 Child Care
- Child Care Health Consultants
- Primary Care Providers/Medical Homes
- Other Health Providers
- ECCS Advisory Committee
- Evaluator

**Activities**
- Access types of screening tools being used.
- Training on early screening for early child care professionals.
- Complete and disseminate Child Health Consultant curriculum.
- Trainings for early childhood health consultants.
- Deploy newly trained Child Health Consultants.
- Establish MOU’s and referral/workflow agreements.
- Identify sustainable funding and resources for support services.
- Establish data collecting and data sharing protocols across early care system.
- Conduct research and develop ECCS plan for addressing increased need.
- Conduct pilot programs to test innovative, scalable screening strategies in community settings and in families.

**Outputs**
- Conduct more screenings in medical homes, child care programs, and families.
- Trainings held: More Child Healthcare consultants trained and deployed.
- Research report and implementation plan for sustainable coordinated system response to additional need.

**Outcomes**
- Improved access to early care screening – increase in number of children screened. Improved access to necessary developmental support services.
- Improved qualifications of ECE staff – both formal and informal settings.
- Implement timely referrals to developmental support services.
- Earlier access to developmental support services.
- Improved coordination of services at state and community levels.
- More beneficial use of existing services and resources, including state and federal resources.
- Implement effective ongoing CQI system.
- Empowerment and increased engagement of parents/caregivers.

**Impact**
IMPROVEMENT IN PHYSICAL AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH FOR CONNECTICUT’S CHILDREN DUE TO MORE EARLY SCREENINGS, BETTER COORDINATION AND EASIER ACCESS TO NECESSARY FOLLOW-UP SERVICES.
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
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