



Developmental Screening Partnership Update

Improving Access to Developmental Screening
for All Young Children in Washington State

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Why We Are Here ...

Increasing developmental screening is a goal for many Washington partners from health care and early learning providers to parents and federal funders. At the state level, key stakeholders created a united vision of a statewide system for developmental screening of all Washington's young children (Universal Developmental Screening).

Planning efforts are supported by funding from the Department of Health's Project LAUNCH and Autism Awareness grants and the Early Support for Infants and Toddlers program within the Department of Early Learning. Stakeholders last met in June 2010 at the Developmental Screening Partnership Committee meeting. This update shares the new work happening since that meeting.

We look forward to continuing our collaborative work toward universal developmental screening for all young children. Please feel free to send your input, ideas or concerns to any of the contacts listed in the bottom left column.

DS Info on the WithinReach ParentHelp123 Website

Child development information has been added to the WithinReach ParentHelp123 website. Under both the "new babies" and "families" tabs, there are now links to CHILD Profile's "Watch and Help Me Grow" brochures. Here parents can learn about early developmental growth and milestones. The web page also links to a CDC Fact Sheet about screening. If parents have other questions, they will be directed to talk with their health care provider or call the Family Health Hotline 1-800-322-2488.

Funding for these enhancements was provided by the [DOH Project LAUNCH](#).



COMING SOON!

Developmental Screening Page on Medical Home Site

The University of Washington's Medical Home website will soon have a developmental screening partnership page. All partners and stakeholders will be able to access the site and share information. Developmental Screening workgroups will share documents, comments and feedback. Others can post information and news about developmental screening work happening around the state.

Many of you have reviewed "The Strategic Framework for a Statewide System for Universal Developmental Screening." The project's "Outcome Map" for universal developmental screening developed by the stakeholders and the Framework will be posted to this site.



Help Me Grow National Replication Grant

Through a competitive process, WithinReach was chosen to receive technical assistance and support for Washington's developmental screening efforts. The [Connecticut Children's Medical Center's HMG National Technical Assistance Center](#) provides the assistance. Only three other states - Delaware, Massachusetts and Utah - received this grant.

Help Me Grow (HMG) is an innovative system that is cost-effective, efficient, and user-friendly. The system provides a mechanism for identifying children from birth to age eight with developmental or behavioral issues. Families are then able to connect to appropriate community resources in a timely manner through a single-point-of-entry.

The National Technical Assistance Center has worked with similar efforts in other communities and will provide the Washington team with consultation, research, policy analysis and development, and evaluation.. This Technical assistance supports the work currently underway in our state and assists in moving to the next step of planning and implementation.

The HMG program in Connecticut supports its sites through evaluation designed to collect process measures such as the quantity and types of calls; rates of developmental screening and surveillance; and parent and child health provider satisfaction. National replication of *HMG* increases awareness among parents, clinicians, policy makers, and the public about the importance of early identification and intervention for at-risk children.

Developmental Screening Workgroups

The next step in planning efforts for a statewide system is to look at the system's core components. To facilitate collaboration and reduce duplication across sectors, workgroups are being formed to address four distinct areas:

■ Screening Systems

This group outlines the proposed system, to include, but not limited to: location of system; who provides oversight; activities at the local and state levels; screening tools; and accessibility.

■ Database Registry

This group will identify current systems available. They will also determine the best registry for the developmental screening data, taking into consideration several factors such as privacy and access issues.

■ Resources and Care Coordination

This group will determine how to meet the needs and demands around care coordination, resource awareness, making and tracking referrals, the role of providers and partners, and gaps and barriers in service.

■ Reaching All Populations

This group will identify the populations that might need extra effort to reach, where these populations are, and how to improve their access to the system.

The workgroups are made up of a diverse group of state and multi-county stakeholders invested in this project. They include state agencies, local providers, health care providers, child care organizations, public health departments, early childhood programs and parents. Participants are being recruited from each of these sectors.

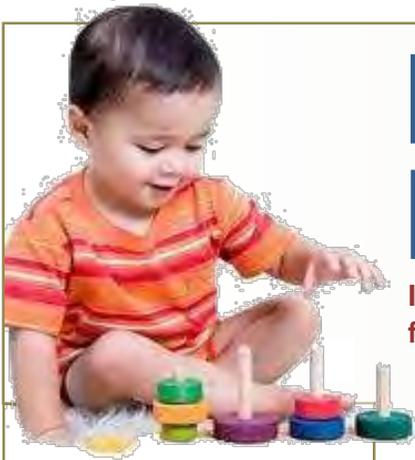
The groups will meet virtually for the first time in February 2011 and are still accepting members in each group. If you want to learn more, get involved, or refer a colleague to the workgroups, contact Rebecca Davis-Suskind.



Yakima Provider Survey

In Yakima County, Dr. Diane Liebe leads a community-wide developmental screening committee. Funding for this work is through a CATCH grant from the American Academy of Pediatrics.

The committee conducted interviews to determine where developmental screening was taking place in the Yakima valley, what tools were used, and how information is being shared. They also completed a recent survey for pediatric and family practice providers (physicians, PA-Cs and ARNPs). Fifty-seven percent who received the survey responded. The committee expects to share the results soon and develop an action plan based on the data collected.



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Partnership Meeting: June 16, 2011

We are excited to announce that the Partnership Committee will meet on June 16, 2011 at the Black River Conference Center in Renton. This meeting will:

- Give all partners an overview of developmental screening efforts over the last eight months;
- Allow for input into the overall plan to achieve universal screening; and
- Review efforts by the Developmental Screening Workgroups to tackle integral pieces of the system including data needs, screening system, resources and care coordination and how to reach all populations/ Health Equity.

Watch for an invitation in the mail/e-mail arriving soon.

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In February of this year, the HMG TA Team from Connecticut came for a two-day site visit to offer an overview of their program and get a broader picture of Washington State's Developmental Screening partnerships, resources, structure and current efforts. The HMG Team toured WithinReach for an afternoon to gain a greater understanding of the resources and capabilities within the agency.

In May, 2011, Patty Hayes, Executive Director of WithinReach and Rebecca Davis-Suskind, consultant, will travel to Connecticut for a three day conference to meet with other awardees, share best practices and strategies for successful next steps.

DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENING WORKGROUPS

To facilitate collaboration and reduce duplication across sectors, workgroups are being formed to address four distinct areas:

SCREENING SYSTEM is tasked with:

- Outlining the flow of the system from how to enter and enroll to screening results and next steps
- Defining system from family perspective
- Defining system from provider perspective
- Configuring accessibility: Can you access for a one time screening? Or do you enroll in a system that connects to the medical home and with ongoing screening? Or is it something else?
- Determining eligibility enrollment
- Determining the levels of access and need to know by provider

RESOURCES & CARE COORDINATION is tasked with:

- Defining the care coordination needs relating to developmental screening
- Determining how the elements of care coordination will be provided
- How to coordinate through the medical home
- Outlining a system to identify local resources, gaps and barriers. What is centralized and what is local?
- Identifying what expectations are there to track referrals for family completing connection to care?
- How care coordinators connect community providers to each other around UDS/closing the loop?
- Identifying who is privy to health information and test results?

DATA NEEDS is tasked with:

- Providing input and recommendations around meaningful use re: medical home, parent, child care provider, care coordinator and others
- Identifying the functions and needs of a data system
- Identifying privacy concerns and consent
- Access for 'need-to-know' providers
- Determining the options for providing system
- Ability to adapt to additional screenings over time

REACHING ALL POPULATIONS/HEALTH EQUITY is tasked with:

- Identifying Washington State populations
- Identifiers include:
 - Difficult or unable to contact by phone
 - Have multiple/complex needs
 - Have unpredictable living circumstances
 - Experience difficulty "navigating" service system due to a language or cultural barrier
 - Experience difficulty navigating service system due to issues related to literacy/education
- Refer to Strategic Framework for other population "to consider"

For more information or to participate in a workgroup, please contact: Rebecca Davis-Suskind; rkds@uw.edu, 206.685.0217 or 415.254.5436.

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Developmental Screening Partnership e-update

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PARTNERSHIP MEETING INFORMATION:

Thirty-four partners came together on June 16th to spend the day working on Universal Developmental Screening (UDS). This was the third formal meeting of the Partnership Group. The UDS Vision is: *Universal Developmental Screening and linkages to appropriate services will be made available for all children in Washington State.*

Goals for the meeting were:

1. Orient stakeholders to year two of the Universal Developmental Screening efforts
2. Build awareness of current and future opportunities
3. Build relationships between workgroup members, stakeholders and partners
4. Encourage participation in creating the system

Representatives from the Department of Health (DOH), WithinReach, Home Visiting, Medicaid, and Yakima Children's Village updated participants on recent grant awards (Great MINDS Grant, CATCH Grant and Help Me Grow) and current efforts to fund a Developmental Screening system... The meeting concluded with a panel discussion featuring representatives from Washington Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (WCAAP), WithinReach, Department of Health (DOH) and Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) discussing challenges that lie ahead and the importance of this collaborative effort to keep the work moving forward.

If you are interested in receiving Power Points or additional information about the meeting, please email Rebecca Davis-Suskind at rkds@uw.edu

Great MINDS Grant: Great Medical Homes Include Developmental Screening

The new Great MINDS Grant was recently awarded to DOH-Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN). Results from the national survey of CSHCN showed that 48% of CSHCN receive coordinated ongoing comprehensive care within medical homes in Washington State, as compared to national rates of 46%.

Three goals of the Great MINDS Grant include:

Goal 1: Increase medical homes for children by working with the Washington Patient-Centered Medical Home Collaborative and the Medical Home Leadership Network. Plans include furthering community asset mapping (CAM) and continuing to partner and work with the UDS Partnership Committee.

Goal 2: Increase training to pediatric providers and parents through continuing education and Technical Assistance (TA). Training and TA will be on Medical Homes, developmental screening, family-centered care and resources within the community.

Goal 3: Favorably impact state policies to support Medical Home, reimbursement for screening, and a UDS system.

This three year grant (\$300,000 per grant year) includes the following partners:

- Washington Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics
- University of Washington Center on Human and Developmental Disability
- Washington State Department of Health Title V programs (CSHCN - Great MINDS Grant, Autism Grant, LTSAE Supplement, Maternal, Infant, Child and Adolescent Health - Project LAUNCH, Office of Community Wellness & Prevention, Chronic Disease Prevention Unit, and Washington Patient-Centered MH Collaborative.

FLORIDA'S Developmental Screening Efforts

The Universal Developmental Screening workgroup continues to examine successful system models around the nation, and recently had a conference call with colleagues from the state of Florida. Florida's Office of Early Learning is initiating developmental screening of young children in their School Readiness program. The program has requirements for screening at program entry and exit, although individual programs may screen more frequently. Working in communities that are child care subsidy eligible, and using ARRA dollars, screening with the Ages and Stages Questionnaire (ASQ) system was initiated in 31 early learning coalitions statewide. All but four of the coalitions were already using the ASQ, although frequency of screening and method of screening (mail out, in person, on-line, subcontracted) varied by program.

The ASQ was selected as the screening tool through two different journeys. First, through the Association of Early Learning Coalitions, field staff who screen or work with families chose the ASQ 3. Next, the Office of Early Learning used a thoughtful process that included consultation/technical assistance from Kevin Grim at University of California, Berkeley with expertise in psychometrics; Dell Greenfield at the University of Miami with expertise in item development and Head Start; and Linda Espinoza in Colorado and at the University of Missouri, with expertise in Head Start and dual language learners. The conclusion, in terms of basic tools and cultural sensitivity, the ASQ was the strongest instrument available.

Each coalition uses the Enterprise Data Management system and the Office of Early Learning (OEL) is in the process of implementing the ASQ Hub, which coordinates the data from the 31 coalition Enterprise systems, to the state level. (See <http://agesandstages.com/asq-online-video-clips/> for a video tour of some of these tools.)

WORKGROUP UPDATE:

The Developmental Screening workgroups are moving forward and working on specific group goals, identifying system issues, and creating recommendations to help build a centralized and comprehensive universal system. The workgroup topics include Screening Systems, Reaching All Populations and Resources and Care Coordination. Members attended the June 16 Partnership meeting, taking the opportunity to meet face to face. Participants in each group bring a wealth of information and expertise that assists with moving toward the goal of building a universal screening system. You can view recent issues and progress being made in each workgroup by accessing the following links:

- Care Coordination and Community Resources - http://medicalhome.org/leadership/wg/devscreen_resources.cfm
- Reaching All Populations - http://medicalhome.org/leadership/wg/devscreen_reaching.cfm
- Screening System - http://medicalhome.org/leadership/wg/devscreen_screening.cfm

If you are interested in joining a workgroup, or adding feedback into the process, please e-mail Rebecca Davis-Suskind at rkds@uw.edu.

Yakima Update on Project LAUNCH:

Project LAUNCH (Linking Actions for Unmet Needs in Children's Health) holds a primary goal of increasing access to Developmental Screening and services for young children and their families. In the target community of Yakima, Project LAUNCH is collaborating with local stakeholders on developmental screening. Dr. Diane Liebe, medical director of Yakima Children's Village, received a 2010 American Academy of Pediatrics CATCH Planning grant entitled "Promoting Universal Developmental Screening." This was used to explore the barriers and possible solutions to developmental screening for all young children in Yakima County. After interviewing representatives from diverse organizations, Yakima continues to build their system at a community level. Funds from Project LAUNCH are available this summer to initiate pilot sites of UD, in coordination with Yakima Children's Village, and Dr. Liebe's work.

For people with disabilities, this document is available on request in other formats. To submit a request, please call 1-800-525-0127 (TDD/TTY call 711).

UNIVERSAL DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENING E-UPDATE

DECEMBER 2011

VISION: Universal Developmental Screening and linkages to appropriate services will be made available for all children in Washington State

PARTNERSHIP MEETING INFORMATION:

On November 15th, 41 partners gathered to forward the vision and implementation of Universal Developmental Screening (UDS) for the young children of Washington State. Goals for the meeting included:

- Enhance awareness of Help Me Grow systems and innovations in other states
- Increase knowledge of how developmental screening might fit into the Health Information Exchange being implemented in Washington State
- Develop knowledge about Systems Workgroup Maps
- Improve understanding of Collective Impact Initiatives and the next steps for UDS efforts

Dr. Paul Dworkin from the National Help Me Grow (HMG) Center provided an overview of the HMG Model and discussed the role of systems development in the movement to support early brain development and learning. Dr. Dworkin highlighted the fact that the HMG network can accommodate “at risk” children, to take maximum advantage of optimal periods for brain development for ALL children.

Frank Westrum, Chief Information Officer at the Washington State Department of Health, reviewed the Health Information Exchange (HIE) technologies that are coming to Washington State in the next few years that will help organize and transmit information throughout the system. Mr. Westrum likened the HIE to a postal system for electronic medical information – instead of all providers, hospitals, pharmacies, labs, etc., developing their own system for exchanging data, they would have the ability to use one statewide HIE. Information would then reach recipients much more quickly and easily.

Participants provided input to refine the work of the Screening System Workgroup on their vision of the UDS system, a roadmap of a family’s journey through the system, and the technology interface.

There was a discussion of the collective impact article from the Stanford Social Innovation Review. The Collective Impact article is available at: http://www.ssireview.org/images/articles/2011_WI_Feature_Kania.pdf

ACTION STEP: ENVISIONING SUCCESS:

At the November Partnership meeting, we asked all partners to reflect on what a successful Universal Developmental Screening (UDS) system would provide for their organization or constituency. We would like to gather that information for the work at the next partnership meeting in June 2012.

Please review the Outcome Map created by the Partnership group (*contact us if you need another copy of the map sent to you*). Consider the work of your agency and how it fits into these activities. How will you know that your activities are having an impact? What would be your measure of success? What would need to be measured in this system vision for you to know that it is functioning effectively and involving your organization?

Ultimately, collectively, we want to have all children screened and appropriately referred. What information do you currently have, and what do you report back to your organization, funders or supporters on activity impact that moves WA State down the road toward having a universal developmental screening system? Please help all of us by sharing your ideas, measures, current data collection tools (and/or summary reports) in an email to Cathy Wasserman in the

Surveillance and Evaluation section of DOH at cathy.wasserman@doh.wa.gov. Cathy will be collating these measures to report at the June Partnership meeting for review and input.

DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENING IN YAKIMA:

With the help of the federal Project LAUNCH grant, Children's Village, Yakima has posted the electronic version of the developmental screening tool ASQ-3 on their website, in English and Spanish. Families living in Yakima County can now access this website, consent to screening, and complete an online standardized ASQ-3 developmental questionnaire for their young child. Children's Village staff met with health care practices and several early childhood programs to promote screening. Two medical practice sites indicated a desire to either initiate formal ASQ-3 screening on site or provide information to families to enable access to the electronic screening tool. During the next few months, efforts will focus on training practitioners on the ASQ tool and website use. Practices will begin implementing the screening and Children's Village will be monitoring usage, screening results and follow-up. We are very excited about this first trial of a screening 'mini-system'. We look forward to learning from these efforts, identifying and ironing out the kinks and expanding the effort in the future.

WORKGROUPS UPDATE:

The workgroups made great progress meeting goals and identifying system challenges. Participants in each group brought a wealth of information and expertise that moved Washington State closer toward the goal of building a universal screening system. Our thanks to all workgroup members!

- The Reaching All Populations Group, lead by Sheri Hill, PhD, focused on issues of health equity throughout the system and how to bridge the gap while offering culturally competent care to communities of color and non-English speaking communities. Many populations and resources were identified to help create a universal reach for UDS. The grid capturing the work of this committee and their recommendations is at http://medicalhome.org/leadership/wg_devscreen_reaching.cfm
- The Resources and Care Coordination workgroup, lead by Laura Hudgings, MD, worked on specific group goals, identifying care coordination issues to help build this particular piece of the centralized and comprehensive universal system. http://medicalhome.org/leadership/wg_devscreen_resources.cfm
- The Screening System, led by Patty Hayes, RN, created a vision of a UDS system and shared this vision in the form of maps at the November Partnership meeting. http://medicalhome.org/leadership/wg_devscreen_screening.cfm

You can view membership, process information, products and any recommendations for each workgroup by accessing the link to the specific workgroup website link above.

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NEXT PARTNERSHIP MEETING:
JUNE 6, 2012, RENTON