

Universal Developmental Screening Partnership E-Update

Vision: Universal developmental screening and linkages to appropriate services will be available for all young children in Washington State

Visionary Wins Innovative Technology Award

Partnership member Julie Kientz from the University of Washington Department of Human Centered Design & Engineering is honored for using simple and common computing tools to improve human health. See article in [MIT Technology Review](#)



Local Health Chose UDS

Twenty-one out of thirty-five Washington State local health jurisdictions chose universal developmental screening projects as a portion of their work related to Maternal and Child Health for 2013-2014.

Data System Feasibility Process

We have talked for several years about a data system for UDS and what that would look like. We are in the very beginning stages of building a business case for this system. This will not be a data repository or data warehouse. Instead, we want the system to build off and align with what is already out there and to serve all the different stakeholders. Our short term goal: Identify a mechanism where non-standardized but validated data for periodic screening for children from birth to six years of age can be entered and shared between health care providers, educational providers, parents/guardians; and community organizations serving families. Following discussions with agency leaders, a data workgroup will focus on the details of the data system needs. For more information or to serve on the workgroup, contact Debra.LochnerDoyle@doh.wa.gov

Connecting the Circles Medical Home Summit

The May 10, 2013 "Connecting the Circles" Summit brought together 125 children's health and development advocates representing public health, pediatrics and family medicine, families, early learning, early intervention, state agencies and managed care organizations from across Washington State.

Through a combination of formal presentations and discussion time, participants shared promising strategies with an emphasis on improving effective referral and care coordination for families of children with concerns identified through developmental screening.

A [Summary Presentation](#) given at the June 27, 2013 Universal Developmental Screening Partnership meeting and materials from the Summit are available at: http://www.medicalhome.org/leadership/conferences_events.cfm#summit

Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems (ECCS) Grant Focus on UDS

Washington State Department of Health received the federal HRSA ECCS grant in August. The 3-year grant will focus on advancing the Collective Impact Universal Developmental Screening **effort by providing some key functions of a "backbone" support** including consistent communication and accountability. New grant requirements include evaluation and reporting on alignment with selected Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting benchmarks. Another requirement is the formation of an ECCS work group, led by a pediatrician and consisting of specific cross-sector partners.

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Health Plans

Health Care Authority (HCA) contracts with five Managed Health Care Organizations to provide care to 1.2 million low income and disabled individuals on Medicaid. The health plans were asked to:

- Develop common practice guidelines for mental health and developmental screenings
- Decide on standardized screening tools
- Develop education materials and training on the guidelines for use by contracted primary care providers.

The HCA will be activating billing codes and payment for both autism and UDS screens in January 2014.

Help Me Grow Washington Provides:

- Free developmental screening using the Ages and Stages Questionnaire (ASQ)
- Age-specific activities
- Connections to community resources and state benefit program

Verified referrals into the early intervention system

<http://www.parenthelp123.org/child-development/help-me-grow-washington>

An Evaluative Look at the UDS Partnership

Chris Blodgett, Washington State University (WSU), presented on the progress of the UDS Partnership at the June 27 Partnership meeting. Using the Collective Impact framework, a core group of Partners who have been involved in the state level effort were interviewed last fall.

Evidence of success included:

- Seeing the Outcome Map as a consensus framework
- Coordinating grant funds to support development
- Prioritizing UDS in the state Early Learning Plan
- Establishing Help Me Grow Washington (at WithinReach)
- **Emerging UDS practices in the pilots at Yakima's Children's Village and WithinReach**
- Prioritizing UDS for projects at Local Health Jurisdictions
- Growing leadership support

Multi-sector Collective Impact brings both opportunities and challenges. Summary findings from this round of interviews included:

- The UDS Partnership is a healthy but an evolving system
- Scope of participation has to be managed to increase investment and effort
- As real action and resources grow, focus on decision-making and partnership engagement becomes necessary
- Engaging system leaders remains a continuing need

WSU will be conducting a second round of interviews this fall. The full report will be completed in December. Funding is provided by WA State Project LAUNCH as part of the grant evaluation requirement. The state Project LAUNCH coordinator was not included in the interviews. *For more information, contact Rebecca.Timmen@doh.wa.gov*

Washington Healthcare Improvement Network

The Washington Healthcare Improvement Network (WHIN), a Washington State Department of Health initiative, was established to provide training, technical assistance, and quality improvement support to primary care teams. These teams work to establish or refine health and medical homes, and to offer additional assistance to help patients manage chronic conditions and support transitions in care. WHIN works towards these goals through regional learning collaboratives and the WHIN Institute.

The WHIN Institute offers statewide self-paced online learning modules for primary care practices on topics like pediatric asthma, autism, childhood obesity, and adolescent sexual health/risks. WHIN also places emphasis on integrating developmental screening, through a series of e-learning modules, and continued discussion with clinics to make developmental screening a chief clinical preventive service priority for children.

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Links and Resources you can use...

Universal Developmental Screening Partnership information on the Washington State Medical Home Partnerships Project website at UW.

<http://www.medicalhome.org/leadership/devscreen.cfm>

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