CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS PROGRAM
COMMUNICATION NETWORK MEETING
July 13, 2017

CSHCN Program Mission: To promote integrated systems of care which assure the population of children with special health care needs the opportunity to achieve the healthiest life possible and develop to their full potential.

CSHCN Communication Network Purpose:
Provide for exchange of information among those programs and entities that serve children with special health care needs and their families, and facilitate an opportunity to learn more about statewide policies, programs and issues critical to this unique population.

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CSHCN Program Updates

Staff Updates: Healthy Starts & Transitions (See Attachment #1 for PowerPoint presentation.)
Staff changes include Cynthia Morrison replacing Kathy Chapman, who has retired, and Tori Henderson has joined our unit.

State DOH Budget Update. The state legislature and governor passed a 2017-19 budget on June 30. DOH’s top priority—Foundational Public Health Services (FPHS) – received an investment of $12 million to address communicable disease monitoring and prevention and chronic disease and injury prevention in local and state public health. One-time funding of $10 million GF-State is provided to support Local Health Jurisdictions to improve their ability to address communicable disease monitoring and prevention and chronic disease and injury prevention. Implementation of FPHS: One-time funding of $2 million GF-State is provided to the department to implement strategies to control the spread of communicable diseases and other strategies. $3.0 million GF-State is invested to test water fixtures in schools across the state, with an emphasis on testing older schools first, for screening, case management, and an electronic data reporting system to identify and track children who are at the highest risk of having elevated levels of lead in their blood. The department is authorized to increase the newborn screening fee by $8.10 per baby screened in order to add X-linked adrenoleukodystrophy (X-ALD) to the mandatory newborn screening panel. $6.1 million in authority is invested into targeted case management for high-risk populations with health disparities in the HIV Early Intervention Program. An additional $9 million of authority is provided to invest in one-time projects designed to improve the health and well-being of individuals living with HIV. $700,000 GF-State to increase capacity to respond to calls to the suicide prevention hotline using existing contracts for crisis lines. An additional $260,000 GF-State is provided for the Breast, Cervical and Colon Health Program. DOH funding is reduced to reflect the elimination of 6 percent of management positions. This equates to a $1.2 million reduction to the department. $500,000 GF-State is to be redirected within the agency to fund a contract with a nongovernmental entity for a pilot program to develop strategies to address health disparities in rural communities. State funds of $1,301,000 for NDCs are included in the final budget for the next two years. This represents flat funding.

Neurodevelopmental Centers Update
The CSHCN Program completed a “Request for Applications” granting process for Neurodevelopmental Centers (NDC) in April. DOH defines an NDC as a “non-profit agency, hospital, or other group in Washington State that provides outreach, evaluation, diagnosis, treatment planning, and special therapies, including but not limited to occupational, physical, and speech therapy to children up to 20 years of age with special health care needs. Each NDC has a relationship with a medical director and licensed therapists with pediatric training.” The existing 18 NDCs did not need to reapply for 2017-2019 contract period therefore their contracts were amended. During the 2015-2017 grant period, Good Samaritan Children’s Therapy Unit and Mary Bridge Children’s Therapy Center were combined under Multicare Health Systems umbrella, dropping the total number of existing centers to 17. Two new NDCs completed the application process and were selected. Encompass NW in North Bend in King County and Toddler Learning Center in Oak Harbor in Island County are the new centers.

We are excited to work with the new NDCs and look forward to a great relationship with all 19! See Attachment #2 for a complete list of all of the NDCs. For more information about the NDC granting process, please contact Christy Polking at 360-236-3571 or christy.polking@doh.wa.gov.

Standards for Systems of Care for CYSHCN, Version 2.0: Streamlined and Updated.
The Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs just released an updated version of the National Standards for Systems of Care that strive to serve the nation’s 11 million children and youth with special health care needs. Version 2.0 of the National Standards for Systems of Care for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs sets the core components for the structure and process of effective systems of care while streamlining content for easier use by states.
We Need Your Help! Washington Maternal and Child Health Block Grant Public Input Survey; deadline 8/15/17

The WA Department of Health is committed to supporting healthy families and healthy communities by providing quality services and care. Please send the following information out to your networks and families you work with to promote responses to our Maternal and Child Health Public Input Survey:

"The Department of Health is committed to supporting healthy families and healthy communities by providing quality services and care. Are you happy with the health care you are receiving? Are there areas where we can improve for you and your children? Take our survey (https://fortress.wa.gov/doh/opinion/s?s=11219) to provide your feedback and help us help you. Share the survey anywhere you can, and encourage others to provide their input as well. Together, we can work to broaden the scope of our efforts and reach more Washingtonians in need. Please contact Rabeea Ghaffar at rabeeha.ghaffar@doh.wa.gov or 360-236-3634 with any questions."

Child Care Challenges for CSHCN.

HeadStart and Early HeadStart
- Requirement to enroll at least 10% of their caseload as infants and children with special needs
- These families do not have to meet HeadStart income eligibility limits!
- Online HeadStart Locator at the Early Childhood Learning & Knowledge Center: https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/center-locator
- Waiting Lists turn over quickly as children age out of HeadStart Programs
- Ellen Silverman is seeking stories from families of CSHCN having trouble finding child care.

Pediatric-Transforming Clinical Practice Initiative (P-TCPI) Update. DOH and numerous contractors across the state continue to wait for an official Notice of Award from the Centers for Medicaid and Medicaid Services (CMS) to allow the spending of P-TCPI grant carry-forward funding for six projects, including the Regional Care Coordination Project, Person-Family Engagement Project, and Reach Out and Read (see Attachment #3). (There has been approval from the grant officer and the program side of CMS, but we are waiting for the budget office to respond. In the meantime, the clock keeps ticking to expend these funds and complete projects by September 28, 2017. P-TCPI is otherwise continuing in their grant year 2 activities, continuing to recruit pediatric primary care, behavioral health, and specialty care providers into the initiative. A monthly snapshot of grant activities is Attachment #4. Additional information on projects are available in the April 2017 minutes.

For more information, please contact Maria Nardella at maria.nardella@doh.wa.gov.

AS3D (Autism and Other Developmental Disabilities) Grant:

Our amazing family-led organizations (Northwest Autism Center, Open Doors for Multicultural Families, and Washington Autism Alliance and Advocacy) are making great progress on developing a training curriculum for Family Navigators to increase the capacity and effectiveness of family navigators across the state to guide families through and around barriers in the health care system and assist them in accessing or receiving care for their children with ASD/DD.

Congratulations to our partners at WCAAP for scheduling the first Great MINDS-ASD Training! When & Where? The training will be held: August 28th at 6pm at 820 N Chelan Ave, Wenatchee, WA 98801 Mares building, Confluence Health. Who should attend? Anyone involved with caring for children, including family medicine physicians, pediatricians, naturopaths, PAs, ARNPs, RNs, other primary care providers, medical assistants, and support staff. Who’s doing the training? The co-trainers will be: Dr. Diane Liebe, Pediatrician with Children’s Village in Yakima and Sugely Sanchez, parent of children with ASD. Thank you to all the members of the Great MINDS-ASD Ad Hoc Committee for helping to design and refine the curriculum and evaluation tools, and for brainstorming about outreach. See Attachment #5 for more details. Dinner will be provided! Free CME! Spread the word!

Check your email about an important Telehealth Capacity Assessment. Together with our partners, we’ve created a survey to assess the current status of telehealth in Washington State and need your help! A major focus for the AS3D grant is maximizing existing telehealth laws and other infrastructure to increase access to services in rural and other medically underserved communities, and to facilitate communication and capacity building among providers. The purpose of the survey is to assess the existence (or none existence) of telehealth infrastructure in your clinic as a viable method of increasing access to services in rural and other medically underserved communities, and to facilitate communication and capacity building among providers. Who did we email to complete the assessment? Neurodevelopmental Centers, Medicaid Centers of Excellence for Autism Diagnosis, Medicaid providers of Applied
Behavior Analysis. Results of the survey will be used to develop a strategic plan to implement future trainings and pilot telehealth projects. All surveys must be completed by July 31st so fill yours out today!

Didn't get the email? Please contact Jean-Marie Dymond, AS3D Grant Coordinator, for a copy. Thank you!

For more AS3D grant information, please contact Jean-Marie Dymond at 360-236-3737 or jean-marie.dymond@doh.wa.gov

CSHCN Program/Nutrition Background and Updates:
The Feeding Support-Transitions from Hospital to Home Workgroup held a meeting June 23, 2017. Two transition models were presented (University of Washington Neonatal Intensive Care Unit – Northwest Early Intervention, and Benton-Franklin Public Health and Kadelac Hospital). These presentations were followed by a presentation from Department of Early Learning on process of referring to early interventions, and from Smooth Way Home on a project looking at family experience during the transition project. (See UW Nutrition contract for additional updates.)

CSHCN Nutrition Needs Assessment: We have completed registered dietitian surveys through the Nutrition Network and WIC. We are now recruiting for Parent Focus Groups and Provider Key Informant interviews. The deadline for indicating interest in participating is July 14, 2017. Recruitment flyers are available.

Apple Health Enteral Program: New Medicaid Billing Guidelines have been released July 1, 2017 and can be accessed at https://www.hca.wa.gov/assets/billers-and-providers/Enteral-nutrition-bi-20170701_0.pdf.

For more information, please contact Joan Zerzan at 360-236-3561 or joan.zerzan@doh.wa.gov.

Washington Statewide Leadership Initiative (WSLI): Strategic Planning meeting July 20th at SeaTac Community Center. A poster will be presented at October Washington State Public Health Association conference on some of the WSLI work related to Down Syndrome.

For more WSLI information, please contact Michelle Hoffman at 360-236-3504 or michelle.hoffman@doh.wa.gov.

Essentials for Childhood (EfC)
Over the first half of 2017, the Essentials for Childhood (EfC) Steering Committee and Backbone Team have been working with a facilitator to focus work. (See attached draft Framework and Progress Template for more detail.)

The EfC vision remains: All children in Washington State thrive in safe, stable and nurturing relationships and environments. The Steering Committee reframed the work of EfC around three goals:

- Increase Kindergarten Readiness
- Improve Child Health Status
- Reduce Adverse Experiences
The EFC Steering Committee and workgroups are focusing on the following activities and strategies.

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The new EFC Executive Director, Dan Torres starts August 1. Dan currently serves as the Director of Policy and Partnerships at Thrive Washington. In that role he directs the community momentum strategy for the 10 early learning regional coalitions. He also serves as the lead for the Early Learning Advisory Council and Early Learning Action Alliance and develops and implements Thrive Washington’s annual legislative strategy. He previously served as an associate at the Center for the Study of Social Policy and worked at Casey Family Programs.

For more information about EFC, please contact Marilyn Gisser at 360-236-3503 or marilyn.gisser@doh.wa.gov or see our website [www.doh.wa.gov/efc](http://www.doh.wa.gov/efc).

**Great LINCS (Links to Integrate and Coordinate Care) for CYSHCN Grant**

Great LINCS grant will be ending on August 31st, 2017. Some components of the Great LINCS grant’s effort to create a shared resource for CYSHCN will be sustained through P-TCPI funding. Great LINCS will have a final joint meeting with WSLI at August 28, 2017.

For more information, please contact Allison Templeton at 360-236-3526 or allison.templeton@doh.wa.gov.

**Great MINDS Grant Updates**

Great MINDS recently completed a series of 4 Great MINDS trainings with Swedish Medical system. This series of trainings reached 123 medical providers. Great MINDS has also been working with the Autism grant to create a Great MINDS training that focuses primarily on Autism screening. The first pilot version of this training will be in Chelan-Douglas at the end of August.

For more information, please contact Allison Templeton at 360-236-3526 or allison.templeton@doh.wa.gov.

**Project LAUNCH (PL) Expansion**

Element I is continuing to bring on more licensed child care providers who want to participate with LAUNCH for UDS implementation in all three pilot communities (Chelan-Douglas, Benton-Franklin, and Thurston). So far we have screened over 550 children. By next Communication Network meeting we will have data from all three communities to give you a better idea what is happening, i.e staff demo, family demo, child demo, professional development, number of children screened and referred and parent night feedback.
PL is starting work with the Washington State Association for Infant Mental Health. PL is requesting WA-AIMH will look of current available trainings (social-emotional) to build a crosswalk that will show which trainings will meet WA-AIMH's endorsement pathway competencies at a level I for child care providers. In collaboration with LAUNCH, WA-AIMH will host a facilitated statewide meeting with strategic partners (DEL, WA-AIMH, HV, ESIT, and LAUNCH) to strategize the development of a coordinated infant and early childhood mental health system.

Lastly, LAUNCH is looking at some professional development trainings for our three comminutes in partnership with DEL and WA-AIMH.

Stay tuned!

For more information, please contact Sherry Trout at 360-236-3523 or sherrylynn.trout@doh.wa.gov.

Universal Developmental Screening (UDS)
The Essentials for Childhood, Systems, Services and Implementation workgroup is working to advance implementation of Help Me Grow Framework using the Strengthening Families Protective Families Framework in Washington communities to connect families to services.

The workgroup is:
- Engaging communities interested in or aligned with HMG, hearing about their successes and challenges, and identifying common themes, and policy/systems implications.
- Learning about and exploring options to leverage related efforts and align where possible. Related efforts include Pediatric Transforming Clinical Practices Initiative, Medical Home Neighborhood Team, Coordinated Care work with Children’s Administration, Accountable Communities of Health, Frontiers of Innovation First Thousand Days and others.
- Exploring related data and options for Protective Factors metrics.

Planned Milestones are:
- Develop/disseminate a Protective Factors in Washington (data) fact sheet
- Agree on a workgroup theory of change
- Explore and communicate how the HMG fidelity metrics fit for our purpose of spreading the use of the framework and within our larger protective factor metrics discussion.

For more information on UDS, please contact Sharon Shadwell at 360-236-3572 or sharon.shadwell@doh.wa.gov.

Managed Care Organization Performance Improvement Plan on Well-Child Visits
DOH, HCA and Child and Adolescent Clinic successfully provided a webinar that provided information and training on HEDIS, billing for well-child visits and the importance of coordinating efforts within clinics to complete well-child visits. The archived webinar can be found here: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7892434484992141058

DOH is planning to perform key informant interviews and parent focus groups in Spanish and English in Shelton, Bellingham, Yakima and Colville to learn more about the barriers that impede parents’ abilities to bring their children in for well-child visits.

For more information, please contact Shanne Montague at 360-236-3560 or shanne.montague@doh.wa.gov.

Healthy Communities Consolidated Contracts Updates
The MCHBG Action Plan guidance and template for October 2017-September 2018 were sent to all LHJ MCHBG leads in June. A webinar to go over the materials and process was held July 6th with 33 people participating. Draft plans are due August 18.

We are beginning to plan for the fall MCHBG regional meetings. Agenda items are still to be determined. Dates and locations are as follows:
- Wednesday, October 25 in Spokane
- Thursday, October 26 in Moses Lake
- Tuesday, October 31 in Everett
- Thursday, November 2 in Skamania

For more information, please contact Mary Dussol at 360-236-3781 or mary.dussol@doh.wa.gov.
Special Presentation
Welcome Inclusion (WIN) Initiative
Kim Corrigan

Welcome Inclusion (WIN) is an alliance to better serve children and adults with intellectual, behavioral and social differences—by building public awareness, providing business training, and providing an online community that takes action. Prior to Special Olympics 2018, WIN is working on Welcome Inclusion Initiative (see Attachment’s 6 and 7 for PowerPoint presentation). WIN initiative works from perspective that inclusion gap is driven by lack of knowledge. 2014 Schriver report identified this gap. WIN wants to move the needle by increasing access to community and thereby increase experience, knowledge and comfort level. WIN gathered together a steering committee and begin to address how to work with businesses – beginning with a relational approach. WIN has 3 goals – public outreach, training and evaluation with the overarching objective- Seattle is a model city of inclusion. You can participate by nominating a business that demonstrates inclusion using an APP (Welcomein.org to download APP). Nominated business takes pledge (see slide 6) – followed by an online training. UW is working to create training modules addressing the 6 principles. A research team will evaluate impact. Not restricted to King County or diagnosis specific.

Health Care Authority (the Medicaid agency)
Colette Jones and Kevin Cornell

- **Value-Based Purchasing:** Learn more from our animated video on [Value-based purchasing](#): A 3-1/2 minute video explaining what value-based purchasing is and how Washington State HCA is moving towards it.

- **Behavioral Health Services for AI/AN Population:** HCA and DSHS have been working to create a new option for the American Indian/Alaskan Native (AI/AN) population to receive behavioral health services. In response to concerns expressed by the Washington State Tribes and Urban Indian Health Programs, AI/AN Apple Health clients will be transferred out of the Fee-For-Service (FFS) program allowing access to mental health services from a tribal health program beginning July 1, 2017. Clients can call HCA to opt into a Behavioral Health Organization. Apple Health clients that have self-identified as AI/AN were sent notifications in the mail. The Health Care Authority can answer questions for AI/AN clients and also assist with opting in to a behavioral health organization or Apple Health managed care by calling 1-800-562-3022.

- **Parity Analysis:** HCA, DSHS, the managed care plans and the Behavioral Health Organizations have been working to conduct a parity analysis required by CMS. The Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act (MHPAEA) prevents health insurance issuers and group health plans from imposing less favorable limitations on mental health (MH) and substance use disorder (SUD) benefits than on physical health benefits. Starting October 1, 2017, the rule will also apply to Medicaid programs. States must analyze whether any limitations on MH or SUD benefits are any more restrictive than those applied to physical health benefits. When analyzing behavioral health and physical health, the following benefit categories are compared:
  - Inpatient
  - Outpatient
  - Pharmacy
  - Emergency Care

Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI)
Nicole Klein
Program Supervisor for Coordinated School Health
[healthyschools.ospi.k12.wa.us/waschool/](http://healthyschools.ospi.k12.wa.us/waschool/)

Nicole just started June 16th. There are a number of staff changes including a new superintendent of Public Instructions. Nicole will be representing OSPI, the home hospital program, school nurse supervision, and provide TA support. Prior to coming to OSPI was a managing school nurse and nurse coordinator.
Communication Network Meeting Minutes
July 13, 2017

Health Plans
Amerigroup-Washington
Lani Spencer and Tonya Niverson
www.amerigroupcorp.com
[Coverage Area Includes: All Counties except Adams, Chelan, Clallam, Clark, Cowlitz, Douglas, Ferry, Grant, Kittitas, Lincoln, Okanogan, Skamania, and Wahkiakum]

There is a new Pediatric case manager. Amerigroup won a fully integrated care bid working with partners including Children’s Home.

Health Plans
Community Health Plan of Washington (CHPW)
Karen Mamaril
www.chpw.org
[Coverage Area Includes All Counties except Clallam, Columbia, Garfield, Jefferson, Klickitat, Lincoln, Mason, Skamania, and Whitman]

Karen started in January. Working on visits to inpatient facilities to improve communication, updating systems, and bringing all functions including care management back in house.

Health Plans
Coordinated Care
Elizabeth Allen, Sherry Bennatts and Katie Hall
www.coordinatedcarehealth.com
[Coverage Area Includes: All Counties except Clallam, Ferry, Kittitas, and Pend Oreille]

Working on fully integrated care and bringing a holistic approach.

Health Plans
Molina Healthcare of Washington
Cathi Sears
www.molinahealthcare.com
[Coverage Area Includes All Counties except Island, Jefferson, Klickitat, Skamania, and Wahkiakum]

Working on fully integrated care. Concluded an Asthma study with Seattle Children’s – it was hard to impact due to wide variability in prescribing practices.

Health Plans
UnitedHealthcare
Cindy Spain
www.uhc.com
[Coverage Area Includes: All Counties except Clallam, Cowlitz, Garfield, Pend Oreille, San Juan, Skagit, and Whatcom]

Cindy Spain was unable to attend.
For CSHCN Coordinators, school nurses, and other community providers—Escalated Care Coordination Hotline. Leadership is committed to improvements. Developed provider hotline following input from April Communication Network meeting. The line is open to all, including parents. Vast majority of issues raised were clinic and not inpatient or finances. In 1st month received only 1 call from parent which was satisfactorily addressed. Plan is to continue through December and evaluate. Need child’s name, date of birth, who has been spoken to about issue, and what has been done so far. This is just a pilot. No interpreter services are currently available, Jacquie will look into if there is a need and how it could be made available. For doctors, nurses or therapists who have a patient in common with Seattle Children’s hospital and have not received satisfaction in coordinating care, contact cshcn@seattlechildrens.org or Jacquie Stock at (206) 987-3729.

With WA DOH CSHCN Program, The Arc of Washington and The Arc of King County, planning a statewide meeting of family advocacy organizations and resource organizations to develop a plan for how all the organizations can share their resources together over the long haul. This is a final effort of the Great LINCS grant.

Videos from the annual Duncan Seminar on mental health are up at CSHCN.org.

What is a 504 Plan? One of the most visited pages on our website: http://cshcn.org/childcare-schools-community/the-504-plan/, there for families and providers as school planning is started.

Continued participation in the P-TCPI Medical Home Work Group, and met with Practice Facilitators to share our resources and information with them and to learn what type of information and resources they need for pediatricians participating in the P-TCPI.

Autism-related Technical Assistance to Communities Growing Local ASD Identification and Intervention services

- Amy completed a leadership course through the Institute for Healthcare Improvement this past quarter. Her project was to collect and analyze data on the use of the School Medical Autism Review Team (SMART) tool in Whatcom, Lewis, Skagit, and Island Counties. Amy organized and facilitated a ZOOM networking call on June 23 with the care coordinators for the SMART process in the four counties as well as the new communities of Chelan-Douglas and Grays Harbor who are developing SMART teams. Amy presented a poster on the work at a national Autism meeting in early July.

- Amy Carlsen helped organize new Health Care Authority (HCA) Autism Centers of Excellence trainings with Dr. Chuck Cowan for the HCA in Mt Vernon and Wenatchee this quarter. Twenty-seven medical providers from Skagit, Whatcom and Chelan-Douglas are now eligible to serve as COEs. Additional community partners also participated, some of whom will be supporting the medical providers as members of local School Medical Autism Review Teams (SMART). See Attachment #8 for list of HCA’s Centers of Excellence for Autism Spectrum Disorders.

The Lewis County Autism Coalition produces a well-regarded Autism Conference for SW WA each fall (Friday October 27th this year). They are now reaching out to their catchment area to do Community Asset Mapping with neighboring counties. They are offering this to Pacific County and Cowlitz County and looking at early fall community summits. Amy and Kate developed and held a CAM Train-the Trainer training for the Lewis County Autism Coalition Board and Tess Lawson, the Director of the Grays Harbor Autism Coalition in June.

The Grays Harbor Autism Coalition continues to move forward. We have been working with Tess Lawson and Kate provided additional training on CAM in June at the monthly meeting. We have helped connect the coalition with a clinical psychology doctoral student who will be providing two trainings to interested parents and community members in August.

The Chelan-Douglas Autism Coalition, led by Carol McCormick, Chelan-Douglas Health District and Janelle Bersch, North Central Educational Services District, is also making huge strides. Amy and Kate met with the coalition at their monthly meeting on May 16th and Amy arranged for Dr. Polley from Lewis County to call in to the meeting and share her experience as a pediatrician and COE using the School Medical Autism Review Team (SMART) with community partners. The CD Coalition is moving forward with the SMART team and hoping to have one in place by early fall. They will pilot the HIPPA compliant Zoom teleconference system the MHPP project is making available through a UW license. In addition to participating in the COE training, they have also set up a...
Great MINDS Autism Screening training for primary care providers August 28 through the WA Chapter of the AAP and the Department of Health.

Universal Developmental Screening and connecting families to needed services.
- Kathy participated on Frontiers of Innovation’s Newborn Study group and reviewed 18 First Thousand Day proposals. The initiative is focuses on improving early identification, triage, a coordinated community response to prevent and mitigate family stressors, and to support positive parent-child relationships to buffer toxic stress and optimize development. Two communities will receive Deep Dive support in the first year (Walla Walla County and Skagit County) and two additional communities will receive deep dive support in year 2 (Pacific and Whatcom Counties). The remaining communities will participate with 1) the deep dive communities in a Learning Collaborative, 2) a K-12 Early Learning Collaborative, or 3) a Small Community Learning Collaborative.

Pediatric Transforming Clinical Practice Initiative (P-TCPI):
- We have held monthly virtual meetings with P-TCPI Medical Home Neighborhood Team (MHNT) members including how to promote enrollment in P-TCPI by primary care providers, behavioral health clinicians and other licensed health care providers who serve children.
- Team discussion on care coordination for children at high risk led to a separate workgroup with one meeting so far on paid care coordination in the medical home for children at high risk, the benefits and drawbacks of Health Homes and the PRISM risk score, and possible alternatives.
- We continue to wait for word on the carryforward for the Regional Care Coordination Project and 2 other carry forward projects under the MHNT. Several Regional Care Facilitators joined the June team call.
- A subgroup of the Medical Home Neighborhood Team, including Kathy and Kate, are working with the DOH-CSHCN Program and the WCAAP transformation efforts to create a document on the importance of care coordination for the pediatric population and how accountable communities of health (ACHs) might incorporate care coordination efforts in their waiver projects.
- Kathy and Kate also participate on the P-TCPI Health Care Transformation Team (HCT) and contributed to the HCT/WA Chapter AAP response to a request from the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI) for proposals for what a Pediatric Accountable Care Organization (ACO) model would look like.

National Medical Libraries and Community Libraries
- Kate provided a one hour webinar June 21st for the Pacific Northwest branch of the National Libraries of Medicine. The focus was on how libraries can connect to community efforts to improve children’s health and development. Researching the topic was a great opportunity to learn about how community libraries are at the forefront in many places with research-based developmentally appropriate early learning programs for young children. Webinar description and recording: https://nnlm.gov/class/library-family-primary-care-and-community-collaboration-young-children/7243

Child Health Note
- Now available: “What’s new in Down syndrome? Information for counseling parents.” This Child Health Note came from a webinar this spring from DOH and the ARC of Whatcom County highlighting recent legislation requiring providers to share updated, balanced information about Down syndrome at diagnosis. (see Attachment #19)
- All CHN topics: http://medicalhome.org/stateinitiatives/child-health-notes/child-health-notes-topics/

Questions? Contact Kate Orville (orville@uw.edu) or 206-685-1279, or Amy Carlsen (carlsa@uw.edu), or Kathy TeKolste at (kat423@uw.edu).

University of Washington CSHCN Nutrition Project at CHDD
Sharon Feucht
depts.washington.edu/cshcnnut/

The Nutrition Training contract between CSHCN Program, DOH, and CHDD-UW, provides training and technical assistance to registered dietitians (CSHCN Nutrition Network) and WA Community Feeding Teams. The contract staff is unable to attend but have provided this report.

CSHCN Nutrition Network (NN)
1. Nutrition Network – 61 individuals attended the NN meeting and continuing education workshop on May 22, 2017. Agenda topics included information about supporting nutrition and feeding in children with cleft lip and/or palate,
nutrition focused physical assessments, and developmental and growth outcomes for children born prematurely. Updates from DOH programs included Healthiest Next Generation, Healthy Starts and Transitions, WIC, and Healthy Eating Active Living.

2. Planning has begun for training scheduled Oct 5-6, 2017 for RDNs who work with CSHCN and wish to join the CSHCN Nutrition Network. Information about the training and applications are available now with applications due August 4, 2017.

WA Community Feeding Teams

1. Spring Meeting 2017– 94 individuals attended the spring WA State Community Feeding Teams meeting and continuing education workshop on Tuesday, May 23, 2017. Topics presented: supporting feeding as premature and/or fragile infants are discharged to the community, including considerations and models of service, a presentation about aerodigestive clinics and how they can help with feeding and nutrition issues, billing about feeding team services, and a presentation about the various bottles and nipples available for feeding.

2. Feeding Team Support– Planning is underway to provide support, consultation and training for new feeding teams and current teams needing reformation.

Fragile Infants – Third meeting (June 23, 2017) with group looking at ways to enhance the transition from the hospital to home. Models of transition were presented along with information about ESIT eligibility with consideration of the need for timely and effective transitions (Adrienne O’Brien) and a study done by LEND Fellows with families and providers related to the Smooth Way Home Initiative

Needs Assessment Project – 72 responses from Nutrition Network members and 60 responses from WIC were gathered for the needs assessment looking at nutrition services for CSHCN across Washington. The next step is to conduct Focus groups using the information provided in the survey.

Collaboration with Partners
Presentation at the IECC meeting in May – Can Children with Autism Eat and Be Nourished: What's New? What Helps? Presenters - Barbara Buchanan from The Pediatric Feeding Program at the Seattle Children’s Autism Center and Sharon Feucht, Center on Human Development and Disability, UW.

Questions? Contact Sharon Feucht, MA, RDN, CD (sfeucht@uw.edu) or 206-685-1279, or Mari Mazon, MS, RDN, CD (lilmaro@uw.edu).

Washington State Fathers Network (WSFN)
Louis Mendoza
www.fathersnetwork.org

- A 3 person volunteer social media team has been established. One of the members is taking a digital marketing class and her project will be on the Fathers Network social media effort. I'm hoping that some very useful recommendations will be made.
- A new Fathers Network flyer has been created and chapter leaders are being given the option to have one tailored for their geographic area.
- A campaign has also begun to do short website and social media introductions of the chapter leaders.
- The 34th Annual Father’s Day weekend campout was held in Anacortes. 60 people attended including 5 new families.
- Our second annual photo event was held for dads and their children. 24 families participated. Studio time and the photos were provided for free.
- Registration will open in late July for our family weekend at Carnation Farm. $50 per person includes lodging, food and scheduled activities. 100 people can be accommodated.
- Our Kickoff breakfast will be held Saturday, September 9th at the Bellevue Kindering office.
- The annual conference will be Saturday, November 4th in Bellevue. At this point our keynote is selected, the dad panel members are selected, our Big Time Daddy Award recipient is identified and 7 of the 8 breakout session presenters are confirmed.
- Work continues and is expanding in the area of advocacy to ensure that ALL families have equal access to the community.
- The most recent Partnership for Fathers and Families networking event presentation was on fathers who have children with special health care needs. 3 organizations (Dads Move, the Arc of King County and the Fathers Network) presented on their work and a very powerful panel presentation was made by 4 dads.
Click on the orange heart for information, resources, stories, listing of Programs/Coordinators and Ethnic Outreach staff. (see Attachment #’s 10, 11 and 12)

- New Programs in Klickitat (Donna Tiffan/Coordinator/PEACE organization is Sponsor) and Clallam (Shawnda Hicks/Coordinator/MOSAIC is Sponsor)
- New Coordinators in: Walla Walla area-Michelle Aguilar; Kitsap/Jefferson-Amanda Smith; and Spokane- Shelley Gacusana.
- New Program 2017/2018 in Columbia County will be part of the WWVDN; discussion around finding funding to start Programs in the Pullman area and in Okanogan.
- Attended the NW Regional Coordinator meeting in Mt. Vernon.

State Program is involved in the following:

a. WSLI steering committee and evaluation groups- Shared information about topics of interest to P2P Programs and also hoping to recruit more participation by County Coordinators and Ethnic Outreach staff.

b. Middle age children summit- shared topics of interest for parents of children this age with special needs.

c. Attended Seattle Children’s “Telling your Story with Purpose”; hired them to do a train the trainer workshop at our next Coordinator training in Yakima; September 2017

d. IECC conference- resource table and attended parent scholarship luncheon-connected parents with P2P staff.

e. Next Gen conference- info on ACES and “Naming and Taming Overwhelming” of interest to me.

f. Train new DDA case managers on resources for parents.

g. Duncan Seminar- King County Parent to Parent Coordinator was on a parent panel on strategies for kids with behavior challenges and Jenn Newhouse from Grant/Adams did an overview of the conference for us at our Coordinator Training Webinar. As well as Sylvia in Thurston/Mason shared about her bereavement support group called Angels and Butterflies.

h. WIN, inclusion initiative before next year’s National Special Olympics in Seattle, July 2018.

i. Resource table at the DDA Caregiver conference at Tukwila.

Thanks for all of the support for WA Parent to Parent Programs from DOH/CSHCN and Maternal Child Health.

Funded through Health, Resources, and Services Administration (HRSA) for the support and training around Children and Youth with Special Healthcare Needs.
Grant Cycle: June 1, 2015 – May 30, 2018

This quarter F2F has worked on:

- Participated in planning meetings for Statewide Family Youth System Round Table groups.
- Statewide family leadership groups for both children with special healthcare needs and mental health family organization meetings and strategic planning sessions.
- Participation in statewide Tribal Kinship conference.
- In collaboration with Family Voices national, Idaho F2F, and University of Nevada Reno in the process for two expansion grants to go hand in hand with the Patient Centered Outcome Research Institute (PCORI) work around tribal communities and health choices for diabetes prevention.
- Proposed and started a regional summit idea for Emergency Response and disability groups around the regional plans and community resources. This is a limited amount of money so it is looking like a regional task group around an engagement tool kit for community.
- New collaboration with a DOH Emergency Management POD (Points of Distribution) task force around accessibility and the needs of the disability community regionally.
• New partnership on transition from child based to adult based services in mental health that includes a presentation at the statewide WISE provider summit in July and a day long summit.

F2F also supervises a contract for Salish Behavioral Health Organization around the Family, Youth, System Partner, Round Table project for Mental Health services (FYSPRT) in Kitsap, Jefferson, and Clallam counties.

Working with a group out of Olympia on transition – will share at WISE and use to build a core group of young adult advocates.

Redoing website to make ADA accessible with plan to launch in September.

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**Open Doors for Multicultural Families**

Darya Farivar

[www.multiculturalfamilies.org](http://www.multiculturalfamilies.org)

Annual biking and kayaking event just happened. Attended Autism Cares conference. Received funding to teach youth job advocacy. Transition program part 2 guidelines available in multiple languages (will provide if send email).

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**Neurodevelopmental Centers (NDCs) Update**

Marianne Bastin, Mary Bridge Children’s Therapy Services


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**Boyer Children’s Clinic**

Boyer is proud to offer the following updates on our programmatic offerings and recent community activities:

**75th Anniversary**

This year marks an incredible milestone in Boyer Children’s Clinic’s long history: our 75th anniversary of serving the community. And as a nonprofit, we are grateful to the thousands of individuals, corporations, and foundations whose investments have powered our work over the decades. These generous partnerships have allowed us to provide the expert, compassionate care that Boyer is known for.

Many things have changed at Boyer since 1942. What started as a small community for children with cerebral palsy has now transformed into the largest provider of early intervention services in Seattle. And our partnerships with school districts, community preschools, health care clinics, hospitals and community resources ensures families have access to a wide net of services to help them achieve their goals. We serve more than 900 children and their families each year, from our flagship location in Montlake and our new site in Magnuson Park.

Yet many things remain the same. Our understanding that every family’s journey is unique. Our belief that every child deserves a chance. And our commitment to providing care to all families who need us.

We are honored to have been an important part of this community’s history, and look forward to the next 75 years of celebrating our families’ accomplishments.

**Arena Sports Partnership**

Thanks to an innovative partnership between Boyer Children’s Clinic and Arena Sports – and grant support from Safeco Insurance – a new, sensory-friendly opportunity was recently introduced at Arena Sports’ Magnuson Park Facility. The unique, community-centered collaboration will continue indefinitely at Arena Sports Magnuson, if successful.

Over the past six months, staff at Boyer and Arena Sports have worked to implement the following staff training opportunities and support projects collaborated to design and implement the Sensory-Friendly FunZone Program. Key components of the program include:

- Decreased occupancy within the Inflatable FunZone during select hours to provide more space for each family.
- Visual supports including arrows and stop signs to provide children with clear directions on how to enter and exits the Inflatable FunZone apparatus.
• A designated “chill out” room separate from the inflatables area where children and families can go to take a break when needed. The space includes floor mats, bean bag chairs and books.
• A FunZone Story Book that caregivers can use to familiarize their child with the Inflatable FunZone experience prior to their visit. The Story Book narrates the FunZone experience and sequence via simple text and photos.
• Specialized training and education for Arena Sports employees provided by Boyer staff related to best practices in supporting the participation of children with diverse sensory needs and developmental abilities.

The launch of this pilot program coincided with Boyer’s 75th anniversary “birthday” celebration for current and alumni families, which was held at Arena Sports in Magnuson Park. Q13 Fox news covered the event, and the story can be viewed here.

**Summer 3 – 5 Program**
Boyer is proud to once again offer its summer program for innovative early childhood special education to serve children between the ages of three and five. Boyer is committed to providing interdisciplinary services for children in our community as they prepare for entrance into community preschool, developmental preschool or kindergarten.

Over the past five years, Boyer has seen an increased challenge for young students who qualified for early intervention services, but do not qualify for early childhood special education at their third birthday. As Thrive by Five indicates, there are still significant gaps in school readiness for children entering kindergarten; more than one-third of children in Washington enter kindergarten below skill level in key developmental areas.

The classroom environment is designed to promote successful, independent exploration while meeting each child at their developmental level. The preschool will meet for 2.5 hour sessions, four times a week. Classrooms are staffed by a Masters-level Certified Teacher and either a Teacher’s Aide or Instructional Assistant.

**Holly Ridge**
Welcoming Alicia Skelly as the new Director of the Infant Toddler Program. The ITP program is participating in the AS3D grant and has now mentored two other NDCs regarding implementing ABA services. Certified OT’s and PTs are often hard to hire, looking for an OT currently but have been able to hire some school district personnel for summer work.

**Innovative Services NW**
Innovative is excited to announce 3 new staff in the last quarter. Our Speech Therapy grew by 2, one of which allows us to expand our services to more children in outpatient services. Holly Leder and Megan Knight increase our Speech Team to 4. Jennifer Stepken has joined Innovative Services NW as our newest Special Education Teacher /Early Intervention Specialist. While brief, we are pleased that our team is stable, even growing.

**Kindering Center**
In the month of May 2017, a total of 1134 children were enrolled in Kindering’s various programs. This substantial growth prompts us to further expand to meet the need. In summer of 2017, Kindering will open a new office in Renton Highlands near Renton School District’s Early Learning Center.

Caseloads for the Teacher of the Visually Impaired based out of Kindering continues to grow. Our Family Resources Autism Insurance Navigator is increasingly busy. Kindering enjoys the benefits to families of these specialty care providers while like other early intervention service providers, we are challenged to fill openings for educators and therapists.

Kindering’s Children Encouraged by Relationships in Secure Homes (CHERISH™) program for children in foster care continues to grow and provide CHERISH training at early intervention replication sites across King County.

Kindering is pleased to participate in the DOH AS3D grant, training and mentoring other Neurodevelopmental Centers to expand the ability of NDCs around the State to become Medicaid Centers of Excellence for Autism, and increase the number of NDCs that provide Applied Behavioral Analysis.

**Children’s Therapy Unit & Mary Bridge Therapy Services**
Children’s Therapy Unit and Mary Bridge have combined their NDCs for the new 2 year grant cycle. We are now one NDC: Mary Bridge Therapy Services. Marianne Bastin is continuing as Director and Angela Kitzmiller is back up and principle for Pierce Co ICC meetings. We continue to replace and add therapy staff to serve growing waitlists. We currently have 77 therapists working between our 2 locations serving over 7,000 children. We have open OT and PTA positions. We hope to add services in additional locations in 2018. We continue to work on developing outcome measures and 71 staff have been credentialed to give the WeeFIM (pediatric version of the Functional Independence Measure) starting in July. Our Foundation continues to support SibShop and Parent Education classes at CTU.
Progress Center
Progress Center currently has 165 clients. We provide individual therapies and education in natural environments and we also have a preschool and groups in community settings. One of the biggest challenges for us is hiring qualified staff to work in a fairly rural setting.

Skagit Valley Hospital
We have over 110 kids on our wait list for speech therapy. We do not have the resources for space to add staff to serve kids on the wait list. We triage as best we can. Reimbursement is always a challenge.

Our program is outpatient (except for inpatient Feeding), and we have PT, OT and speech. In May, we had 860 therapy treatments (444 speech therapy).

Valley Medical Center
We have hired 2 new speech therapists, a new OT and a new aide. We are offering new Parenting classes through a community mental health partnership. We are always looking to hire staff and we are blessed to have great staff and a great organization.

ESIT Staff Updates: ESIT is excited to announce that we have two new Program Consultants based regionally! Debbie De La Fuente will be serving central Washington and Tammy McCauley will be serving eastern Washington. Here is a little more about them both:

Debbie came to us from the Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) where she most recently served as the Outstation Manager for the Ellensburg DDA office. Her duties as Outstation Manager included training new staff, coordinating services for DDA clients and their families, conducting home visits and client assessments, and assisting clients to apply for Medicaid and various DDA Waiver programs. She has her Master’s degree in Public Administration from Seattle University and her Bachelor’s degree in Psychology from the University of Washington. Debbie’s email address is deborah.delafuente@del.wa.gov.

Tammy has worked as a Family Resources Coordinator (FRC) in Spokane County for over 25 years providing service coordination to families, and training/technical assistance to early intervention service providers and FRCs. Prior to her work as an FRC, she was appointed to the State Interagency Coordinating Council (SICC) in 1988, as a parent representative, where she assisted with the development of policies and procedures for the state. She currently holds a Bachelor of Science in Psychology and is in the process of obtaining a Master’s in Organization Leadership from Gonzaga University. Tammy’s email address is tammy.mccauley@del.wa.gov.

ESIT Determination – Meets Requirements: This year’s annual determination from the federal Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) validates that Washington Part C “Meets Requirements”. The framework includes results data in addition to compliance data.

State Interagency Coordinating Council (SICC): The next SICC meeting is Wednesday, August 2 from 9:00-3:00 at Holiday Inn Express – SeaTac, Evergreen Room, 19621 International Blvd, SeaTac, WA 98188. Contact Jahla Brown at (360) 725-4413 or email Jahla.Brown@del.wa.gov for more information or to R.S.V.P.
Individual Family Services Waiver – people continuing to apply. Working with CMS to beef up EPSDT requirements-weren’t using for waivers and now required.

**Update since Communication Network meeting:**
There was mention at our last meeting regarding the difficulties with families being able to find someone that is able to diagnosis based on DDA’s WAC that outlines who is able to make the diagnosis and because of this people weren’t able to receive DDA services. DDA’s WAC 388-823-0500 outlines that the following professionals can diagnosis Autism:
- Board certified neurologist
- Board Certified psychiatrist
- Licensed psychologist
- Advanced registered nurse practitioner (ARNP) associated with an Autism center or developmental center
- Board Certified developmental and behavioral pediatrician

If people are struggling to find one of these provider types in the area where they reside, they are encouraged to call their managed care organization for assistance if they are receiving Medicaid. If they are not receiving Medicaid, they may also have their primary doctor refer them to an appropriate entity. A child’s school may also diagnose an Intellectual Disability which would qualify for DDA services. Families are encouraged to send information provided by the school when applying for eligibility.

**DSHS, Fostering Well-Being Care Coordination Unit (FWB CCU)**
Michelle Milholland-Fears

Michelle Milholland-Fears was unable to attend.

**DSHS, Kinship and Family Caregiver Program**
Hilarie Hauptman

Hilarie Hauptman was unable to attend.

**Lifespan Respite Washington**
Linda Porter

Linda Porter was unable to attend.

**WithinReach**
Stephanie Orrico

Great LINCS (Links to Integrate and Coordinate Services) for CYSHCN (Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs)
As year three of the D70 grant wraps up, WithinReach’s role as your shared resource for CYSHCN continues to make progress in cross systems coordination and integrated resource coordination. We have implemented many changes over the last 3 years to make this body of work sustainable, including:
- Content and process trainings on special health and developmental needs for hotline staff and AmeriCorps outreach
- Reorganization of workflow and screening to include more comprehensive CYSHCN assistance and data collection
- Website improvements including new content tab and search functions (on-going)
- Bilingual navigator interpreter certification (on-going)
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- New resources and categories to reflect CYSHCN and multilingual/multicultural communities
- New partnerships and trainings on the shared resource for CYSHCN community colleagues, including expanded geographic reach with Great MINDS

The successful embedding of a more comprehensive and connected level of CYSHCN work in the Family Health Hotline and Answers for Special Kids line achieves sustainability goals that allow for continued growth of the shared resource as your bridge between basic needs and special needs.

The end of the D70 grant, and successful integration of work at WithinReach, comes with a transition in roles, as well. Jen St. Cyr, Family Support Coordinator, will be leaving her position in the exceedingly capable hands of her colleagues and moving on after June 30th. Communications related to the shared resource and CYSHCN at WithinReach can be directed to Liz Snow, Food and Health Access Manager: lizs@withinreachwa.org.

Child Development
WithinReach, through a partnership with DSHS Community Service Offices, has been working to connect parents and caregivers receiving TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) to home visiting and parental support programs. Referrals have been steadily increasing from DSHS to WithinReach for our TANF/Home Visiting project. Concurrently, we deepened our relationship with DSHS and have built out more information and stronger partnerships with agencies that provide home visiting.

Staff from outreach and child development had the opportunity to collaborate with Mary’s Place in May to conduct interactive Ages and Stages Questionnaires (ASQs) for families and children experiencing homelessness. AmeriCorps Members, Sarah and Hannah, along with Child Development Specialist, Keri Foster were able to walk through the ASQs on site and answer any questions that moms had. This was so successful that Mary’s Place invited us to conduct a second workshop in June.

Breastfeeding Coalition
In April, WithinReach hosted an Open House for the Mahogany Moms Breastfeeding Coalition at the Tukwila Community Center. The mission of Mahogany Moms is to "strengthen communities with women of color of childbearing age, pregnant and/or with infants through empowerment with breastfeeding education and support by providing services that contribute to the health and validity of the African American Community." Attended by a variety of public health organizations such as Black Infant Health program-Tacoma Public Health, Open Arms, Center for Multicultural Health, DOH, Catholic Community Services among others, the open house was an opportunity for maternal and child health partners discuss objectives in working collaboratively to support African American families in Pierce and King County. This Coalition will meet monthly.

The updated Answers for Special Kids (ASK) counter/rack cards are now available to order, for free, through the WithinReach website. Please share with your networks as appropriate. http://www.withinreachwa.org/products-page/ask-rack-card-answers-for-special-kids/

WR hosting Help Me Grow conference in Washington. Finishing provider e-modules on developmental screening (will share when available).

Liv Woodstrom was unable to attend.

Washington Autism Alliance & Advocacy (WAAA)
Jen St. Cyr
washingtonautismadvocacy.org

Jen joined WAAA the first of July as their Director of Family Services. Working on partnership with AS3D to develop modules. Attended Autism CARE Conference in Washington DC. Satellite office in Vancouver, Washington has a navigation curriculum for families that there is interest in using.
The EHDDI program and Newborn Screening (NBS) program both have new fax numbers:
- EHDDI program: 206-364-007
- NBS program: 206-363-1610

The Down syndrome landing page on the DOH website has been updated. It also contains additional resources for parents, families, and professionals caring for individuals with Down syndrome.

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommends all children be screened for cholesterol at least once between the ages of 9-11 years old. This facilitates early identification of children at-risk for coronary vascular disease (CVD) from elevated lipid levels. However, adherence to this guideline is low in clinical practice. The Screening and Genetics Unit has contracted with MultiCare Health System to implement a pilot project on pediatric cholesterol screening in their five hospitals and multiple community clinics. The aim is to better understand screening barriers, improve screening practices, and increase the number of children being screened. We hope to use these data to inform larger studies addressing major CVD risk factors as part of regular well-child visits.

The East Region includes the following counties: Adams, Asotin, Columbia, Garfield, Lincoln, NE Tri-County (Ferry, Pend Oreille, and Stevens), Spokane, and Whitman.

The Central Region includes the following counties: Benton-Franklin, Chelan-Douglas, Grant, Kittitas, Okanogan, Walla Walla, and Yakima.

The Northwest Region includes the following counties: Clallam, Island, Jefferson, Kitsap, San Juan, Seattle-King, Skagit, Snohomish, and Whatcom.

The Southwest Region includes the following counties: Clark, Cowlitz, Grays Harbor, Klickitat, Lewis, Mason, Pacific, Skamania, Tacoma-Pierce, Thurston, and Wahkiakum.
Announcements

1. **Down Syndrome.** As a result of the hard work of advocates around the state and the leadership of the Arc of Whatcom in moving forward on an enhanced implementation project for the Down syndrome Information Act, the Dept. of Health genetics department has created a landing page for Down syndrome resources.

   http://www.doh.wa.gov/YouandYourFamily/InfantsandChildren/HealthandSafety/GeneticServices/DownSyndrome

   There have been many more resources identified and included on the Downs syndrome landing page! The Resource list, which is available in pdf to share, includes more resources based on the webinar feedback and further work of advocates and now includes more comprehensive contact information for each resource as well as the addition of some more statewide resources such as Informing Families, Exceptional Families Network, Families Together and Within Reach! In addition, there are some added resources for school professionals, medical providers and information on availability of materials in many other languages.

   Thank you all who have supported this work through your connections, participation, and advocacy efforts!

2. **HealthWell Foundation.** Consider referring families needing more coverage for ancillary supplies for their child’s chronic condition. Visit: healthwellfoundation.org for more info. “Each year, more and more Americans are being forced to choose between paying for life-saving treatments and paying for basic necessities like food, housing and utilities – decisions no one should have to make. When people in these circumstances need help, many of them turn to the HealthWell Foundation®. Founded in 2003, the HealthWell Foundation is an independent, non-profit organization that provides financial assistance to insured patients living with chronic and life-altering illnesses to help them afford their medical treatments.”

3. **Complete Eats helps Washingtonians afford Healthy Foods.** DOH and Safeway “Kicked-Off” Complete Eats, a program that makes fruits and vegetables more affordable for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program customers. Complete Eats rewards customers who purchase fruits and vegetables with SNAP benefits (formerly called Food Stamps) with coupons and rebates. Shoppers at Safeway who buy at least $10 worth of qualifying fruits and vegetables using their SNAP card and their Safeway Club Card receive a coupon for $5 off their next purchase. Complete Eats is now available at all 150 Safeway locations in Washington. Complete Eats is scheduled to run for two years, and is jointly funded by Safeway and Albertsons and DOH’s Food Insecurity Nutrition Incentive Grant awarded by the National Institute of Food and Agriculture at the USDA.

4. **Connecting Communities: A Common Vision for Middle Childhood Health and Wellness across Generations**

   The Middle Childhood Health Summit will be November 1, 2017 at DayBreak Star and Discovery Park in Seattle. The goal of the summit is to break down silos and form community partnerships to support children and families in Washington State with a specific focus on Middle Childhood. Sponsors include: PAVE, Delta Dental, and Coordinated Care. The planning committee consists of representatives from: School’s Out WA, Delta Dental, PAVE, Healthiest Next Generation, Communities in Schools, DayBreak Star, AIHC, PTA, DOH, OSPI, Kindering, Parent to Parent, Healthy Gen., Thurston Together, HCA, DSHS, CA, and Kaiser Permanente. See attached Save the Date.

   For further information contact: Shanne Montague at 360-236-3560 or shanne.montague@doh.wa.gov.

Attachments

1. Healthy Starts and Transitions PowerPoint Slides
2. Neurodevelopmental Center of Washington
3. P-TCPI Regional Care Coordination Project
5. Save the Date – Great MINDS-ASD Standardized Autism Screening Training
6. WIN Education Training PowerPoint Slides
7. WIN Online Community PowerPoint Slides
8. Health Care Authority Center of Excellence for Autism Spectrum Disorders
9. Child Health Note: What’s new in Down-Syndrome? Information for Counseling Parents
10. WA State Parent to Parent (P2P) Support Programs Sites and Coordinators, June 2017
11. P2P Ethnic Outreach Coordinators
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12. P2P Support Programs of Washington State
13. East CSHCN Region Minutes
14. Central CSHCN Region Minutes
15. Northwest CSHCN Region Minutes
16. Southwest CSHCN Region Minutes

Next CSHCN Communication Network Meeting
Thursday, October 12, 2017
Creekside Two at Centerpoint
20425 72nd Avenue South
Kent, Washington
Conference Room 309