**CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS PROGRAM**

**COMMUNICATION NETWORK MEETING**

October 12, 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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Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Program Update
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CSHCN Program Updates

Staff Updates: Healthy Starts & Transitions (See Attachment #1 for PowerPoint presentation.)
Allison Templeton will be branching out from HST into the Adolescent Health Unit. Starting October 1, she is the new Special Projects Coordinator for Adolescent Health. This position serves as a subject matter expert and consultant for Adolescent Health projects and is responsible for identifying, initiating and completing projects that support health promotion for adolescents and young adults in Washington State, and is the program coordinator for the Adolescent and Young Adult health strategy and School Based Health Centers activities. Please join all of HST in congratulation Allison on this move. She has been an amazing team member and has strong skills in many areas- innovative project coordination and leadership, contract management, and creative problem solving, to name just a few. She has been a bright and shining light in CSHCN work! We are grateful that the CSHCN Program team will continue to coordinate with Allison in her new position. Allison has almost a decade of experience working in public health at local and state levels, with a strong background in STIs, as well as CSHCN. She has a master's degree, and her educational background is in social work and epidemiology. She will stay connected to HST/CSHCN Program work, including the P-TCPi Regional Care Coordination Project. Allison’s former position as the CSHCN Program Great LINCS grant coordinator will not be filled, as it was a project position that has now ended.

Child Health Intake Form (CHIF) Database
A database used by the WA DOH CSHCN Program and CSHCN Coordinators in Local Health Jurisdictions (LHJs) collect basic demographic information on and track CSHCN receiving direct and/or enabling services funded by the DOH CSHCN Program. CHIF data is shared securely with HCA. A “CSHCN flag” is created on a child’s record, which notifies the child’s Managed Care Organization (MCO) that the child may benefit from enhanced care coordination services from their health plan. The current version of the CHIF database is deteriorating; specifications for the redesign of the CHIF have been completed, however various internal IT processes and competing priorities have prevented DOH from moving forward with a redesign for several years. The CSHCN Program and DOH IT support will be releasing an RFP this fall for the database redesign and we are hopeful that significant progress will be made during 2018.
Family Partnerships and Engagement Business Analysis
Michelle Hoffman, Family Engagement Coordinator, led the Healthy Starts and Transitions Unit in a business analysis of program needs around meaningful family partnerships and engagement. The results of this business analysis will help our program to continue to improve alignment of our work with our federal funding sources, as well as provide a formal way to interact with our agency leadership and National TA centers around our program goals. To request a copy of the executive summary, contact Michelle Hoffman at michelle.hoffman@doh.wa.gov.

Partnership with Screening and Genetics Unit on Resources for Down Syndrome
The WA DOH CSHCN program has also been working closely with the Screening and Genetics unit to respond to stakeholder needs around resources for families with a child with Down syndrome and pregnant women with a prenatal Down syndrome diagnosis. Michelle Hoffman is doing a poster presentation on the many amazing outcomes as a result of family leaders and Down syndrome advocates dedicate work on this project. The Screening and Genetics staff have responded to stakeholder input and have been tracking quantitative and qualitative outcomes that demonstrate the significant impact that families and advocates have had in moving this work forward. The CSHCN Family Engagement Coordinator and the Screening and Genetics Specialist are hopeful to have an opportunity to present some more in depth outcomes at the national AMCHP conference in DC in February. This work will be highlighted in a poster presentation at next week’s Washington State Public Health Association Annual Conference in Wenatchee.

Washington Statewide Leadership Initiative (WSLI)
WSLI has started its second full year of implementation and has seen an increased interest in family leaders participating in the steering committee. It is our hope to develop a strategic communication plan and a website in the upcoming months which will be more easily shared with families than the current SharePoint site which houses excel spread sheets. CSHCN program staff are working with Community Café Collaborative to identify alternative methods of reaching diverse families using the Community Café model.

Lastly, there has been an increased focus on reaching families through social media and sharing community level work to engage families. DOH CSHCN Family Engagement Coordinator has been working with our communications staff to provide and promote content for DOH’s many social media platforms. If you have content to share, let us know!

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

CSHCN Nutrition Needs Assessment
We have completed data collection for the Nutrition Services for CSHCN Needs Assessment – including surveys of WIC and Nutrition Network registered dieticians (RDs) across Washington state, key informant interviews of providers (12 from all regions and a variety of disciplines), and parent focus groups/phone interviews (19 from all regions). We are moving forward to analyze the information, write up the results, and then make the information available for stakeholders.

A variety of trainings and activities with the UW Statewide Nutrition contract are described in their minutes.

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

Access to Child Care for Children with Special Health Care Needs
DOH CSHCN staff (led by Ellen Silverman and Joan Zerzan) met with and presented to the Department of Early Learning (DEL) Early Achievers Review Committee (EAR) around access to child care for children with special health care needs. To date, the EAR focused primarily on equity as it relates to race/ethnicity and language. The equity conversation has now expanded to address the lack of available child care for children with special health care needs. To prepare for this presentation and discussion, DOH gathered additional data and information from contractors at Seattle Children’s Center for Special Needs, CSHCN coordinators in local health jurisdictions, their community partners, and parents regarding availability of child care for children with special health care needs. DOH staff provided background information, provider experiences, and family stories to demonstrate the issues. Following the DOH presentation, the EAR Subcommittee participated in a DEL-facilitated strategic planning process looking at opportunities and barriers for accessing child care for CSHCN. Some key takeaways include: the loss of Nurse Consultants to child care may have reduced or eliminated access to needed resources for child care centers serving children with special health care needs; some of DEL and Early Achiever (EA) rules may have unintended consequences and may pose a barrier for serving children with special health care needs; and providing child care for children with special health care needs requires support from the state including funding enhancements, mentoring and coaching, on-going training and supports, and just-in-time consultation for specific children. Thankfully, the EAR Committee is committed to do more work on this!

For more information on DOH’s work with EAR, contact Ellen Silverman at 360-236-3580 or ellen.silverman@doh.wa.gov.
**CSHCN Rule (Washington Administrative Code-WAC) Update**
The Children with Special Health Care Needs Program WAC (WAC 246-710; [http://apps.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=246-710](http://apps.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=246-710)) is being updated. The last time most sections of this WAC were updated was in 2003, and other sections haven’t been updated since well before then. This WAC was previously under the authority of the State Board of Health until they determined that DOH should be the agency authority. The CSHCN Program is taking the lead to update the WAC. Updates will focus on updating language and definitions. There will be opportunities for partner and public input and comments- we are following agency procedures and will engage volunteers from Communication Network and elsewhere.

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**AS3D (Autism and Other Developmental Disabilities) Grant**
Family Navigation (Goal 2, Objectives 2.1, 2.2, Strategies 2A-E, ) The Family Navigation Ad hoc Committee, led by the CSHCN Program’s Family Engagement Coordinator, Michelle Hoffman, continues to make great progress on developing a training curriculum and modules (both in-person and online) for family navigators and other professionals who serve families. The trainings are designed to increase capacity and effectiveness across the state to guide families through and around barriers in the health care system, and assist them in accessing and/or receiving care for their children with Autism Spectrum Disorders and other developmental disabilities (ASD/DD). The trainings will be conducted by these AS3D partners: Northwest Autism Center, Open Doors for Multicultural Families and Washington Autism Alliance and Advocacy.

As this collaborative effort takes shape, initial training curricula have been completed, a list of potential recipients to receive training has been developed, and AS3D partners are currently working with the AS3D evaluation team to create standard knowledge gain evaluation questions.

*Telehealth (TH) (Goals 1, 3, Objectives 1.3, 3.2, Strategies 1E, 1H, 3C) The Telehealth Ad hoc Committee, led by the CSHCN Program’s Ellen Silverman, has made amazing progress in its efforts to gain insight on TH from both the perspective of providers and families. The AS3D TH ad hoc committee has now met 4 times. This group has supported two surveys – a TH capacity assessment of providers (NDCs, COEs for Autism Diagnosis, and Applied Behavior Analysts) and a family/caregiver survey to gauge comfort level for services provided through TH. We have conducted key informant interviews, reviewed the literature, and started our strategic planning efforts. The TH activities were also presented at the most recent AS3D PAC meeting and were very well received.*

*Great MINDS-ASD (Goal 1, Objective 1.1, Strategy1C)
The first Great MINDS-ASD training took place on August 28th in Wenatchee and was very well received! There were approximately 16 providers in attendance, including pediatricians, family practitioners, RN's and representatives from DOH, Early Intervention and Public Health. Physician co-trainer Dr. Diane Liebe brought her expertise and in-depth knowledge of autism, other developmental screening tools and shared experiences from her own clinic, which the providers seemed to find especially helpful. In addition to Dr. Liebe, parent co-trainer Sugely Sanchez shared her personal story. She spoke about her journey as a parent of four children, two of whom have been diagnosed with autism, which was incredibly helpful for the physicians to better understand how to best work with families with children with special health care needs. The success of this training was a direct result of the collaborative efforts of Edna Maddalena, MA, Program Manager- Pediatric TCPI, Washington Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics and Tawn Thompson, P- TCPI Practice facilitator for the region surrounding Wenatchee.*

**2017 Annual WAAC (Washington Autism Advisory Council) Meeting**
(Goal 3, Objective 3.1, Strategy A: "Maintain and build on existing statewide WAAC infrastructure to address policy and structural deficits that contribute to delays or unmet needs in identification of and access to needed services for children and youth with ASD.") This year’s annual WAAC Meeting will be held on Friday, November 3rd from 9am-3pm at The Conference Center, SeaTac Airport. The meeting was planned and will be hosted by DOH’s CSHCN Program in collaboration with our AS3D WAAC Planning Committee which includes many statewide partners, with funding provided by the AS3D Grant. The spotlight focus will be on improving access to evidence-based treatment and medical services for persons with autism throughout the state with presentations and round table discussion. Seating is limited so if you have attended this meeting in the past or are new and would like to learn more about Autism Spectrum Disorder activities around the state, please contact Jean-Marie Dymond at jean-marie.dymond@doh.wa.gov for more information.

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

**Great LINCS (Links to Integrate and Coordinate Care) for CYSHCN Grant**
The Great LINCS grant ended on August 31, 2017. Thank you to everyone who participated and contributed over the last three years! We look forward to working on future projects with you!

*For more information, please contact Allison Templeton at 360-236-3526 or allison.templeton@doh.wa.gov.*
Great MINDS Grant Updates
DOH and WC-AAP are working on scheduling Great MINDS trainings for the upcoming year. Great MINDS had its first autism screening focused pilot training at the end of August in Wenatchee (see above for more details). Both the UDS and Autism focused trainings will be available to communities for the next calendar year.

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

Middle Childhood Health
“Connecting Communities: Moving Towards a Common Vision for Middle Childhood Health and Wellness across Generations” Free Summit will be on November 1st at Daybreak Star in Seattle. For more information contact Shanne Montague, MSW at shanne.montague@doh.wa.gov.

Managed Care Organization Performance Improvement Plan on Well-Child Visits
We have started recruitment for the key informant interviews of parents to learn about barriers that may keep them from completing well-child visits for their children. We will begin our focus groups on October 26th and finish on November 3rd.

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

Project LAUNCH (PL) Expansion
In partnership with the Washington Association for Infant Mental Health, Project LAUNCH convened a meeting of state-level partners on September 20 to begin developing a shared vision for infant-early childhood mental health in Washington State and identifying priority action steps for future work to develop a related strategic plan. A summary of the meeting along with other materials are available upon request. We are also in the process of evaluating the UDS Toolkit being used in the three expansion communities in order to ensure that it is effectively meeting the unique needs of each community’s child care providers.

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

Healthy Communities Consolidated Contracts Updates
We are gearing up for the Maternal and Child Health Block Grant annual regional meetings. These meetings are a time for the MCH leads for all local health jurisdictions (as well as Yakima Valley Memorial) to share state and local updates, discuss current topics, and learn from each other. The dates and locations are:
- October 25, Spokane
- October 26, Moses Lake
- October 31, Everett
- November 2, Stevenson

For more information, please contact Mary Dussol at 360-236-3781 or mary.dussol@doh.wa.gov.

Pediatric-Transforming Clinical Practice Initiative (P-TCPI) Update
The Regional Care Coordination project started October 1st! There are nine LHJs participating in this project, one for each of the nine Accountable Communities of Health (ACH). (See Regional Care Coordination Project Fact Sheet,Attachment #2.) The kick off meeting was October 11th and the nine regional care coordinators will be joining the Communication Network meeting as of October 12th. For decades the state has been divided into four CSHCN Regions with one designated CSHCN Regional Representative from each organizing quarterly regional meetings and attending the Communication Network meeting. During the course of the Regional Care Coordination Project, we are going to try aligning the CSHCN Regions with the ACH Regions. Today is a transitional meeting with updates from the four regions and introductions to the new Regional Care Facilitators (RCFs). A new contractual duty for the RCFs will be to host quarterly regional meetings that include all of the CSHCN Coordinators across the state and provide regional CSHCN updates at the Communication Network meetings beginning in 2018.

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

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

The Central Region met via conference call September 20th. See Attachment #3 for the region updates.
The East Region met August 10th at Spokane Regional Health District in Spokane. See Attachment #4 for the region meeting minutes.

The Northwest Region did not convene a third quarter region meeting. See Attachment #5 for the region updates.

The Southwest Region met August 24th at Department of Health in Tumwater. See Attachment #6 for the region meeting minutes.

Special Presentation
YMCA of Greater Seattle and Respite Program
Paul Lwali and Sally Sundar, King County YMCA

Paul Lwali, Senior branch Executive – Dale Turner Family YMCA, and Sally Sundar, Director of Health Integration – Association Office, both from YMCA of Greater Seattle provided PowerPoint presentations. Sally’s presentation focused on health integration program “expanding the perception of where care occurs”. 3 initiatives. 1) clinical integrations. Operationally, YMCA programs should be integrated into treatment pathways of a clinical system. They have an HER and can have prompts to referral to YMCA services. They are partnering with Value Based Care and establish a billing mechanism for services. Health Equity-bring awareness of the needs for resources to different populations. YMCA focuses strongly on equity and inclusion.

Suite of evidence based programs: Nationally, promotes programs that have been researched and are evidenced based on peer review and sustainable outcomes. Programs: Diabetes Mellitus Prevention, weight management; youth obesity prevention; cancer survivorship; falls prevention; arthritis management; blood pressure self-monitoring; Brain health and behavioral health; Parkinson’s; Tobacco Cessation. Accelerator branch of YMCA in Seattle provides many behavioral health and housing assistance services, education and employment services, foster care support, in home parenting support, crisis response for uninsured, outpatient counselling, violence prevention and foster care alumni. Many Medicaid clients but are also able to bill private insurance. CMS will cover these programs starting and PEBB covers all of these services. YMCA is looking for ways to bring more awareness to the programs that they offer.

Pail Lwali’s presentation was “Why do we do the work we do?” Our mission is building a community where all people are encouraged to develop to their full potential. Paul was in India, where there was a community YMCA and the Y he went to was serving the poorest of the poor and there was a school for the “Mentally Challenged” and he went to was serving the poorest of the poor and there was a school for the “Mentally Challenged” and he was very inspired to take back some things he learned to Seattle. While back in Seattle Paul had the opportunity to collaborate with Louis Mendoza from Washington State Fathers Network to create a respite pilot program within King County YMCAs. The pilot was successful and has started to work on expansion. For more information on the YMCA Respite Program, contact Paul Lwali at plwali@seattlymca.org.

See Attachments #7 and #8 for PowerPoint Presentations.
Marilyn Dold presented on Population Health and Children with Youth with Special Health Care Needs. See Attachments #9 and #10 for PowerPoint Presentation and “What is population health, and why is it important?” Fact Sheet.

After a 4 year grant, DOH wanted to sustain the work. Population health is coming up in contract. Population health happens both in the clinic and in the community. Payment models are being designed to reflect the overlap between clinical health and population health. Implications for CSHCN: how to show value; include people with population health expertise.

Marilyn provided the following hyperlinks to gain additional information regarding Population Health:

Improving Population Health
http://www.improvingpopulationhealth.org/blog/what-is-population-health.html

Population Characteristics – Washington Tracking Network (WTN)

Population Health Planning Guide
http://www.waportal.org/population-health-planning-guide

If you have suggestions about population health related to CSHCN, contact Marilyn Dold at Marilyn.dold@doh.wa.gov.

Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP): You may have heard that Congress has yet to pass legislation to continue funding the CHIP program. What we are hearing is that Congress continues to work on CHIP reauthorization. Both the House and Senate have bills out of committee, and the Governor’s office is working to help ensure Congress takes action quickly. In the meantime we have funding to continue coverage through November and we have requested additional funding from CMS to help cover expenditures through the end of the year. If any changes to the program were to occur, families would be notified at least 60 days ahead of time.

Apple Health Suspension: In July we implemented Apple Health suspension for justice involved individuals. When individuals are incarcerated their coverage is no longer closed, but rather it is suspended. Upon release coverage will be restored. The goal is to remove delays in access to care resulting in improved health outcomes and reducing recidivism.

Integrated Managed Care (“Mid-Adopter”): Chelan, Douglas, and Grant counties, also known as the North Central region, will be the second region in Washington State to initiate Fully Integrated Managed Care (FIMC). This means that physical health, mental health, and drug and alcohol treatment are coordinated through one managed care plan. Clients may choose from Molina Healthcare of Washington (MHW), Amerigroup, or Coordinated Care in this region. Behavioral Health – Administrative Service Organization (BH-ASO) or mental health crisis services and short-term substance use disorder (SUD) crisis services are provided by Beacon Health Options of Washington in North Central WA.

We are moving forward and are on target to be compliant with legislation requiring us to have all counties integrated by January 1, 2020.

FAQ: Why Change Apple Health to an Integrated Managed Care Model?
More Info: https://www.hca.wa.gov/about-hca/healthier-washington/regional-resources

Well-Child Presentation for the WSPHA Conference: The Apple Health managed care organizations, HCA, and DOH are partnering to present at the annual Washington State Public Health Association in Wenatchee in October 2017. The presentation is regarding the work this team has been doing to improve Apple Health (Medicaid) well-child visit rates statewide, including educating providers about the Medicaid benefit for well-child visits and metrics used for MCOs well-
child visits (HEDIS measures), focus groups to understand parental perception of well-child visits, and better connecting providers and MCOs to decrease barriers for population management.

**Medically Intensive Children's Program (MICP) Review:** Continuing oversight and monitoring of the children’s private duty nursing MICP benefit across both Fee-For-Service and Managed Care programs, including provider feedback, client-specific problem-solving, and coverage criteria review to ensure consistency in the benefit.

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### Health Plans

**Amerigroup-Washington**

Tonya Niverson  
[www.amerigroupcorp.com](http://www.amerigroupcorp.com)

*Coverage Area Includes:* All Counties except Adams, Chelan, Clallam, Clark, Cowlitz, Douglas, Ferry, Grant, Kittitas, Lincoln, Okanogan, Skamania, and Wahkiakum

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Working on fully integrated contract for primary care and behavioral health. Working on a complex medical care coordination with their parent group.

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**Community Health Plan of Washington (CHPW)**

Patty Jones  
[www.chpw.org](http://www.chpw.org)

*Coverage Area Includes All Counties except Clallam, Columbia, Garfield, Jefferson, Klickitat, Lincoln, Mason, Skamania, and Whitman*

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No representative was available to attend. There will be a new representative attending CSHCN Communication Network meeting January 11, 2018.

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**Coordinated Care**

Elizabeth Allen, Sherry Bennatts and Katie Hall  
[www.coordinatedcarehealth.com](http://www.coordinatedcarehealth.com)

*Coverage Area Includes: All Counties except Clallam, Ferry, Kittitas, and Pend Oreille*

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CCW is participating in a DOH workgroup along with other managed care organizations focusing on health disparities. The two main topics are well child exams and mental health in Latino population. This group (including CCW) will be presenting a poster focused on mental health at the 2017 Latino Health Forum on October 12th.

CCW Medicaid has focused on Well Child checks and Immunizations for school readiness this last quarter.

CCW Apple Health Core Connections program is also focusing on Well Child checks and Immunizations. Over the summer with the wildfires, we also outreached to individuals across the state with respiratory concerns to check on any inhaler or respiratory needs and concerns.

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**Molina Healthcare of Washington**

Cathi Sears  
[www.molinahealthcare.com](http://www.molinahealthcare.com)

*Coverage Area Includes All Counties except Island, Jefferson, Klickitat, Skamania, and Wahkiakum*

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Cathi Sears was unable to attend.
Cindy Spain was unable to attend.

- Due to MCHB block grant reallocation, Care Organizer folders can no longer be provided. CCSN team will research and write updated web content about the concept of care organization, link to care organization materials and/or online applications and continue to maintain sample forms used in care organization (e.g. Getting to Know Me).
- Resource Guide (English and Spanish) update coming soon! Keep an eye on your email Inbox for an announcement.
- Summer Camp Directory 2018 in development now. If you know of any summer camps for children and youth with special health care needs, send their information to cshcn@seattlechildrens.org.
- Linkages newsletter: Neuromuscular Disease Resources (Spinal Muscular Atrophy, Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy and more) The fall issue is out. If you are not a subscriber and would like to be, email beth.crispin@seattlechildrens.org.
- Wings of Autism: A CSHCN staff member will be volunteering at the Arc of KC’s 2017 Wings of Autism at SeaTac Airport September 30th.
- Content Expansion: Dental care, IEP info; from 3rd party sources.
- CCSN started the Escalate Care Hotline to support CSHCN nurses and others who had difficulty coordinating with Seattle Children’s Hospital. The Escalate Hotline is actually working out well.

Technical Assistance to Communities Growing Local ASD and other Neurodevelopmental Disabilities

- Community Asset Mapping is going gung-ho!
- The Lewis County Autism Coalition produces a well-regarded Autism Conference for SW WA each fall (Friday Oct 27th this year). They are now reaching out to their catchment area to do Community Asset Mapping with neighboring counties. With funding from the AS3D grant, Facilitator Bill Weissman and the Lewis County Autism Coalition partnered with the MHPP to provide Community Asset Mapping workshops for Pacific County and Cowlitz County this quarter.
- Pacific County had over 20 participants September 20th and led to the following priorities and workgroups: 1) Parent/Family support and 2) Increasing Treatment/Service Options including starting School Medical Autism Review Teams for North and South Pacific County to increase assessment and diagnosis options for children. Meetings are already underway.
- Cowlitz County was cohosted by the Child and Adolescent Clinic and Cowlitz Public Health and had approximately 35 participants. The priorities chosen on October 4th were 1) Care coordination and 2) Family Outreach and support. The first meetings start in November.
- The Grays Harbor Autism Coalition kick off will be Saturday October 21! Organizer Tess Lawson has been collaborating with the Lewis County-affiliated CAM events and will have participants from Lewis, Mason, Pacific and Cowlitz as well at their event, held at the Summit Medical Center in Elma.
- Chelan-Douglas is using their first year funding to develop materials for families and for providers who refer to the new School Autism Medical Review Team that will start January 2018.
- Amy organized and facilitated a ZOOM networking call this quarter 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. The focus was on parent/family support. Tess Lawson from Grays Harbor shared information about her online support program. The next quarterly call will be in December.

Pediatric Transforming Clinical Practice Initiative (P-TCPI):
- We are excited to be kicking off the Regional Care Coordination Project with the immensely talented Regional Care Facilitators from each of the Accountable Communities of Health! We are collaborating with the 9 Practice Facilitators and other members of the team and look forward to tying together many of the activities and networks across the state with health care transformation efforts.
- The monthly virtual meetings with P-TCPI Medical Home Neighborhood Team (MHNT) are going well; anyone is invited to receive meeting notes etc.

Child Health Note

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 the CSHCN Program, DOH, and CHDD-UW, provides training and technical assistance to registered dietitian nutritionists (RDNs) that are part of the CSHCN Nutrition Network, and to Community Feeding Teams, as well as projects related to improving nutrition through medical nutrition therapy and addressing issues related to cost of and reimbursement for nutrition and feeding team services.

Nutrition Network (NN) Training and Development
1. Nutrition Network Training – This fall the 22nd class of registered dietitian nutritionists (RDNs) will attend NN training on Thursday and Friday, October 5-6th in Seattle. The thirteen trainees work throughout the State of WA in public health and community health care clinics, hospital a previously underserved Klickitat county. In addition two LEND fellows and one PPC fellow also attended. LEND-is Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities and PPC is Pediatric Pulmonary Centers – both are MCHB funded training programs at U of WA.

The Nutrition Network, begun in 1987, continues to provide training for RDNs in WA State to increase their knowledge and skills related to nutrition services for CSHCN, family centered care, medical home, and nutrition in early intervention and schools.
2. Nutrition Network Webinar – We are planning topics for a 2.5-hour webinar scheduled Thursday, February 15, 2018. We invite Nutrition Network members and CSCHN Coordinators. A NN member survey identified two topics for the webinar - nutrition for children with congenital heart defects and physical assessment of micronutrient deficiencies.

**NICU-to-Home Nutrition & Feeding Transition Work Group**
A conference call is scheduled for Friday, October 27, 2017. Draft agenda topics may include a program evaluation around discharge from Seattle Children’s, review a draft letter to be used with NICU’s to discuss transition and hear an update on the transition of the Smooth Way Home focus to King County DD.

**WA Community Feeding Teams**
Sharon Feucht provided training and technical assistance to two feeding teams located in Yakima and Wenatchee. She provided information about feeding team formation to selected staff from the early intervention program located at the Haring Center at the UW. Sharon facilitated a meeting between UW NICU nutrition and feeding staff and the Haring Center EI group. Additional feeding teams are being identified for technical assistance and/or training.

**Collaborative Improvement and Innovation Networks for Children with Medical Complexity (CollIN to Advance Care for CMC)**
Sharon Feucht is participating in the conference calls for this project.

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

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**Washington State Fathers Network (WSFN)**
Louis Mendoza
[www.fathersnetwork.org](http://www.fathersnetwork.org)

- The members of the Dads Alliance will be submitting a proposal to present at the IECC in May of 2018. The plan is to have a panel of dads offering different perspectives present on the topic of the challenges involved with obtaining services for their family.
- Updates were made to the website including:
  - Landing page – getting all information to be viewable without having to scroll
  - Placing social media icons on all the pages except for the landing page
  - Placing the option to join the mailing list on more pages
  - Changing the events page so that upcoming events appear before the past events
  - The summer edition of the Connections newsletter was published
- The family event at Carnation Farms took place. 65 people were registered and feedback was very positive. The event started on a Friday afternoon and continued until noon on Sunday. Activities included, ziplining, canoeing, fishing, rock climbing, archery, pottery painting, campfires, and a dance party.
- 195 Mariner tickets were given out to 50 families.
- A collaborative effort took place between the Fathers Network, Seattle Children’s, the Arc of King County and Dads Move to initiate trainings for dads. The first of these will be on the workshop, How to Tell Your Story with a Purpose and will be presented at the Dads Move training weekend in Naches October 6-8.
- Work continued on the Fathers Network conference will take place on November 4th.
- We had our annual kickoff the school year breakfast with 33 people in attendance.

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**Washington State Parent-to-Parent (P2P)**
Arc of Washington
Alliance State member of P2PUSA
Susan Atkins
[www.arcwa.org](http://www.arcwa.org)

**Support for Parents of Children with Disabilities and/or Special Health Care Needs.**
Most parents like to talk about their children, and who better to talk with than another parent? Parents enjoy learning through sharing their parenting stories and experiences with one another. Many times, parents of children with disabilities or healthcare needs have even greater necessity for this kind of supportive connection as they deal with unique issues not commonly shared by all parents. Their friends and family are often unable to provide first-hand guidance because they
lack the personal experience and knowledge of the child's disabilities or healthcare needs. What can end up happening is a parent is left feeling isolated and alone.

But we can help. Parent to Parent Support Programs is a statewide network of 22 community programs and a Program at Seattle Children Hospital.

Activities include:
- Free, confidential services
- Matching parents in one-to-one relationships with skilled, experienced parents in the community based on diagnoses and family issues called Helping Parents.
- Follow-up by local County Coordinators on each P2P referral and help with systems navigation
- Culturally relevant services from Ethnic Outreach Coordinators
- Support and social groups for the family
- Information/Educational Trainings
- Leadership trainings for parents who want to become volunteer Helping Parent (H/P) for matching
- Newsletters, Facebook & E-groups

Developmental Disabilities (DD) Endowment Trust Fund Compared to ABLE Act
Attachment #12 is a comparison between the Washington State DD Endowment Trust Fund and the new ABLE accounts. Washington ABLE accounts are scheduled to be available soon (October or November). Both programs offer a way for individuals to save or hold funds, that are not counted as an asset, and do not impact any benefits they are entitled to receive.

The DD Endowment Trust Fund is a cost effective way to set up a special needs trust and is limited to individuals who are determined to meet the state definition of having a developmental disability, as determined by the Developmental Disability Administration.

Washington ABLE accounts are tax free accounts include all individuals who have a disability, as determined by social security or a physician. ABLE accounts can be used by individuals to pay for housing, when they are on SSI, without impacting their Social Security benefit.

Both of these programs are one of the few ways that individuals who receive benefits, can have funds to enhance the quality of their lives, without jeopardizing the benefits they receive.

Individuals can have both. Share with families and have them talk to their attorney or financial advisor or can call the Endowment Trust Fund office at to ask questions. Toll-free number: 1-888-754-8798, ext. 1.

Family to Family Health Information Center (F2FHIC)
Jill McCormick
www.familyvoicesofwashington.com

July 2017 – September 2017 F2F has worked on:
- Participated in planning meetings for Statewide Family Youth System Round Table groups and a presentation for a Paddle Grant at the Statewide WISE Provider Symposium on Transition.
- Working with Statewide Family Leadership Group on building an Ad hoc group for creating a website for the group.
- Participation in statewide Tribal Kinship conference in Spokane
- 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 cultural outreach and developing community brokers.
- Participated in a statewide Youth Organization Summit on including youth in statewide and local emergency management teams and preparedness outreach.
- New collaboration with a DOH Emergency Management POD (Points of Distribution) task force around accessibility and the needs of the disability community regionally.
- New work with Maternal Child Health Department on Middle Child Health Summit in November and collaborative presentation with Parent to Parent and Fathers Network on Statewide resources
- Participation on the planning committee for the Washington Autism Advisory Council meeting on November 3rd.
- Invited to be on a new grant steering committee for “Health Care Delivery System Innovations for Children with Medical Complexity” and for the Medical Home Family committee in the Healthcare Transformation Grant.
• Part of a Multi-State presentation proposal connected with the Western States Regional Genetics Collaborative in Washington DC in February.

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. This quarter’s activities include:
• Hiring a new Coordinator and adding admin support
• Shawnda Hicks from Clallam County was hired and an intern is doing the admin pieces
• Finishing the needs assessment for this current contract year
• Creating a FaceBook page
• Set up to utilize GoToMeeting for meeting days and times
• Added new community partners for the region
• Upgraded the website to be a greater resource for the region

Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI)
Nicole Klein
Program Supervisor for Coordinated School Health
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Proposed Changes to Chapter 392-400 of the Washington Administrative Code
OSPI released proposed changes to OSPI’s student discipline rules in Chapter 392-400 of the Washington Administrative Code (WAC). These proposed rules reflect the substantial feedback that OSPI received from key stakeholders following OSPI's distribution of the initial draft of the rules in May 2017.

The proposed rules are intended to improve the clarity and readability of the student discipline rules for both school districts and families. The revisions clarify requirements in law that became effective in 2016 when the Legislature passed House Bill 1541. The revisions also increase opportunities for families to participate in the development of discipline policies and in resolving discipline-related issues.

The proposed rules can be downloaded from the OSPI website, along with a table that provides a detailed description of the proposed rules and comparison to the current rules. The rules are publicly available on OSPI’s website.

Written Comments
OSPI welcomes and encourages comments on the proposed rules. Please submit written comments to Dierk Meierbachtol, OSPI Chief Legal Officer, by November 13, 2017, at 5 p.m.

Dierk Meierbachtol, Chief Legal Officer
Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction
PO Box 47200, Olympia, WA 98504-7200
Email: DisciplineRuleComments@k12.wa.us

Public Hearings
OSPI will hold public hearings to receive comments about the proposed rules:
October 17, 2017 | 1:30–4:30 p.m.
Educational Service District 101
Classroom 1
4202 South Regal Street, Spokane, WA 99223

October 30, 2017 | 3–6 p.m.
Educational Service District 105
Klickitat Room
33 South Second Ave., Yakima, WA 98902

November 7, 2017 | 1–5 p.m.
Educational Service District 121
Cedar/Duwamish Room
800 Oakesdale Ave., Renton, WA 98057

November 13, 2017 | 1:00–4:00 p.m.
Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction Brouillet Room
600 Washington St. SE, Olympia, WA 98504
To arrange accommodations for persons with disabilities, please contact Kristin Murphy by October 14, 2017, at 360-753-4201 or TTY 360-664-3631 or by email at Kristin.Murphy@k12.wa.us.

For language interpreter services, please contact Jennifer Stevens by October 14, 2017, at 360-725-6162 or TTY 360-664-3631 or by email at equity@k12.wa.us.

Thank you for your continued input into this important rulemaking initiative! We look forward to carefully considering your written or public comments on the proposed rules.

Final Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Overview for School Districts
Superintendent Reykdal recently recorded a video titled ESSA Overview for School Districts. Watch Superintendent Reykdal’s video on YouTube.

Civil Rights, Section 504, and Title IX Athletics Trainings
The Equity and Civil Rights Office at OSPI is providing a two-day training regarding civil rights protections and obligations in Washington public schools, open to all district and school employees. The training is separated into three parts over two days, with separate registration for each.

Section 504 Training
Mead, WA | October 26 | 8:30 a.m.–Noon | Section 504 Training Details and registration

- Understand the process to identify and evaluate students under Section 504
- Discuss suggestions for developing and implementing Section 504 plans
- Using real-world scenarios, discuss common pitfalls and hot topics, including students with health conditions, manifestation determinations, dietary accommodations, extracurricular activities, etc.

Who should attend? Section 504 coordinators | School and district administrators | School counselors | School nurses | Any other staff involved in the Section 504 process.

For questions about registration, please contact the Equity and Civil Rights Office at 360-725-6162, TTY: 360-664-3631, or by email at equity@k12.wa.us.

To arrange accommodations for persons with disabilities, please contact the Equity and Civil Rights Office at 360-725-6162, TTY: 360-664-3631, within 3 business days of the event. Please note that the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) does not require OSPI to take any action that would fundamentally alter the nature of its programs or services, or impose an undue financial or administrative burden.

Student Health Bulletins
- B045-17- Visual Screening Requirements for School Districts
- B036-17- Sunscreen in Schools

Open Doors for Multicultural Families
Darya Farivar
www.multiculturalfamilies.org

Darya Farivar was unable to attend.

Neurodevelopmental Centers (NDCs) Update
Marianne Bastin, Mary Bridge Children’s Therapy Services


The NDC directors met with DOH reps from the Office of Family and Community Health Improvement – Lacy Fehrenbach, Meredith Pyle and Ellen Silverman to discuss our current statement of work, clarified the requirement to engage in
Accountable Communities of Health activities in our regions, and discuss the HCA transition to managed care. We discussed the benefits/concerns of the NDCs becoming Centers of Excellence as HCA continues overtures to bring the NDCs into managed care. The directors feel the current system is working well and has little administrative burden and are fearful of increased cost of administering services, and decreased access to therapies within a managed care framework. Conversations to continue at the January NDC directors meeting and a direct connection to HCA for the directors was discussed.

Children’s Developmental Center – Richland
- The Children’s Developmental Center has implemented our ABA program (finally)!
- We have hired 2 Register Behavior Technicians and 2 new speech therapists.
- We are entering into a contract with Early Life Speech and Language for speech services for kids 2-7 years.
- In our community, local school districts are discontinuing providing birth through two services and will be contracting for services with the CDC or the ESD.

Children’s Village – Yakima
What’s new?
- The CEO position is posted. This will be the first CEO position in Children’s Village 20-year history. If you know of anyone who is interested please go to https://alfordexecutivesearch.applicantstack.com/x/detail/a2713pbzycbc#contenttitle
- We just received a grant from the Community Foundation to start work around Help Me Grow. This will continue to support community referrals for children with and without special needs in our community.

New services?
- Children’s Village will be a starting a Reach Out and Read program. This is a national program to promote literacy. Children will receive books in the Early Intervention program and through Developmental and at Behavioral Peds visits. There will be volunteers reading to children in the lobby as part of the program. Implementation starts October.

Challenges?
- Children’s Village continues to look for a lifeguard and have had a hard time filling this position. It is challenging to find someone who is a lifeguard AND has experience with children with special needs. We are considering growing our own.

Guilds’ School and Neuromuscular Center – Spokane
Cover page of Visions newsletter is attached with recent news and stories. You can find the entire newsletter at http://www.guildschool.org/newsletter-archives/ (See Attachment #13)

Cover page of Capital Campaign Preview is also attached. You can find the entire campaign brochure at http://www.guildschool.org/capital-campaign-preview (See Attachment #14)

Holly Ridge – Bremerton
Holly Ridge Center serves as the Local Lead Agency for Kitsap County and North Mason through the Department of Early Learning’s Early Support for Infants and Toddlers Program. Our Infant Toddler Program (ITP), is a neurodevelopmental center that provides early intervention services to children birth to three that present with developmental delays or are medically fragile. This is the only program of its type on the Olympic Peninsula. We provide Speech therapy services, OT/PT services, parent training, vision services, Educator services, family resource coordination and ABA services for children B-3 with an autism diagnosis.

What is new at the center – we continue to provide training/site visits as part of the AS3D grant, we have two site visits scheduled for October with TLC and SPARC.

New staff – we have recently hired two SLP-As – one full time, one part time, we have also hired an Early Head Start home visitor, she will start this month

Challenges – hiring OTs and PTs, we are looking for an OT or PT right now, we have had no applicants, our operations department is facing challenges getting staff credentialed with some insurance companies

What is going well – we continue to meet the needs of many families and children with our community. We are currently serving approximately 275 children Birth to 3.

Kindering Center – Bellevue
Kindering, now in its 55th year, provides best-in-class therapies and special education for children with disabilities, delays, and other risk factors in King and Snohomish counties.
Kindering served more than 4,000 families in 2016, a 14 percent increase over the year prior and a trend that continues in 2017. Enrollment has risen since opening a Bothell campus in 2014, but unmet need persists. In response, Kindering is thrilled to add a third campus in Renton in October 2017, in order to expand access and deepen critical services for South King County families.

The new Renton facility will serve 200 infants and young children each year with inclusive preschool, special education, physical/occupational therapy, and more.

Those wishing to learn more about Kindering, its mission, and programs may call Alison Morton at 425-653-4331 or Alison.morton@kindering.org, or visit its website at www.kindering.org.

Mary Bridge Children’s – Therapy Services-Tacoma/Puyallup
We continue to have an open PT Assistant position for our Children’s Therapy Unit location in Puyallup. We are fortunate to not have a lot of turnover recently and are fully staffed except for the PTA. We continue to pilot the use of the WeeFIM as an outcome tool for our patients and hope to have benchmarking data to share in the next 6 months. Currently we can review and print polar graphs of patient’s improvements over time. Example below.

Progress Center – Longview
Here in Longview, it is extremely challenging to find qualified staff, particularly therapists. I don't think the shortage is unique to the Longview area but because we are in a rural, low-income area, it makes it hard to attract new staff.

We serve birth to three and we provide therapy and education services. We also have a preschool program. We serve an average of 165 children at any given time.

Kathy Grant-Davis has moved on from her position with ESIT to accept a position with DEL that is closer to her home. In addition to bringing a historical perspective from many years of service, she was instrumental in the development of ESIT policies and procedures, and was the moving force behind the development of ESIT’s first ever Washington Administrative Code. We owe a depth of gratitude to Kathy for her ongoing commitment to young children and families in Washington.

Svenja Hopkins has started as ESIT’s new Data Coordinator. Svenja comes to us from the Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP) team where she was a Program Coordinator. Svenja has her Bachelor’s Degree in Business Administration and is enrolled in a dual Master’s Program for Financial Management and Information Systems, and Business Administration.
Juliet Jack is returning to ESIT as our Operations Coordinator. In addition to overseeing contract activities, she will be responsible for ESIT’s Part C application and monitoring activities. We’re looking forward to having Juliet back on our floor and on our team!

Adrienne O’Brien has been promoted to Training and Technical Assistance Manager. In this role she will supervise Program Consultants, develop and manage trainings, and will eventually transition to lead the Statewide Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP).

Debi Donelan has been promoted to the position of Assistant Administrator. In this role she will oversee the Comprehensive System of Personnel Development (CSPD) and serve as the Administrator’s delegate and back up. It’s exciting to have new positions that will provide some relief to a seriously stretched team as well as capitalize on the tremendous leadership skills that our existing team members possess. This will allow us to move forward with priorities that will strengthen our entire system such as; statewide training, expanded billing, and improvements to our data system. Please take a moment to say ‘thank you’ to staff moving on, ‘welcome’ those just starting and ‘congratulations’ to those who have been promoted!

State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP) Update: We have started Phase III, Year 2 of the SSIP. We are implementing focused training and technical assistance activities with Local Lead Agencies and providers in three additional implementation sites, serving ten counties. Providers have participated in Promoting First Relationships training and will be developing local implementation teams to share successes and challenges of implementation with ESIT.

Family Resources Coordinator (FRC) Training: The next FRC training/Professional Learning Community (PLC) is scheduled for January 25, 2018 from 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The focus is the Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP). Interested individuals may participate in trainings as space allows. For more information, contact Sue Blount at sue.blount@esd112.org.

State Interagency Coordinating Council (SICC): The next SICC meeting is Wednesday, October 18 from 9:00-3:00 at WECU Ferndale, 5659 Pacific Hwy, Ferndale, WA 98248. The focus of this meeting is family stories. Contact Jahla Brown at (360) 725-4413 or email Jahla.Brown@del.wa.gov for more information or to R.S.V.P.

DSHS, Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA)
Nicole Fergason

Nicole Fergason was unable to attend.

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

Chani Hayes and Terry Worel attended on behalf of FWB-CCU.

- With the creation of the new Department of Children, Youth and Families, there is uncertainty about whether they (FWB-CCU) will be in the new agency or stay where they are.
- Meeting with tribes about Fee-for-Service (FFS) Apple Health and develop all of the care coordination in Medical Home/Behavioral Health Organizations/Accountable Communities of Health to meet the needs of foster care population who is still under FFS. Previously there was a lot of partnership with CSHCN LHJ’s and that gradually diminished so now there is an interest in rekindling/reforming those partnerships.

DSHS, Kinship and Family Caregiver Program
Hilarie Hauptman
www.dshs.wa.gov/kinshipcare

Hilarie Hauptman was unable to attend.

Lifespan Respite Washington (LRW)
Linda Porter
www.lifespanrespitewa.org
Linda shared about LRW and provided an overview. There was a handout passed around regarding a new grant that they received for 3 years, just at the time when their previous grant expired (see Attachment #15). There is a particular focus prioritizing brain injury for respite programs, however other individuals and families are still able to access those vouchers. LRW is able to accept respite applications again from the CSHCN Coordinators and so follow the instructions in Linda’s handouts to request respite vouchers (see Attachment #16). CSHCN Program has approved 10 children for the 2018 Federal Fiscal year to receive respite through the diagnostic and treatment (DXTX) funds. The difference between DOH and LRW is that DOH/LHJ DXTX funds can pay $800 per child, per year, and LRW vouchers can provide $1000 per family.

WithinReach
Stephanie Orrico
www.withinreachwa.org

Stephanie Orrico was unable to attend.

THRIVE Washington
Liv Woodstrom
thrivewa.org

Liv Woodstrom was unable to attend.

Washington Autism Alliance & Advocacy
Jen St. Cyr
washingtonautismadvocacy.org

We are continuing to implement the Promotora/Parents Taking Action curriculum in Clark County. Beth Hammer, regional Outreach Coordinator, has done a fantastic job of connecting to and mobilizing Spanish speaking families in the region with children who have autism and other developmental disabilities. The Promotora program trains community liaisons to deliver information about autism, early intervention, and other resources in their area. This, combined with connecting to the insurance and systems navigation provided by WAAA, has made for a great partnership that we will continue to support. We are also exploring implementation of this partnership in other regions such as Central and Eastern Washington.

Speaking of Central and Eastern Washington, we are recruiting for co-location opportunities and regional outreach coordinators in the Benton-Franklin County area and Spokane area. We are in the process of developing a robust insurance navigation training curriculum to support these co-locations. Please contact Jen St. Cyr, Director of Family Services, if you are interested in learning more about these opportunities.

And speaking of insurance navigation, we are in the finishing stages of our online Family Navigation training modules. These will be available in the coming weeks and we will distribute to Family Navigation agencies and partners through the AS3D list. If you are interested in accessing these trainings, but not sure if you are on the AS3D list, please contact Jen St. Cyr. We are also available to provide in-person trainings for Family Navigators and other partner agencies who are interested in learning more about accessing medically necessary autism and developmental disabilities services through their insurance.

DOH Screening and Genetics Unit
Deb Lochner Doyle and Nini Shridhar
www.doh.wa.gov/YouandYourFamily/InfantsChildrenandTeens/HealthandSafety/GeneticServices.aspx

Wait Times Study
The Screening and Genetics Unit conducted a study this summer looking at Wait Times for access to genetic services across Washington State. This study was part of ongoing quality assurance/ quality improvement efforts by our unit. We have begun analyzing the data. The information collected will be used to identify differences in wait times for Washington

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state residents in need of specialized genetic services. The data will allow us to identify clinics, regions or programmatic areas where additional support may be required to reduce the wait times.

**Pilot Project with Multicare**
The MultiCare Health Systems pilot project around cholesterol screening for 9-11 year olds is ongoing. We should have preliminary data next year.

**Down Syndrome**
October is Down syndrome awareness month, and as part of our ongoing work around the implementation of the Down syndrome Information Act, Screening and Genetics compiled data analytics on the number of downloads and the number of requests for the LetterCase materials on our landing page. We found a significant increase in the requests and downloads of the LetterCase materials after the Act was implemented. Michelle Hoffman will be presenting the implementation work and the data at the WSPHA this month.

**EHDDI Unit Updates**
EHDDI advisory group is meeting on October 17. Participants from various backgrounds and specialties, including families of children who are deaf or hard of hearing, will be at the meeting to provide informed input on the EHDDI system in Washington State. The first meeting will focus on establishing the format and charter for the advisory group and determining specific areas for improvement with the EHDDI system that the group wants to address.

**Announcements**

Connecting Communities: Moving Towards a Common Vision for Middle Childhood Health and Wellness across Generations Free Summit will be on November 1st at Daybreak Star in Seattle. For more information contact Shanne Montague, MSW at shanne.montague@doh.wa.gov.

**Attachments**
1. Healthy Starts and Transitions PowerPoint Slides
2. Regional Care Coordination Project Fact Sheet
3. Central CSHCN Region Minutes
4. East CSHCN Region Minutes
5. Northwest CSHCN Region Minutes
6. Southwest CSHCN Region Minutes
7. Advancing Population Health Transformation through Community at the YMCA PowerPoint Slides
8. YMCA Together, We Can Build A Better US PowerPoint Slides
10. What is population health, and why is it important? Fact Sheet
11. Child Health Notes – First Steps Program
12. Developmental Disabilities Endowment Trust Fund Compared to ABLE Act
13. Spokane Guilds' School Summer 2017 Vision Newsletter
14. Spokane Guilds’ School Capital Campaign Preview
15. Lifespan Respite Washington Grant Abstract
16. Lifespan Respite Washington New Grant Announcement

**Next CSHCN Communication Network Meeting**

**Thursday, January 11, 2018**

Creekside Two at Centerpoint
20425 72nd Avenue South
Kent, Washington
Conference Room 309