EARLY CHILDHOOD COMPREHENSIVE SYSTEMS (ECCS) IMPACT GRANT APPLICATION SUBMITTED

Department of Health | Office of Healthy Communities | Access, Systems and Coordination Section | Healthy Starts and Transitions
Application submitted March 2016; anticipated start date if awarded August 1, 2016

**FUNDING SOURCE**
Federal Grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB)

**DATES OF GRANT**
August 1, 2016 – July 31, 2021

**TARGET POPULATION**
- Diverse families in Pierce County
- American Indian family members of the five tribes of the South Puget Intertribal Planning Agency (SPIPA)

**GRANT FUNDING**
$460,000 annually, 5 years

NEW ECCS IMPACT GRANT PURPOSE
- Increase age-appropriate developmental skills in three-year-olds by 25 percent from baseline in participating communities within 60 months.
- Support continuous quality improvement and innovation around healthy child development and family well-being.

**GOALS**
- Use collective impact to build on the existing Help Me Grow Washington Partnership (HMG-WA/P) to ensure that all families have equitable access to screenings that identify developmental challenges and are supported by services that respond to each child’s needs as they learn, grow, and achieve their full potential.
- Improve coordination and communication across medical home, home visiting, and early learning systems to ensure healthy child development and family well-being.
- Promote a statewide developmental screening data system for screening results, referrals, and linkages that will connect health and early learning systems.
- Promote interagency policies that sustain an early childhood system inclusive of children’s developmental health and family well-being.

**HISTORY**
For the current grant period (August 2013 to August 2016), HMG WA/P is promoting healthy physical, social, and emotional development during infancy and early childhood. HMG WA/P works to ensure that all young children in Washington State have access to screening and other appropriate services. This grant cycle, the program emphasized coordination and expansion of developmental screening activities in early care and education and deepened the partnership between health and early learning.

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