Healthy Starts and Transitions
CSHCN Program Overview

Meredith Pyle
CSHCN Projects Supervisor

January 2016

Technical Assistance Family Leadership Project

- One time award of $10,000 from the AMCHP to enhance family engagement and leadership efforts across the state.
- The Washington program will take various elements from the New Jersey Statewide Parent Advocacy Network (SPAN) model.
- A team of five from Washington will be able to visit SPAN leadership in New Jersey, to learn about best practices and to discuss how we can adapt the programs to the needs of Washington State.
- For more information, contact michelle.hoffman@doh.wa.gov

New Staff

Shanne Montague  Middle Childhood Consultant
Shauna Muendel  Child Health Consultant
Sherry Trout  Project LAUNCH Grant Coordinator

Still To Be Hired:
Project LAUNCH Grant Evaluator
ECCS Grant Coordinator
Exciting WA Milestones!

- Medicaid reimbursement for developmental and autism screening as of 1/1/16
- Medicaid coverage of Prenatal Vitamins that include Folic Acid for the prevention of neural tube defects if taken prior to pregnancy as of 10/1/15

Upcoming Grant Opportunities

- Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems (ECCS)
- Autism State Implementation
- Stakeholder engagement will be coming

Transforming Clinical Practice Initiative (TCPI)

- DOH is hiring staff and planning the implementation of the new Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) grant
- The Washington Chapter of the Academy of Pediatrics and Molina are key grant partners
- Maria Nardella has been added to the Executive Steering Committee.

Emergency Preparedness and Response Project

- Short-term funds from DOH Office of Emergency Preparedness and Response
- Assessing how well state-level emergency preparedness and response planning is addressing needs of CYSHCN and families
- Partners include Seattle Children’s, PAVE, families, and CommNet
Care Coordination Query to MCOs

- What do the care coordinators describe as their role and what things are they spending their time on?
- Are any of the care coordinators supporting the plan’s primary care providers directly?
- Are care plans being developed for individual patients?

Care Coordination Query to MCOs (cont’d)

- What, if anything, is happening on transition of care out of the hospital to the PCP?
- What types of care coordination issues are you dealing with?

Please email Ellen with this information – respond to her reminder email from 12/22/15, subject: “Care Coordination query - Follow-up”

“Raising of America” – Olympia Screening

What: a screening and discussion of the PBS film *Raising of America: Early Childhood and the Future of Our Nation*

When: Wednesday, January 27, 2016 from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM (PST)

Where: ESD 113 - 6005 Tyee Dr. SW, Thurston Room. Tumwater, WA 98512

Who: Ross Hunter, Director of DEL and John Wiesman, Secretary of DOH

Contact Information

Meredith Pyle
Healthy Starts and Transitions
CShCN Program
(360) 236-3536
E-mail: Meredith.Pyle@doh.wa.gov