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Monthly Update: WIC Developmental Monitoring Project



You are receiving this monthly newsletter because you are a part of the ASPHN WIC Developmental Monitoring Project. This newsletter will feature updates from states within the project about what they are doing and successes and challenges they have had, information about upcoming trainings, and other news. If you have anything you'd like to contribute, you can reach out to Amber Brown at AmberBrown@asphn.org. Thank you!

Upcoming Events

- **July 15, 2019, 12 noon EST** - Evaluation Basics, Ann Webb Price, Ph.D, Community Evaluations Solutions, Inc.
- **August Online Training - CANCELLED**

ASPHN and CDC Updates



Amber Brown is pregnant with twins and due in mid-August. Because twins typically come early they will likely be born sometime in mid to late July. Amber expects to be unavailable for about six to eight weeks from mid-July to mid-Sept. Janet Farmer has agreed to help states and triage questions while Amber is less available. As much as possible, Amber will continue to check email. She will only respond to time sensitive emails the first few weeks.

The following meetings will be cancelled in August:

- Monthly Online Training
- Advisory Team Meeting

Karen Probert, ASPHN Executive Director will let all state points of contacts, advisory team, and CDC know when they need to start contacting Janet Farmer. Her contact information is below:

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Arkansas State Updates

Arkansas WIC held their third LTSAE State Team Meeting on June 10th. The team reviewed ordered materials for the pilot program. The customized LTSAE Staff Implementation Manual was reviewed by the team and discussed as well as the participant survey that was created by our epidemiologist. Staff from the three pilot sites participated in an hour long training on the LTSAE program and its implementation in Arkansas WIC. Checklists organized in file folders were distributed to each CPA and floor and wall graphics were distributed to the clinics. Staff at the pilot sites are contacting local programs and pediatricians in their areas to let them know about the referrals they will be receiving. Additional English and Spanish checklists have been ordered. State MIS employees will implement changes in our MIS program for checklist and referral documentation on July 1st. We are on target to implement LTSAE in the pilot sites on July 1st.

Massachusetts State Update

The only new update from Massachusetts is that their first training is scheduled for June 26th and they are excited to start pilot.

The Massachusetts WIC Program is very excited to be working with ASPHN and CDC to implement developmental monitoring in our WIC clinics. Seven local WIC agencies across the Commonwealth, representing more than 25% of our statewide caseload, eagerly volunteered to participate in our pilot project. We have a diverse, experienced group of staff from the Department of Public Health acting in an advisory capacity and we are working closely with our MA Act Early Ambassador as we design, launch, and evaluate the project. Preparations for pilot implementation are underway and the state team is scheduled to train all staff at each of the participating local agencies by August 2019.

Nevada State Updates

In June, Nevada WIC was able to finalize a pilot implementation plan. We're still working to develop training and training materials. Working with NvLEND and ITCN to possibly adapt their training materials. Have secured the 14th and 15th of August to complete LTSAE training with both our northern and southern pilot clinics. This will mean our start date will probably be pushed out to Sept 1, 2019 instead of August 1st.

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