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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](mailto:AmberBrown@asphn.org). Thank you!

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### Upcoming Events

- **June 17, 2019, 12 noon EST** - Implementation/Lessons Learned from States Who Have Already Implemented. Janet Farmer and Bridgette Delgman-Yawberry (Missouri), Brittany Powers (Delaware), and Brittany Tybo (Nevada ITCN)
- **July 15, 2019, 12 noon EST** - Evaluation Basics, Ann Webb Price, Ph.D, Community Evaluations Solutions, Inc.

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### Arkansas State Updates

Arkansas WIC held their second LTSAE State Team Meeting on May 13<sup>th</sup>. The pilot plan was reviewed by the team and the pilot implementation schedule was discussed. A smaller group from the State Team (the WIC Epidemiologist, WIC Director, CDC Ambassador and Team Point of Contact) discussed details of the project. Some of the items discussed included: where Arkansas should refer children who need further developmental screenings and how Arkansas should collect data to evaluate the effectiveness of the pilot project.

We decided on having CPA's who administer the checklist record in an excel spread sheet weekly the number of participants who received the checklist and the number of referrals for further screening. This method of gathering data may be modified in the pilot if it proves to be too time consuming or an inaccurate way to measure. We will also be documenting in our MIS system the checklist by age that were provided as well as the referral for further screening. We are currently working on developing surveys for staff and parents as well as customizing the implementation guide for Arkansas WIC.

We have dates scheduled for training the staff of our three pilot sites in June. The goal for pilot implementation will be July 1<sup>st</sup>. In the next few weeks we will be creating and finalizing the training for our WIC Staff. The Team Point of Contact will train all three pilot sites for consistency in communication.

## Massachusetts State Update

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 May, Nevada WIC made good progress toward the LTSAE pilot implementation. The key wall, floor, and poster graphics have been ordered. The Desk Reference Guide was customized and ordered. The English and Spanish Checklists were customized, and the order placement is pending approval of final order numbers. The Nevada WIC team submitted a draft Implementation Plan for review and the team is finalizing a PDF version of the Implementation Manual. The next goal is to develop a more robust Evaluation Plan and tools. Challenges encountered include not knowing availability of grant money and determining final orders for pilot, and state rollout.

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## Technical Assistance States

### Iowa State Updates

Iowa is starting to move forward with the CDC LTSAE program while on the technical assistance part of the program. We are currently working on modifying the checklists to reflect resources that are specific to Iowa that WIC staff can refer participants to if there is a possible concern identified on the checklist. We are in the very initial phases but once we have gotten the materials modified and printed we will be moving forward with pilot sites with the hopes to roll out the program state wide in 2020 if no concerns are identified.

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