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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

- **February 10th @ Noon EST** - *From Pilot to Scale: Key considerations for implementation and sustainability of effective practices*; Lynda Krisowaty, MHS AMCHP
- **March 16th @ Noon EST** - *American Academy of Pediatrics Developmental Screening Guidelines*; Dr. Moody Maya, DO, FAAP
- **April 20th @ Noon EST** - *How to Develop Productive Partnerships*; Act Early Ambassadors
- **May 18th @ Noon EST**: *State Updates and Networking Call*

**Note: February Training: Rescheduled due to Presidents Day*

ASPHN and CDC Updates



Statewide Implementation Plans

Statewide Implementation Plans for the funded states will be due Friday, February 14th, 2020. If any Technical Assistance States have plans they would like to submit we will happily review those as well.

Extended Project End Date

The "WIC Developmental Monitoring Project" has been extended! The end date for the project will be pushed out a few months. Instead of the original end date of July 2020 it will be sometime in the fall of 2020. This means that each of you will continue to receive technical assistance for longer than originally anticipated. We will share the exact end date once we have a little more information in spring 2020.

State Updates:

Arkansas State Updates

We are continuing LTSAE trainings in the local health units across the state. The trainings will finish in March. File folders and other materials are being delivered to the local health units. The Family and Consumer Science Specialists across the state were trained in LTSAE at the state training on January 15th. The Director of Local Public Health is looking at expanding the times of the WIC certification appointments with the addition of the LTSAE to our WIC certifications. We have begun a time study of the certifications to gather more data. The study will conclude mid-February. We are waiting to begin statewide implementation of LTSAE until the study has been concluded and results are evaluated.

Massachusetts State Update

As of December, almost 5,500 checklists were completed with nearly 300 participants warranting further assessments for developmental delay. Staff provided these families with referrals to Early Intervention, Family TIES, and local public schools' special education departments.

Staff have referred over 1,000 families to the CDC Act Early app so that parents/caregivers can continue to monitor their children's development. In addition, we have strengthened our documentation process for services our participants receive. We have documented that over 2,300 participants are enrolled in Early Intervention and 199 participants are enrolled in special education services.

We are in the process of developing a monitoring system to ensure that families actually follow up on the referrals that have been made. In the meantime, a staff member recently shared her experience: " I am so excited that I had three families come in last week that I referred to Early Intervention at their previous visits. All three children are now receiving EI services."

We have just launched a survey to quantify staffs' impressions of the training, materials, and their experiences implementing LTSAE.

We are starting to share our work with our community partners. Last month, we presented at a western Massachusetts Act Early Summit and later this month, Head Start nutritionists will learn about this exciting program and how they can support WIC's developmental milestone monitoring work.

Nevada

Nevada is going strong in getting ready for our statewide roll-out. Online training is now available and all WIC Agency staff have been asked to complete so they understand what the WIC Developmental Milestones Checklist Program (DMCP) is and

how it works. There will be two in-service meetings that'll be held for the DMCP. The first is January 28th and will be a general introduction to the program and a Q&A sessions to answer any initial questions they may have. The second in-service will be February 25th and this will be an in-depth discussion to make sure everyone is ready, has their materials, and any remaining questions can asked before we launch March 2nd.

Using Survey Monkey for the surveys has been well received by staff and utilization has been good for the Developmental Monitoring Tracking form. We're working on getting better feedback on the Referral Tracking form. The Staff Post-surveys were also created in Survey Monkey. The link for the survey was emailed out to all the pilot agency staff and results are almost complete. So far, 100% of respondents feel that this program was easy to implement. Overall, survey responses are positive regarding time used and participant acceptance.

Supplies will be going out this week to all the agencies. Getting excited to have this finally available across all Nevada WIC Agencies/Clinics.

New Hampshire

A new year, a new decade, and awesome possibilities--New Hampshire WIC is excited to share that on January 6th LTSAE Developmental Monitoring training commenced at Goodwin Community Health Center's WIC Program (GCHC), our pilot agency for this project. GCHC is located in Somersworth NH and serves as caseload of ~2500 in Strafford and Carroll Counties. Our LTSAE Training consisted of a brief recap of the LTSAE training provided this summer to all agencies, an opportunity to talk through different referral scenarios and MIS documentation and follow-up. The training was provided by state agency staff and the NH's LTSAE Ambassador. GCHC in partnership with their local United Way organization was able to purchase environmental signage and checklists for the project. GCHC plans to commence with rollout on February 3rd. We are looking forward to their success.

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