

Texas LAUNCH State Workgroup Meeting
 Meeting Minutes
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Start Time: 1:05pm

- I. Welcome and Introductions (Ramah Leith)
- II. Ice Breaker (Ramah Leith)
Attendees shared their most memorable summer moment(s).
- III. Sharing of State Workgroup Mission/Vision (Holly Gursslin)
Mission and Vision will stay what it is at this point but can be changed in the future if needed.
- IV. Memorandums of Understanding (Ramah Leith)
MOU's are still being worked on by DSHS, and some pending face pages from members. Face pages will need signing authorities, addresses, contacts, etc. MOU's will be sent directly to the organization and should be returned within the next few weeks.
- V. Parent Application (Ramah Leith)
All parents that had currently applied have been contacted by Ramah and told to hold on while closing dates were changed to 9/30 due to communities coming on board later and allowing them time to identify a parent to apply to sit on the state workgroup as well. Communities will also need a parent representative on their councils.
Application link for parent representative is:
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TLAUNCHP_A
- VI. Site Visit/ASQ Training (Holly Gursslin)
YDSP/El Paso first site visit completed. El Paso, via the original PL site Aliviane, has already developed and early childhood wellness council. YDSP will create a sub-committee to focus on their tribal nation. A recap of the entire site visit was provided to state workgroup members. During site visit, the opportunity for PL staff and leadership to attend an 'ASQ Train the Trainer' workshop was provided. ASQ/ASQ-SE starter kits are in the process of being purchased by TIEMH to be distributed to 3 communities.
- VII. Grantee Meeting (Holly Gursslin)
All Project LAUNCH states were identified. A recap of the Project LAUNCH grantee meeting was provided to state workgroup members. Recap included information on action planning, community/TA engagement, and about common indicators/evaluation practices. Expansion plan will be revised with communities included by late September.
- VIII. Evaluation Plan – Common Indicators (Erica Shapiro)
Comprehensive Common Indicator list provided to workforce members. List was explained to be “in progress” and not finalized, pending final work from SAMSHA. Once list is finalized, all states will work to gather/evaluate those common indicators. For Texas Project LAUNCH, most evaluation will impact Incredible Years, Parent Café, and Mental Health Consultation. Could have from 80-105 minutes of evaluation impact in those areas. In addition, there will be NOMS (national outcome measures) and contractual evaluation measures.
- IX. Incredible Years (Holly Gursslin)

The IY Basic Parenting Training program will occur mid-September in Austin with local and state PL involvement. IY was selected as the EB program due the success Aliviane had with it back in the original PL grant. IY has been done and tested internationally and is published in 21 different languages. It is researched backed with good fidelity support and a user-friendly website. The two larger goals of the series are cost-effective training and interventions at three levels; home, school, and day-care settings. A map provided state workgroup members an idea of how a participant in this training could be supported through certification. TIEMH will support two providers from each community to work through certification for fidelity and sustainability efforts. There are a few spots left for the IY training so if other state workgroup members want to apply they can. Final determination will be made 8/29/16. Recommended books for training may be purchased by communities ahead of time (“Collaborating with Parents”, and the “Incredible Years Book”). A description of the training program was provided highlighting the strengths-based program that uses cultural competency and teaches about quality time being spent with a child. A program readiness template was provided that talked about 8 programmatic implementation steps. This document could be found online and was suggested as a template tool/model for any program implementation.

- X. Family Services Association of SA, Inc. Community Introduction and Presentation (Lisa Nieves)
FSA of SA, Inc. is a trauma informed care agency that provides behavioral health, early head start, head start, parenting education, youth and senior services. This agency has multiple community partners that serve high-risk families in need (single parents, low-income, trauma) that include homeless shelters and teen parents. They have grown from 3 staff members in 2011 to 15 to date. Working with 3 community partners for early childhood screening, to continue to provide services year-round after initiating this summer. The organization wants to empower parents through the IY program and Parent Café model. Their hope is to build a parent council that would be active in the Parent Café model. To respond to community need, the ECWB program at Family Service Association will respond by providing early childhood mental health services free of cost to both childcare centers and families previously unable to access these services. The Parent Stress Indicator tool was mentioned as a tool for measuring parental stress. Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation is the primary strategy. Consultations consist of classroom consultation, an integration of a home-based component, and the Parent Cafés. FSSA mentioned that several practitioners will be trained in PCIT and will provide home-based and school-based services. Partners are to include; Ella Austin Community Center, Daughters of Charity Services of San Antonio and Healy Murphy Child Development Center.
- XI. Parent Café Training (Laura Kender)
A brief introduction to what the Parent Café model is was provided. Parent Café model comes out of Be Strong Families in Chicago with the focus of strengthening families’ five protective factors. Cafés are usually done by neighborhood, learning and teaching from each other. A training will be hosted for TCMHMR with invitations for PL leadership and communities in late September in line with the Fort Worth site visit by PL leadership.
- XII. Tarrant County MHMR Community Introduction and Presentation (Laura Kender)

A TCMHMR organization chart was presented along with a listing of services provided by TCMHMR that included; behavioral health services, substance use disorder services, a 24-hour crisis hotline, services for children with intellectual or developmental disabilities (IDD), early childhood services, services for the homeless and vets, criminal justice assistance, outpatient clinics, support groups, youth center, and benefits services. TCMHMR is the second largest agency in Fort Worth with 3 divisions, one being early childhood services (ECS). It will use the advisory committee and ECI committee combined to create the young child wellness council needed for PL. ECS organization chart provided to workforce group members along with proposed changes from PL implications. A flow chart was also presented showing how all Project LAUNCH strategies would be affecting ECS. Project LAUNCH Strategies include; LAUNCH Academy focusing on professional development, Incredible Years and Parent Cafés in Child Care Associations and Parenting Centers. TCMHMR mentioned utilizing the CANS and SEEKS (aces screening tool) as measures for evaluation.

- XIII. Ysleta del Sur Pueblo Community Introduction and Presentation (Linda Wiley)
YDSP/Tigwa tribal history was provided starting from the tribe's existence in El Paso in 1682. Information regarding the governing process and reservation services was given including information on the Empowerment Department which is where Project LAUNCH will be directed. In 2007 the Pueblo established the Empowerment Program to address the education and employment development needs of the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo tribal community. The Tribal Empowerment program also focuses on services for the youngest tribal members. The Tuy Pathu Early Learning Center provides childcare services for children ages 0-5. The Tuy Pathu Tigwa Indian Pre K provides education services to tribal children ages 3-5. The Tribal population is determined by descendant relations and not blood quantum. Partners for Project LUANCH will include; Tuy Pathu Early Learning Center, Tuy Pathu Tigwa Indian Pre K, Bright Stars Day Care, Campestre Elementary School, South Loop Elementary School. The tribal nation shared strategies to implement all 4 core PL expansion goals with an added one of expanding upon their current El Paso early childhood council.
- XIV. State Workgroup Members impact on PL Communities (Ramah Leith)
State Workgroup members were asked to share how their work could impact, support the three communities and areas of expertise.
- Dr. Pauline Filipek – Act Early Texas! Discussed the use of the online ASQ/M-CHAT portal which allows for free screening for parents and providers. (40,000 screenings have been paid for). Portal provides automatic scoring, learning materials for “Learn the Signs”, and referral processes.
 - Angel Lopez – MH Director Texas Child/Adolescent Unit. Discussed initiatives communities should be aware of like the TIC-TCRAFT initiative ending 9/30 (TX has reapplied and is pending). TCRAFT is part of the national trauma network where there are several resources for communities. Mental Health Consultation experienced was also discussed for children 3-17 using the CANS assessment tool. YDSP is a site for youth services and TIC.
 - Lillian Stengart - Texas Systems of Care. Providing infrastructure of services that are community-based, youth driven, and culturally and linguistically competent. Services include workforce development, YES

Waiver support, TF-CBT/EB practices training, family voice network. San Antonio already has a SOC called Bexar Care. Fort Worth has Paving the Way through MHMR.

- Jean Origer – DARS ECI. Works with children 0-36 months with developmental delays/disabilities. There are 38 local programs using IDEA services. Currently working to improve on social-emotional development by providing coaching to parents. Also using a web-based training programs with several topics.
- Rachel Jew – CSHCN. This is a comprehensive healthcare program/network of providers serving 2,000 clients a year from 0-21 years of age and anyone with cystic fibrosis. CSHCN offers population-based services including parent trainings, workshops, case management, and transition services. Early childhood screening is one of Title V's national measures and will interact with Project LAUNCH in that manner as well.
- Sophie Strother – Prevention and Early Intervention Services. A federally and state funded program for home visitation funding 43 counties for direct services and coalitions. Supporting Act Early TX!, Project HOPES, and mental health consultation.

XV. First3Years Presentation (Natalie Baerwaldt)

First3Years history and purpose was presented to the state workgroup members. F3Y focuses on children birth-3 years old promoting social emotional development of infants and toddlers within the state of TX. Part of the World Infant Mental Health Association. F3Y's work is relationship-based with a desire to spread research and best practices involving infant mental health. F3Y's is membership based with online and onsite training opportunities. F3Y's also provides outreach and advocacy in these issues. F3Y will partner with Project LAUNCH for workforce development sustainability strategies. F3Y will conduct a needs assessment survey (to be released 9/1/16) and with that data collaborate to fill gaps on early childhood training needs with PL communities and around TX. F3Y will conduct focus groups within the 3 PL communities beginning two weeks post survey dissemination. F3Y will promote infant mental health Endorsement® program by providing technical assistance, advocacy, and awareness about Endorsement® through marketing and meetings. Endorsement® is a nationally recognized program creating quality assurance of providers working with this age group. F3Y asks state council to disseminate the needs assessment survey widely.

XVI. Set next meeting & Adjourn (Ramah Leith)

Next scheduled meeting would have fallen on Thanksgiving Holiday. November 17, 2016; 1:00-5:00pm was determined for the next meeting. Place TBD.