

Texas LAUNCH



Linking Actions for Unmet Needs in Children's Health

Community Updates August 16, 2018

Ysleta Del Sur Pueblo

Developmental Screening – The Aliviane Local Lead, Judy Willgren and the YDSP Community Lead, Linda Wiley, provided ASQ training to the Family Child Care Director at Bright Starts, and the ELC Director and staff in June. **Family Strengthening** - Although no Parent Cafes were conducted this quarter, the fourth cohort of IY training was completed and a new IY Parents and Babies class was started and completed. Recruitment for the Babies class came as a result of a partnership between Ms. Wiley and the Department of Health Prenatal Class. Ms. Wiley continues to work with the Department of Behavioral Health for recruiting families who may be in the child welfare system to participate in the IY training. In addition, Ms. Wiley has been invited by the Parent Liaison at Socorro ISD to provide parenting education information at an upcoming meeting. **Mental Health Consultation** - This expansion community has made progress in its efforts to partner with local school districts and providing mental health consultation in the classrooms. Ms. Wiley has met with two school districts and offered her support in transitioning children with challenging behaviors into the next service setting. Ms. Wiley is also in the process of meeting with the Parent Liaison at Socorro ISD, the principle and families in the coming week. In addition, Ms. Wiley continues to conduct MHC observations in the classroom. Ms. Wiley and the Local Lead, Judy Willgren will be working together on identifying additional mental health consultation and support for parents and children. **Workforce Development** – See ASQ training above. **Behavioral Health Disparities** – Ms. Wiley and Local Lead Judy Willgren have drafted a Behavioral Health Disparities plan that will target pregnant women and screening for postpartum depression. **Sustainability** – the YDSP Tribal Governance Council is in the final phases of creating a new division that will provide oversight and continue to sustain LAUNCH Strategies beyond the grant period. The Tribal Council meets every quarter.

Next Steps:

- Begin the next set of IY Basics training
- PC session planned for September
- Continue to train staff at the ELC and Bright Stars on ASQ
- Continue to work with school districts on transitioning children with behavioral health concerns
- Identify additional MHC support for parent/child prevention and intervention techniques
- One person trained in Pyramid Model
- Finalize Behavioral Health Disparities Plan

Family Services Association of San Antonio

Developmental Screening – The Parent Educator, Jaquie Guerrero has taken over in coordinating the completion of screenings at the new early childhood site, Miller Development Center. The staff has also noted that the center already has a process in place for conducting ongoing developmental assessment. There has been a challenge in obtaining parent approval to conduct screenings. The Community Lead, Fred Cardenas is in discussion with other potential partners in the community including Good Samaritan. ***Mental Health Consultation*** – The Early Childhood Clinician, Tarah Glover, has received a number of inquiries from teachers and parents at Miller Development Center. She continues to provide support to those families who were enrolled in DePaul Wesley which recently discontinued their partnership settings and new referrals from Miller Development Center. Ms. Glover has recently included graduate social work interns in some of her consultations. ***Family Strengthening*** – The Parent Educator has been working diligently in recruiting families at one of the new collaboration sites, the Neighborhood Place, and has started an IY Babies class that has been going very well. Parent Café's will begin in September at the Neighborhood Place. ***Workforce Development*** – This expansion community has provided training to number of organizations including; Girls on the Run, Family Service Head Start, Uvalde ISD and AVANCE. The topics included trauma informed care, behavior management, self-care, and separation anxiety. This expansion community also continues to partner with Voices for Children for regular Saturday trainings. ***Behavioral Health Disparities*** – This expansion community has completed its Behavioral Health Disparities plan focusing on suspension and expulsion.

Next Steps:

- Continue to develop partnership with Good Samaritan
- Hold Parent Café's the first Thursday of the Month starting in September
- Train four staff in the Pyramid Model
- Continue to provide Mental Health Consultation with Miller Development Center
- Continue to collaborate with Voices for Children Director Kathy Fletcher
- Child Wellbeing Council will meet in September

MHMRTC

Developmental Screening – Utilizing HOPES funds, in June this community brought in Brookes Publishing train 21 early childhood professionals on the ASQ -3 and ASQ:SE2. Enterprise training was also provided. MHMRTC staff and State LAUNCH staff continue to identify a means for collecting referral information through information and data collected through the ASQ Enterprise system. ***Family Strengthening*** – Parent Cafes are occurring in multiple communities and a Parent Café was recently conducted at a church using the Las Vegas Trails Bus. ***Mental Health Consultation*** – The Community Lead and mental health staff have strategized how best to support 18 providers who participated in the LAUNCH Academy and would like to receive mental health consultation and support. Staff is currently reaching out to those providers. ***Workforce Development*** – This community continues to provide internal staff training in the areas of TBRI, ASQ Screening and Parent Cafes. ***Behavioral Health Disparities***– The Community Lead, Stephanie Norton and the Local Lead, Judy Willgren will draft and

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finalize the Behavioral Health Disparities Plan which will outline efforts in the Las Vegas Trails community.

Next Steps:

- Work with the LAUNCH Evaluations team and identify a means for capturing ASQ referral information.
- Identify strategies to provide MHC support to child care providers
- Draft Behavioral Health Disparities Plan
- HOPES/LAUNCH Subcommittee and the Early Childhood Wellness Council will meet in October.