

Texas LAUNCH



Linking Actions for Unmet Needs in Children's Health

Expansion Community Updates TLECC Meeting November 15, 2018

Ysleta Del Sur Pueblo

The Community Lead has been busy training new staff at the Early Learning Center on the ASQ Screening tool. A number of staff attended the First3Years (F3Y) state conference in Houston and 15 staff participated in a two-hour webinar, also conducted by F3Y, on infant and early childhood mental health and how to address challenging behaviors. The Community Lead was invited and conducted a presentation on social emotional development and challenging behaviors to a parent group at the local elementary school in Socorro ISD. The presentation was well received and the principle requested her to return and provide additional presentations. The Community Lead participated in the Pyramid Model Tier III and Pyramid Model TOT. The newly identified division director, Ginny Contreras, participated in the Pyramid Model TOT and MHC TOT.

Major Plans for FY 19

- Developmental Screening – Continue training new staff on ASQ and work with Bright Stars, the local family childcare program, on implementing ASQ screening tool.
- Increase the number of Parent Café's. Given the premise of Parent Café's is for parents to eventually facilitate the meetings; the Community Lead Linda Wiley will recruit one of the parents, who is also a trained facilitator, to assist with trainings.
- Continue IY classes however given the challenge with the length of IY classes and parents concerns, explore other parenting classes such as Triple P.
- The Community Lead, Linda Wiley, will attend Positive Indian Parenting (PIP) training in December.
- Identify training that is available free within the community to continue workforce development.

San Antonio

This Expansion Community continues to build relationships with a new provider Good Samaritan. The Parent Facilitator has just completed an IY class and conducting weekly Parent Café's at the Neighborhood Place. The Mental Health Clinician is currently receiving referrals from the new partner, Good Samaritan and continues to build relations with Miller Development Center teachers on appropriate guidance and discipline. Five staff participated in the Pyramid Model Tier III training in August.

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- The Community Lead, Fred Cardenas, recently applied for United Way funding as a means in sustaining LAUNCH efforts beyond the grant period. The request included funding for up to four Mental Health Consultants and potentially a Parent Educator. Should receive notice of award in January 2019 with services beginning in summer 2019.
- Efforts will focus on building their partnership with Good Samaritan.
- Will explore the feasibility of merging the Child Wellbeing Council with the AVANCE Policy Council.
- Will coordinate with the Ft.Worth Community Lead in drafting request for Medicaid reimbursement for Mental Health Consultation including exploring other states

Ft. Worth

- The Executive Director, Laura Kender, Community Lead, Stephanie Norton, and ASQ Enterprise system coordinator, Arrenia Thomas, have been working with the state evaluation team to determine how best to capture referrals after developmental screening has been completed. This expansion community is currently drafting new contracts with those childcare centers that indicated a desire to receive mental health consultation services. The clinical lead, Sarah Branch is in the process of training other staff on the Georgetown Model for MHC. This expansion community has been focusing on internal staff training over the last two months. Staff participated in the initial Pyramid Model Tier III training, Pyramid Model training of trainers and MHC TOT.

Major Plans for FY 19

- Explore ways to sustain Healthy Steps, including Medicaid reimbursement for developmental and behavioral health screening conducted by mental health providers housed in pediatricians offices during well child visits
- Expanding Parent Cafes including exploring PEI
- Support the Parenting Center in their efforts to implement IY
- Explore a means to provide IY and PC TOT
- Will coordinate with the San Antonio Community Lead, Fred Cardenas, in drafting request for Medicaid reimbursement for Mental Health Consultation