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Expansion Community Updates TLECC Meeting May 16, 2019

Ysleta Del Sur Pueblo

The Community Lead continues to conduct ASQ screenings at the Tuy Pathu Early Learning Center (ELC), the Tuy Pathu Tigua Indian Pre-K, Bright Stars Daycare, with parents attending the Incredible Years, and with parents in the tribal community. Ten staff members with the ELC and the Bright Stars' daycare director have been trained and screen their children. Cohort 6 of The Incredible Years is in process at the ELC. Mental Health consultant met with Early Learning Center and Pre-K coordinators, and Early Learning Center assistant coordinator, to discuss transition protocols, behavior issues, and if chronic behavior issues are identified the committee will invite parent(s) to discuss a behavioral plan, staff training needs, parental involvement, and other supports. Community Lead continues to collaborate with YDSP Department of Health Services, will offer Pea in a Native Pod prenatal classes, presents on Postpartum Depression, conducts the Edinburg screening, invitations to IY classes, and conducts ASQ screenings.

Major Plans to Grant End

- Community Lead and ELC Coordinator to be certified as Child Care Health Consultants offered through Texas AEYC's Healthy Child Care Texas program.
- An additional division within the Department of Tribal Empowerment will include continuation of LAUNCH services; ASQ screenings, parenting classes, staff development and mental health consultation to the end and beyond the grant period was approved by the Tribal Council.
- Presa Elementary School will be collaborating on trainings by having Community Lead provide parent workshops as well as the school counselor will be participating in the Early Childhood/Project LAUNCH committee.
- Continuation of Positive Indian Parenting which draws on the strengths of historic Indian child-rearing practices and blends traditional values with contemporary skills.

San Antonio

This Expansion Community will have greater opportunity to offer Parent Café and Incredible Years this quarter with carryforward funds available to provide for childcare. Partnership with Miller CDC terminated after MHC trained and coached all staff, but administration did not move to improve director/teacher situation and did not follow up on referral to human resources coach. New partnerships with Salud America!, a national

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organization focused on Latino health disparities and the new Bexar County Trauma Informed Consortium with both participating in the wellness council. The City of San Antonio has hired an ACEs coordinator.

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- United Way has approved grant funding for a clinician to continue ECMHC for targeted high-risk areas. Funding begins July 2019 with final budget negotiations still in process.
- The Mental Health Consultant will receive referrals from non-partner referral sources such as general community referrals, Child Protective Services, and Baby Court.
- Re-establishing a Wellness Council with partners from Salud America!, the new Bexar County Trauma Informed Care Consortium, Voices for Children, and AVANCE-San Antonio.
- Private center added for summer - House of Neighborly Services.

Ft. Worth

The Tarrant County WIC pilot had its kick off May 1 as part of the Tarrant County Infant-Toddler Developmental Screening Initiative (ITDSI) Pritzker Initiative to promote screenings across systems. 17 WIC clinics in Tarrant County will begin promoting free ASQ screeners on our www.EarlyIsBestNorthTexas.org website. Parent Cafes expanded to 3rd elementary school, Tarrant County Public Health Department for Nurse Family Partnership, at Behavioral Innovations, at 12 Little Tykes Learning Centers, and Spanish-speaking Café series at local church. The 3rd annual LAUNCH Academy is completed May 14. Fort Worth has been selected by the National League of Cities (NLC) to participate in the Cities Supporting a Strong Prenatal to Age 3 (PN-3) Agenda initiative. The National Collaborative for Infants and Toddlers (NCIT), funded by the Pritzker Children's Initiative, launched their website and selected Tarrant County, and two other communities, as a case study for models that are working in early childhood.

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- The Early Childhood Wellness Council developed a Racial Disparities Committee last quarter to examine racial disparities of ECI of North Texas and they will report work back to our ECWC at each meeting.
- Opportunities to align developmental screening across community and state as Community Lead is named as Act Early Ambassador to the CDC.
- Promotion of efforts through marketing campaign, Parenting is Hard, We Can Help
- Continued county-wide expansion of the use of the ASQ and the Enterprise System.