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Linking Actions for Unmet Needs in Children's Health

Local & State Technical Assistance Support & Activities/Evaluation May 16, 2019

Local Lead Community Support Activities

- Conducted six site visits to support expansion communities with their Behavioral Health Disparity Planning, sustainability, and grant goals.
- Hosted monthly calls with all expansion communities to identify means to provide TA and brainstorm sustainability and project goals.
- Hosted Family Strengthening Incredible Years® Community of Learners Call on 4.23.19 to discuss success and challenges with fidelity and implementation and support peer to peer learning. Used information on this call to inform another group going through training on what COL TA calls could consist of.
- Hosted an “All Community Call” on 1.15.19 to review successes, challenges, and needs from the last month and encourage peer to peer discussion.
- TA: New SAMHSA LAUNCH Grant released – TA included samples of collaboration letters, lists of training cost estimates, and review of expansion community proposals,
- TA: Shared discussions with United Way Greater Austin on coaching in early childhood with FSSA working on their partnership with Miller Child Development Center.
- TA: shared The National American Indian & Alaska Native Technology Transfer Centers' 2019–2020 Leadership Academy information with YDSP grant lead Anna Silvas.
- TA: researched resiliency screening tools to share with expansion communities interested in supporting children after ACES or traumas are identified.
- Presented on the LAUNCH grant strategies and state/local TA supports to Childcare Directors through the LAUNCH Academy held in FW.

State Technical Assistance Activities:

- TIEMH published updates to [Facebook](#) and [Website](#) LAUNCH pages including articles of interest, training marketing, and TLECC documentation support.

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- Conducted ASQ training to staff at Todos Juntos Development Center in Austin, TX to continue the use and sustainability of developmental and social emotional screening for infants and toddlers.
- Hosted two meetings for the state Developmental Screening Workgroup focusing on creating opportunities for universal screening in state systems. Group is exploring options for a developmental screening website that would make screening accessible to families and also provide referrals and resources.
- Co-Lead state Suspension/Expulsion Workgroup which finalized their strategic plan and broke into small workgroups focused on data gathering, family engagement, and workforce development.
- Hosted MHC state workgroup to continue work toward creating recommended MHC competencies and trainings.
- TA: provided TA (consultation) around ASQ implementation fidelity to ACC Early Learning Lab staff who were trained in last ASQ TOT.
- Presented Texas LAUNCH to the Children's Health Coverage Coalition and discussed perceived gaps/needs including support to bill Medicaid/CHIP for MHC/Healthy Steps services, have access to developmental screening data beyond the number screened, and the recommendation to reinstitute the DC 0-5TM Manual and Training tool, which Texas used to recognize.
- Participated in the strategic planning committee for the state Pre-Natal to Three (PN3 – Pritzker Grant) collaborative meeting focusing on improving three issue areas for infants and toddlers: expansion of home visiting, universal connections (i.e. screenings, Family Connects, etc.), and quality child care. PN3 is a collaborative between three child advocacy organizations: Texans Care for Children, TexProtects, and Children at Risk.
- [Texas LAUNCH Newsletter: November Edition 17](#) was released on 3/11/2019 which shared a success story from our expansion community around Parent Café services, links to conferences, information on upcoming ASQ training for increased capacity, and resource reviews.
- State Team partnered with TLECC members to draft recommendations around Early Childhood Developmental Screening to share with state Child and Youth Behavioral Health Subcommittee (CYBHS) as they are a subcommittee of the Behavioral Health Advisory Council (BHAC), the formal advisory committee to the state for behavioral health issues. BHAC, as an advisory council, has established a process by which they consider policy recommendations that they provide to the HHS Executive Commissioner.

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The drafted recommendations focus on: (1) creating or improving a web platform/data portal for developmental screening (ASQs); and (2) implanting a state policy that CCL/TRS and education centers administer DS for all children in their care.

Recommendations were linked back to the Texas Statewide Behavioral Health Strategic Plan identifying the problem, solution and rationale. Recommendations were voted on and passed in April and are moving on to BHAC.

- Texas LAUNCH Project Director was appointed to the Early Learning Council which met in February and are preparing for a needs assessment and strategic plan.
- Partnered with HHSC Child and Adolescent Unit, Behavioral Health Services to add the Incredible Years to their list of allowable evidence-based family education services provided in local mental health authorities (LMHAs). State team partnering with another grant to bring The Incredible Years® training for families with children 0-12 years old to pilot IY in 5 LMHAs utilizing the Basics, School-Age, and Home Visiting Curriculum.