

# Texas LAUNCH



## Linking Actions for Unmet Needs in Children's Health

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### **Local & State Technical Assistance Support & Activities** **August 22, 2019**

#### **Local Lead Community Support Activities**

- Hosted monthly calls with expansion communities with a focus on the LAUNCH core strategy implementation and sustainability efforts.
- Completed ASQ TOT training to support communities' sustainability of developmental screening and offer training to partners of expansion sites.
- Completed support of community quarterly reports, state quarterly report, and report and call to Grant Program Officer at SAMHSA.
- Assisted communities by resolving end of grant budget questions.
- Facilitated first meeting on the Brain Story Certification Discussion Group – open to new members. The BSC is a self-paced 19 module certification on children's brain development. The purpose of the group is to share learned knowledge and determine how it can be used in our everyday work.
- Conducted site visits to FSSA in San Antonio and MHMR Tarrant County in Fort Worth attending both local early childhood wellness council meetings. Presented to the Early Childhood Community Advisory Committee in Fort Worth on end of grant activities.
- Shared the DSHS Needs Assessment Survey and the Texas PN3 Collaborative Survey with expansion sites and their networks to increase participation and voice.

#### **State Technical Assistance Activities:**

- Published updates to [Facebook](#) and [Website](#) LAUNCH pages including articles of interest, training marketing, and TLECC documentation support.
- Released the [Texas LAUNCH Newsletter: July Edition 18](#) on 7/22/19 which shared information on building resiliency in children, presentations LAUNCH staff shared at the state Systems of Care Conference, a successful collaborative story between WIC clinics and MHMR (LAUNCH expansion site, and other resources).
- Hosted the state Developmental Screening Workgroup (see Workgroup Updates handout for focuses and accomplishments of those meetings).
- Co-Lead the state Suspension/Expulsion Workgroup (see Workgroup Updates handout for focuses and accomplishments of those meetings).

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- Hosted 2 ASQ Training of Trainer events in June 2019, one in Austin and one in Fort Worth; 42 people were trained. Starter Kits were given to agencies represented and a presentation on the FW Enterprise system of was offered for those in the area who are interested in partnering.
- State Lead & Local Team from FW provided an ASQ Refresher training course for all those in the FW area who had completed an ASQ TOT trainings. The training included information on Help Me Grow North Texas for the group to incorporate into future training and create clear language across community groups. Group then participated in a Data Walk around FW community data trends from the Enterprise system. Finally, the group was given access to two sample ASQ trainings they could then adapt for their populations and began planning/prepping their own presentations. Texas LAUNCH, the Early Learning Alliance, MHMR Staff, and Help Me Grow North Texas groups merged for this event.
- Partnered with state Local Lead to completed state quarterly reports, and reports to Grant Program Officer at SAMHSA.
- Presented “Texas LAUNCH and Sustainability” to the Texas Family Voice Network and Child and Youth Behavioral health Subcommittee (in partnership with Laura Kender from FW). Both groups were interested in work that will continue post grant – focusing on developmental screening, social emotional development for children via MHC services, workforce development, and reduction in suspension and expulsion in the early years.
- Texas LAUNCH Project Director/DSHS Maternal Child Health Program Coordinator was appointed to the Early Learning Council which met in July. Group reviewed feedback from recent survey and found data gaps. Group will be reconvening in September to finalize the focus of their strategic plan.
- State team finished and transcribed 17 stakeholder interviews for FW publication project.
- State team, in partnership with FW staff, offered two presentations at the Texas System of Care Conference. One presentation focused on creating an early childhood system of care, and the other offered a mock Parent Café experiential experience for participants.
- State Lead and TIEMH Director participated in CLAS Standards TOT training to enhance skills in addressing cultural awareness and sensitivity in future work.
- To work toward sustainability efforts, state team met with the Inter-Agency Deputy Director of Early Childhood, the Senior Policy Director with Medicaid and CHIP Policy, and the Director of Advocacy and Health Policy at the Texas Pediatric Society to share the success of LAUNCH and work moving forward.
- State team, in partnership with Fort Worth staff, scheduled a meeting with Title V Maternal Child Health to talk about the Help Me Grow North Texas framework, the Family Connects program and capacity for future support.