



NYS ECCS IMPACT

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The NYS Council on Children and Families and grantees in 11 other states have been awarded the Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems (ECCS) Impact grant. This 5 year grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration, Maternal and Child Health Bureau seeks to enhance early childhood systems building and demonstrate improved outcomes in population-based children's developmental health and family well-being using a Collaborative Innovation and Improvement Network (CoIN) approach. The overall 5 year aim of this project is to demonstrate a 25% increase from baseline in age appropriate developmental skills among 3 year old children in selected NYS communities.

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Project Goals

The Council has partnered with the NYS Department of Health and other state and local public and private agencies to implement the following goals for the first 18 months of the project:

- Increase awareness, coaching and training about child development, monitoring, screening and follow-up among early childhood professionals, pediatric and family care practitioners and family members.
- Use the CoIN approach to identify, test and operationalize strategies to increase cross-systems (i.e. medical, early childhood, child welfare) and cross-governmental (community to county to state) integration with emphasis upon:
 - * Expand the settings in which developmental screens are conducted and the professionals who conduct them;
 - * Reduce health inequities in screening, service referral and access; and
 - * Increase family engagement and family wellness.

Aims of ECCS Impact

Strengthen NYS leadership expertise in continuous quality improvement and program innovation using quality improvement science.

Achieve greater collective impact in NYS early childhood systems, develop common aims, share statewide measurement systems and coordinate strategies at the state and local levels.

Create two-generational approaches to integrate early childhood services.

Develop indicators to measure early childhood system processes and performance indicators that measure developmental health and health equity.

Collaborate with statewide and local leaders to adopt new early childhood system policies to ensure sustainability of the project.

Using the CoIN Approach

A CoIN (Collaborative Innovation and Improvement Network) is a group of people and organizations sharing a common agenda, collaborating to achieve a common goal by continuous communication and mutually reinforcing activities. The Council as well as each of the community based teams in Nassau and Western NY have established statewide and local CoIN teams made up of state and local leadership. During these regularly scheduled CoIN meetings, members have worked together to identify challenges facing their communities for children and families. Teams have reviewed their community data related to developmental screening of young children, families living in poverty and health equity. Meetings have focused upon strategizing ideas that could be implemented by the NYS ECCS Project to bring about community and statewide improvements for families and children related to developmental health and wellness. *CoIN meetings are key in ensuring the project's commitment to a shared vision, continuous communication and rapid cycle review of progress over time.* In addition, all members of the nationwide ECCS CoIN have access to an online virtual learning collaborative to ask questions, exchange resources, attend webinars and virtual learning sessions.

Project Update

December 2016:

- Project Coordinator, Kristin Weller and Project Assistant, Cearra Norwood-Williams began work on the project
- Convened first ECCS State Advisory Team meeting
- Met with leadership at the NYS Department of Health Division of Family Health
- Met with Albany Promise

January 2017:

- Attended first Nassau County CoIN team meeting
- Convened first State Improvement Team meeting
- Met with Capital District Childcare Coordinating Council
- Attending first annual national learning session (see box for more details)

February 2017:

- Meeting with Western NY CoIN team
- Meeting with NYS Department of Health Office of Health Insurance Programs
- A lot more to come!

FIRST National Learning Session January 24 - 26 Arlington, VA

All ECCS Impact Grantees from each of the 12 states will be attending the first annual Impact Grantee Meeting and subsequent Learning Session in Arlington, VA.

The Nassau County and Western NY team leads as well as members of their place-based community CoIN teams will be attending as well!

Did you know...

that you can attend the Learning Session in Virginia **VIRTUALLY**?

All NYS ECCS CoIN team members who will not be attending the January meetings in-person, but are interested can contact their team lead who will forward the email invitation with instructions and the link to attend virtually.

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