

**ESSENTIALS FOR CHILDHOOD
EVIDENCE BASED PROGRAMS WORKING GROUP
JUNE 15, 2017, 1 pm to 3 pm**

Meeting Purpose: discuss next steps for alignment process; develop session goals for Home Visiting Summit and brainstorm discussion format and questions; get updates on members' additional work.

Attendees: Jeff Quinn (co-chair), Tony Troop (co-chair), Maggie Bailey, Chris Bryant, Anne Foglia, Kim McCombs-Thornton, Kristin O'Connor, Michelle Ries, Susan Robinson, Meghan Shanahan, Kathy Smith, Liz Winer, Berkeley Yorkery

REVIEW OF EBP WORKING GROUP STRATEGY AND DISCUSSION

Strategy: Increase support for aligning evaluation and RFP processes across agencies and organizations; develop proposal for aligned RFP and evaluation process.

Follow-Up Discussion:

- Kim shared a summary of the evaluation and data collection methods across home visiting and family support initiatives implemented by Smart Start Local Partnerships. (See attached handout for summary table). Jeff also provided additional information on Family Connects evaluation – nurse trainer checks on implementation and fidelity through 2 follow up check ins. Data from all sites is collected via post-visit calls, check ins with referral partners.
- Group discussed importance of community alignment – looking at other programs to determine the evidents base and results/outcomes.
- Jeff briefed group on Family Connects' RCT – 2009-10, RCT over 18 months to evaluate implementation and impact. Births randomized by odd/even days to determine participation in intervention.

- Next Steps for the Proposal? Group discussion focused on answering the following questions to guide the work of the alignment proposal:
 - What is the ultimate goal?
 - The group discussed the purpose of aligning the RFP and evaluation process—both to ease burden for local program/agency staff, and to facilitate better coordination of co-funding opportunities.
 - Long term goals of streamlining/aligning the funding and evaluation process discussed included: wiser spending of resources, enabling programs to better serve their clients or serve additional clients, ease data sharing, and encourage broader community attribution.
 - Addressing issues of blended funding
 - Who is this proposal being handed off to after development?
 - What are the necessary components?

- This will be informed by the conversations at the two home visiting summits.

HOME VISITING SUMMIT

The MIECHV Home Visiting Summit will host two 1.5 hour sessions for the discussion of aligned funding on September 13, 2017.

Discussion Questions:

- What are the session goals?
 - AM Session – Listening session to hear from local programs about the challenges.
 - PM Session – Facilitated discussion among public & private funders about why and how funding could be streamlined.
 - Consider pre-session Webinar to provide an update on legislation impacting home visiting funding?

- Who needs to be at the table for each session?
 - Funders:
 - BCBSF
 - TDE
 - KBR
 - Z. Smith
 - Smart Start
 - NFP.org
 - PolicyGroup.net
 - PCANC
 - Skebo Foundation
 - NC Association of Grantmakers
 - Winer Foundation
 - Childhood Trust Foundation
 - Rex Endowment
 - The Oak Foundation

 - Local Agencies & Programs:
 - Local program managers from different models/communities
 - Local Health Departments
 - Local Smart Start Partnerships
 - Technical Assistance Providers?

- How should these sessions be organized/framed/facilitated?
 - Panel vs. Roundtable Discussion
 - Conduct a survey in advance to facilitate open communication of challenges faced by local programs to funders? Web survey/phone survey?

NCIOM RESEARCH SUPPORT

What additional information do we need?

- Current Home Visiting & Funding Landscape:
 - Who is funding what programs, where, and how many people are served?
 - What does the current RFP/RFA process look like?
 - Calendar
 - Questions (do they ask about other funding sources?)
 - Deliverables
 - Evaluation Metrics
 - Readiness
 - Sustainability
 - What components of community readiness, implementation, evaluation, and sustainability does each funder support?
 - Where are the gaps?

REVIEW OF PENDING LEGISLATION

- H.R.2824 – Increasing Opportunity through Evidence-Based Home Visiting Act
 - Co-Sponsored by Representatives Burgess, Tiberi, Reed, Meehan, Noem, and Walorski
 - House Ways and Means
 - Awardees will have to show improvement in 4 of 6 categories for their programs.
 - States must have data sharing across agencies – right now, PA is the only state to do that
 - Adding another layer of evidence – 3 tiers – concern is that if programs don't meet the top tier criteria, they won't receive MIECHV funding. Currently, only NFP meets it.

NEXT STEPS

- Working Group Meetings:
 - 1-3pm, Monday, July 24, 2017
 - 1-3pm, Wednesday, September 6, 2017
- Revise Working Group Logic Model & Make Available at Future Meetings
- NCIOM to follow up with Chris – send questions for NFP funders group by 6/29 – to review
- NCIOM survey – develop for group review by 7/24
- NCIOM draft invitation to funders
- Liz W. to send funding information to NCIOM/Michelle