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## Call for Articles

This newsletter is one mechanism utilized to report out on key accomplishments and communicate upcoming tasks and due dates. If anyone has information to include for future editions, please e-mail Sandy Shedlock at [sshedlock@pcgus.com](mailto:sshedlock@pcgus.com) or one of our county newsletter representatives:

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## Evaluation Update from the CWRC

Data collection for the EBP sub-study and Family Engagement Study continues. If you have any questions about the EBP data collection process, please reach out to our Evaluation Coordinator, Jenna Meister ([jem275@pitt.edu](mailto:jem275@pitt.edu)). Additionally, for all questions regarding the FES data collection process, please reach out to our Evaluation Specialist, Alexis Pigott ([alp159@pitt.edu](mailto:alp159@pitt.edu)).

As a reminder, the Evaluation Team has reached out to demonstration counties to review and update the Policies and Procedures Table related to the assessment, family engagement and EBP processes in each county. The deadline to submit the updated tables is August 31, 2017.

This month the Evaluation Team will distribute the annual Facilitator Survey. Thank you to counties for providing an updated list of Family Engagement Facilitators who will receive this survey.

Additionally, the Evaluation Team has begun contacting counties regarding completion of SPANS and Family Engagement Observations for the current fiscal year. We appreciate all efforts to make these evaluation activities possible!

If you have any questions regarding the evaluation requests or activities listed above, please contact Jenna Meister ([jem275@pitt.edu](mailto:jem275@pitt.edu)) and Alexis Pigott ([alp159@pitt.edu](mailto:alp159@pitt.edu)).

## Executive Committee Meeting

The latest Executive Committee meeting was held on August 14<sup>th</sup> at the CWRC in Mechanicsburg. Thank you to all who attended. Topics included a presentation by Bill Browning on engagement-enabling policy and practice that provided insight into organizational change in Lackawanna County; an overview of the Flash Talks and Flash Reports from the past year; a section on post-waiver sustainability of practices, and; a fiscal discussion that touched on funding streams to consider when thinking of how to financially sustain practices in the post-waiver environment, along with other fiscal topics related to claiming, capped allocations, renegotiation, and extension. Attendees were supplied with their own set of county-specific data (soft copy versions were e-mailed to counties following the meeting) and urged to schedule a call with OCYF once they had had a chance to review this data.

Additionally, participants were notified of a possible course offering through Chapin Hall: Advanced Analytics for Child Welfare Administration, Management Seminar. Additional information is attached to this e-mail. Current estimates would place this training in late October/November. To allow the CWRC to gauge the level of interest, please reach out to Jenna Meister ([jem275@pitt.edu](mailto:jem275@pitt.edu)) or Linda Connor ([lac202@pitt.edu](mailto:lac202@pitt.edu)).

## Important Dates

- **August 31, 2017**  
Updated Policies and Procedures tables are due to the Evaluation Team