

PA – Demonstration Project

Current Update

8/23/2013

An OCYF/County Partnership

Evaluation Update

The evaluation team is progressing smoothly through the ongoing Key Informant Interviews. The interviews will continue into the fall, with an expected completion date in the beginning of October, 2013. We send a Thank You out to all of the individuals that have participated in these interviews thus far! The evaluation team has completed a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document to accompany the newly revised User's Guide for the Family Engagement Study forms. Additionally, a WebEx training on the User's Guide has been recorded for those using the forms. All of these resources can be found on the Child Welfare Resource Center/Demonstration Project website (<http://www.pacwrc.pitt.edu/ChildWelfareDemoProject.htm>). The evaluation team is also preparing to begin implementation of the

- *Reminder: The focus of the August 27th Implementation Committee is county specific processes for selecting EBP and/or system changes. This will be important to our revised IDIR submissions and pertinent to our evaluation.*

Organizational Readiness for Change survey (ORC) very soon. Information gathering for the ORC is due to wrap up this week and implementation will follow shortly after. Finally, counties will soon be receiving data sharing agreements from Britany Orlebeke (Chapin Hall) for use with the outcome evaluation.

**Reminder: Executive Meeting –
September 30, 2013 10:00 – 2:00 CWRC**

Newsletter Needs



At our recent Executive Committee meeting we decided on several key changes to our Demonstration Project newsletter. The group decided that the newsletter will be moving to a monthly format starting in September. If special editions are needed to highlight special events or to reach targeted stakeholders, that will be accommodated.

The major change is that the focus of the newsletter will be to highlight county specific information – meetings, success stories, recognition of key personnel, etc. Each county is to appoint a “reporter” to coordinate regular county submissions. Please submit your name to Bill by the end of August.

Also, stay tuned for a “contest” to jazz up the name of our newsletter.

Fiscal Update

We want to remind the counties that OCYF is accepting completed Development Claim forms – please contact the resource account if you have any questions (RA-ocyfcwdp@pa.gov). We did receive our first submission this week!

A Fiscal Workgroup meeting will be scheduled in the near future – stay tuned.

Executive Committee

An Executive Committee meeting was held on August 12, 2013. Each county presented an update on their implementation efforts. One item discussed was the status of the State-County Agreement. This document is currently being compared to the Terms & Conditions to determine the necessity of the agreement – stay tuned.

The group was notified that Pennsylvania has been asked to sit on a communication panel discussion at the Salt Lake City Casey convening. Each county was asked to send in a paragraph that summarizes their internal communication strategies. Please submit to Bill by August 30, 2013.

ACF Discussion

A meeting was held with ACF on August 23, 2013 in regard to ACF expectations for bringing new counties into the project. It was decided that the most important element for adding counties is understanding Pennsylvania's readiness assessment process, how this was implemented with incoming counties, and the technical assistance the incoming counties will receive as part of the process. Detailed county work plans will also be required. For those counties that would join in July/2014, this information will be included in the IDIR update detailing the original 5 counties EBP/system change submissions due on March 31, 2014. A meeting is being scheduled at the end of September between ACF, OCYF, University of Pittsburgh, and the current participating counties to provide a status update on the project.

Demonstration Project – Due Date Tracking

Post Implementation:

- January 31, 2014 Semi-Annual Progress Report
- March 31, 2014 Revised IDIR Submission to ACF (county drafts in February)

Upcoming Meeting Dates

Update Your Calendar

- August 27, 2013 Implementation Workgroup
- September 30, 2013 Executive Committee (based on our poll of potential dates)
- October 1, 2013 Evaluation Committee
- December 5-6, 2013 Casey Shared Learning Collaborative

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 email Bill at wshutt@pcgus.com.

Communication is Key- Is your communication plan working?