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CHILD-WELFARE DEMONSTRATION PROJECT NEWSLETTER

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An OCYF-County Partnership

SEPARATE BUT NEVER ALONE

While the CWDP involves six individual counties with projects intended to meet identified county needs, the unifying components of engagement, assessment, and intervention bring us together, as well as the shared safety, permanency, and well-being goals of the project. It is also critical to keep in mind the available supports to our CWDP counties:

OCYF Leadership: State and regional OCYF staff are committed to your success. This includes program and fiscal support staff. You can always use the resource account: ra-ocyfcwdp@pa.gov.

University of Pittsburgh: Our evaluation partners are willing and able to work through any issues pertaining to project activities and their impact on the evaluation.

New Steering Committee: County staff should actively reach out to their assigned steering committee representative to bring issues to the table for focused solutions.

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A Valentine's Pitt Panther

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Other Partners: Partners such as Casey Family Programs and Public Consulting Group are there to help. Each county has the opportunity to reach out for focused implementation help and support.

Peers: Look for opportunities for shared learning and peer support. The CANS/FAST Community of Practice is one example of a formal peer support activity. Informal support is a phone call away.

Together we will meet our goals and demonstrate the positive outcomes of flexible funding on our demonstration project counties. Use your supports!

Our Agency has formed a partnership with several community organizations in the Harrisburg area, with the focus of serving as many families as possible whom are residing in the 17103 and 17104 area codes. Statistics show that residents of these communities consistently come to the attention of our office for various reasons, at disproportionate rates. Our goal is to make the Triple P program both fully accessible, and widely used within the community. Services will be provided in schools, community centers, health centers, offices and the family's home. Although DCSSY will be working hand in hand with our community partners, they are the face of this initiative, and through their daily capacities will be able to touch many lives with this program.

Provider training is scheduled for the end of April, with the intent to start using the program with families by April 27, 2015. The implementation team meets on a bi-weekly basis, and is working diligently to execute contracts, discuss media relations, as well as outcomes and statistics tracking. Providing the Triple P program will be an additional community resource for families and children of the Harrisburg area. To learn more about Triple P and all it has to offer, please visit this site: www.triplep.net

PA CWDP IV-E Waiver Convening

We are just a short time away from our PA CWDP convening – this will be a productive mixture of group sessions and individualized county consultation time designed to meet county identified needs. The convening work group has been hard at work developing sessions and formats that will be meaningful for multiple levels of county participants – something for everyone! Sessions include:

- Creating the Infrastructure for Implementing Evidence Based Practice
- Implementing CANS and FAST
- Fiscal Considerations Beyond the First Year of the Waiver
- Strengthening Linkages Between Child Welfare and Behavioral Health
- Evaluation
- Developing a Communication Strategy/Stakeholder Engagement

UPCOMING PROJECT DUE DATES

- March/2015 Crawford County IDIR – Component 3
- April 30, 2015 January – March Program Monitoring Report
- August/2015 Next Semi-Annual Progress Report

UPCOMING MEETING DATES

Update your calendar:

- February 2015 CWDP Steering Committee
- February 18-19, 2015 PA CWDP IV-E Waiver Convening

Communication – we need 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 email Bill at wshutt@pcgus.com or one of our county newsletter representatives:

Lackawanna – Kerry Browning

Allegheny – Robin Orlando

Philadelphia – Open

Dauphin – Kirsten Johnson

Venango – Amie Wood-Wessel

Crawford – Kelly Schwab

Our newsletter is a much more dynamic and useful newsletter when we get county contributions – articles for March now being accepted!