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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 Katie Bright (kbright@pcgus.com) or one of our county newsletter representatives:

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Please send PCG representative Erin Palmer any county updates or changes in position/title and contact information for the various workgroups via e-mail: epalmer@pcgus.com

Since the last issue, the quarterly program monitoring reports and semi-annual progress report were submitted. Thank you for the timeliness in your responses!

Casey Families – PA-Specific IV-E Waiver Convening

A call was held on February 8th to plan content and design the format of the PA-specific convening. At this time, planning is still in progress and firm dates are to be determined. County participants on the call were asked to discuss their challenges internally and respond with a list of their greatest challenges or barriers. Counties were urged to drill down to the specifics of these challenges to better inform discussions. Counties should coordinate their internal discussion of challenges (Fiscal Considerations, EBP Implementation, CANS/FAST, Evaluation and CQI, Communications, etc.) and submit their responses to Fran Gutterman (fgutterman@casey.org)

Example:

What we are NOT looking for:

The level of detail we ARE seeking:

<p><i>Our County's Challenges:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>EBP Implementation</i> or • <i>EBP Implementation: PCIT</i> 	<p><i>Our County's Challenges:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>PCIT: We are getting buy-in from the families, but not follow-through. Families are not completing the program despite having ensured that transportation, capacity, and accessibility are not barriers. How do we identify the reason for the lack of follow-through to be able to address it?</i>
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Evaluation Update from the CWRC

The EBP data collection remains underway. The Evaluation Team continues to provide support by reaching out to counties and providers as needed. If you have any questions about the EBP data collection process, please contact our EBP Evaluation Coordinator, Jenna Meister (jem275@pitt.edu).

Current evaluation activities for demonstration counties include EBP focus groups with caseworkers and supervisors. These focus groups will help to provide insight into the understanding and completion of the EBP referral process at the county level. Counties have been contacted with details regarding these focus groups and the coordinating process is underway. Additional evaluation activities include the SPANS as well as the family engagement conference observations. These activities continue to occur on a rolling basis.

In Crawford County, the Evidence Based Practice Questionnaire (EBPQ) has also been deployed. This questionnaire is delivered electronically via e-mail and is completed online through the Qualtrics survey software. The EBPQ will be open to staff for six weeks, with an end date of March 4, 2016. Reminder e-mails to complete the EBPQ will be sent out periodically.

If you have any questions regarding any of the mentioned evaluation activities please contact Evaluation Coordinator, Justin Donofrio (jdd63@pitt.edu).

Finally, as we wrap up the Interim Evaluation Report, we would like to thank the counties for submitting materials to our team to be included in the report. We have appreciated all of your quick responses and assistance throughout this process. Thank you!

Implementation Workgroup

A doodle poll will be coming soon to assist with scheduling the next meeting.