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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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## Important Dates

- Flash Talks to resume March 6 & 8, 2017, additional information forthcoming
- 2017 Annual Child Welfare Waiver Demonstration Project Meeting is scheduled for June 29-30, 2017 at the Renaissance Arlington Capital View Hotel.

## Evaluation Update from the CWRC

Data collection for the EBP sub-study and Family Engagement Study continues as ongoing. If you have any questions about the EBP data collection process, please reach out to our EBP 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)).

EBP referral data is submitted to the Evaluation Team semi-annually, with January 9th being the most recent submission due date. A big thank you goes out to those counties that have submitted their EBP referral data. Thank you!

The Evaluation Team has produced Family Engagement Study data files for each demonstration county. These files were provided to each county and two dates in January were arranged to walk through the data files with folks. Additionally, Chapin Hall has produced individual county foster care profiles and the Evaluation Team is in the process of scheduling WebEx meetings during February to review these profiles with each county.

The next Flash Talk will be held in early March! The topic of the Flash Talk will focus on attitudes towards EBPs. More details will be available soon. Additionally, the Evidence Based Practice Attitude Scale (survey) will be distributed following the conclusion of the next Flash Talk webinars. Counties will be notified before the survey is distributed in an effort to inform staff.

If you have questions regarding the evaluation activities or the Flash Talk Series, please contact Evaluation Coordinator, Justin Donofrio ([jdd63@pitt.edu](mailto:jdd63@pitt.edu)).

## Executive Committee Meeting

The Executive Committee meeting was held Friday February 10, 2017 at the CWRC. Thank you everyone for participating in the discussions revolving around the CWDP. Topics included Efforts of Implementation of EBPs, Summary of CWDP Progress Reports, Overview of Data Collected and next areas of focus. Stay tuned for information to schedule individual county meetings, training sessions and group conferencing.