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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 or one of our county newsletter representatives:

- Allegheny:

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- Kelly Schwab

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 Kerry Browning
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- **Venango:**Bethany Cloonan

Please contact epalmer@pcgus.com with any contact updates.

Evaluation Update from the CWRC

We are in the final stretch of data collection with all collection slated for completion at the end of June 2018! With this end date in mind, the Evaluation Team urges you to continue submitting data as you have been and to submit any "past due" data as soon as possible so that your hard work can be accounted for in final analyses and reporting.

The Evaluation Team will continue coordinating evaluation activities for demonstration counties. Data collection for the EBP sub-study and Family Engagement Study remains ongoing. The SPANS and family engagement observation activities also remain ongoing. The Evaluation Team has already scheduled SPANS in some counties and will be reaching out to coordinate the completion of family engagement observations during the spring. If you have any questions regarding evaluation activities or data collection, please contact Jennifer Zajac (jjp62@pitt.edu).

In addition to the evaluation activities, stay tuned for communication from the Evaluation Team regarding future Flash Talk topics.

Finally, as a reminder, the Evaluation Team would like to provide you with team member contact information, as there have been some recent role shifts. Please see the list of active team members and contact information below. Feel free to reach out to these team members with questions.

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Extension and Renegotiation

The CWDP Extension/Renegotiation Request is on-going. As information becomes available updates will be provided.

Implementation and Sustainability Convening

SAVE THE DATE for the 2018 Title IV-E Waiver Implementation and Sustainability Convening! It will be held in Chicago, IL from April 25-27, 2018. There is availability for one representative per county. If each county can submit their one representative to attend the conference by Monday, March 12, 2018 it would be appreciated.

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Annual Child Welfare Waiver Meeting

The 20th Annual Child Welfare Waiver Meeting is to be held July 16-17, 2018 in Washington, D.C. Please note that this year's Meeting will feature plenary sessions and tracks related to Program and Evaluation only.

As a reminder, there are often a limited number of slots for attendance, so if each county can submit one county representative to attend the conference by Friday, April 20, 2018 it would be appreciated.

Executive Committee Meeting

The Executive Committee Meeting is to be scheduled for May 2018; additional details will be provided at a later date.

Important Dates: Upcoming Events and Deadlines

- Currently Due
 - Program monitoring reports for October-December were due in January. If your county has not yet submitted its program monitoring report, please send it to Sandy Shedlock (sshedlock@pcgus.com).
- March
- March 12th: Deadline for each county to submit their one representative to attend the Implementation and Sustainability Convening in Chicago, IL
- April
- April 20th: Deadline for each county to submit their one representative for the Annual Child Welfare Waiver Meeting in Washington, DC.
- April 25th-27th: Title IV-E Waiver Implementation and Sustainability Convening to be held in Chicago, IL.
- May
- o Exact Date TBD: Executive Committee Meeting
- July
- o <u>July 16th-17th</u>: Annual Child Welfare Waiver Meeting to be held in Washington, DC.
- o Quarterly program monitoring and semi-annual reporting will be due.