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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:** Robin Orlando
- **Crawford:** Kelly Schwab
- **Dauphin:** Rick Vukmanic
- **Lackawanna:** Kerry Browning
- **Philadelphia:** Kim Ali
- **Venango:** Amie Wood-Wessel

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

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). Additionally, for all questions regarding the FES data collection process, please reach out to our Evaluation Specialist, Alexis Pigott (alp159@pitt.edu).

The SPANS and family engagement conference observations continue to be completed in all counties. Additionally, the EBPAS survey is slated to be distributed in February. Keep an eye out for emails regarding more information about this survey and distribution timeframes.

Lastly, stay tuned for information related to the next Flash Talk! The next topic will be focused on attitudes towards EBPs. More information will be available soon! If you have questions regarding the evaluation activities or the Flash Talk Series, please contact Evaluation Coordinator, Justin Donofrio (jdd63@pitt.edu).

Executive Committee Meeting

An Executive Committee Meeting has been scheduled for February 10, 2017 to be held at the Pennsylvania Child Welfare Resource Center. We are planning to hold a practice improvement forum among waiver counties. The format will be for individual updates from counties as to where each stands with implementation (positive and negative), sustainability of the waiver interventions after 2019, and the next phase in the process.

Invitations were sent via e-mail on 1/6/17. We also ask each county to invite front line key representatives to attend the meeting to provide additional feedback as to successes or concerns encountered. Please ensure that all attendees have responded to Sandy Shedlock (sshedlock@pcgus.com) by February 6, 2017.

A formal agenda will be sent within the next few weeks.

Important Dates

- **Executive Committee Meeting**
February 10, 2017 (*please be sure that all attendees respond by February 6th*)
- **FlashTalks!**
Coming soon in 2017: A FlashTalk on the family engagement study information