# Pennsylvania Child Welfare Demonstration Project Newsletter

**An OCYF-County Partnership** 

Issue 70 01.22.2018

#### Items in this Issue

- Evaluation Update
- Important Dates

#### **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:**Bethany Cloonan

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

If any key staff will be out of the office as we approach the end of the calendar year (holidays, PTO, etc.), please notify PCG so that we can be sure we include alternate contacts in correspondence.

### **Evaluation Update from the CWRC**

Data collection for the EBP sub-study and Family Engagement Study remains ongoing. The SPANS and family engagement observation activities also remains ongoing. If you have any questions regarding evaluation activities or data collection, please contact Justin Donofrio (jdd63@pitt.edu).

The Evaluation Team will continue coordinating evaluation activities for demonstration counties. We have begun reaching out to schedule SPANS in the next couple of months. Additionally, we will plan to coordinate the completion of family engagement observations during the spring. In addition to the evaluation activities, stay tuned for communication from the Evaluation Team regarding future Flash Talk topics.

We are in the final stretch of data collection! Although the state is applying for an extension of the waiver, data collection for the final evaluation will conclude at the end of June 2018. Thank you in advance for paying close attention to communications and deadlines from us as this date draws closer.

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.

- Marlo Perry (Co-Principal Investigator) map225@pitt.edu
- Mary Beth Rauktis (Co-Principal Investigator) mar104@pitt.edu
- Rachel Winters (Senior Evaluation Coordinator) rrw14@pitt.edu
- Jennifer Zajac (Research and Evaluation Dept. Mgr.) jjp62@pitt.edu
- Jenna Meister (Acting EBP Coordinator) jem275@pitt.edu
- Justin Donofrio (Acting Evaluation Coordinator) jdd63@pitt.edu
- Kari Giles (Database Administrator) kari.giles@pitt.edu

## **Extension and Renegotiation**

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

### Thank you

Thanks to everyone who submitted information for the annual Accounting of Investments and the Semi-Annual Progress Report templates.

#### **Important Dates**

 Program Monitoring: Reminder: Program Monitoring for October-December is due. If you have not already submitted your program monitoring forms, please e-mail them to sshedlock@pcgus.com