



CHILD-WELFARE DEMONSTRATION PROJECT NEWSLETTER

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DEADLINES

Our PA Child Welfare Demonstration Project continues to stay on track, but we have several important deadlines looming: The county templates for the Semi-Annual Progress Report is due July 21st and the April – June/2014 Monitoring Form is due July 31st. Apart from those, the regular data reporting requirements from the University of Pittsburgh continue to be ongoing and project critical due dates. The work of implementation is an ongoing cycle of activities, monitoring, reporting, and refining – it is helpful to keep in mind that all of these deadlines are in support of what we do day to day to help children and families in our Commonwealth! Your work is greatly appreciated.

EVALUATION UPDATE

Family and youth focus groups are wrapping up in each of the Demonstration Project counties. Although this activity has not entirely concluded in each county, the Evaluation Team extends our gratitude to the counties for their continuous hard work and efforts to support the coordination of these groups. Thank you!!

Additionally, family engagement meeting observations are still taking place within counties. Observations will continue to take place over the next month, with the purpose of measuring the fidelity of conducting family engagement meetings in each county.

Another evaluation activity that is underway is the development of a data capturing process for counties. The Evaluation Team is collaborating with one county at a time to outline their data capture process for the CANS, FAST, ASQ and Family Engagement data. This process will provide an overview that indicates how assessment and family engagement data are captured in each county, as well as documenting that best practices for data capture and entry are in place.

Requested clarifications to the Final Evaluation Plan have been submitted to ACF and we are awaiting their final approval. The Evaluation Team has reviewed the details of the Final Evaluation Plan with counties during the Evaluation Subcommittee meeting held on Tuesday, July 1st. The Evaluation Team specifically highlighted areas of the plan that will remain the same and areas that will differ from Year 1 of the Demonstration Project. All counties are encouraged to contact the Evaluation Team with any questions regarding the evaluation plan.

Lastly, mark your calendars for October 21st and 22nd, as CWRC will host a training session on the SPANS data collection process. Robin Orlando will lead the training session during this two day event. A *save the date* has been sent out on behalf of the Evaluation Team with additional details and information. All questions regarding this training can be directed to the Evaluation Specialist, Alexis Pigott (alp159@pitt.edu).

