

# CHILD-WELFARE DEMONSTRATION PROJECT NEWSLETTER

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## EVALUATION UPDATE

The EBP data collection continues to move forward as part of the CWDP evaluation. PCIT and Triple P packets have been distributed to Cohort One counties and additional packets are scheduled to be distributed soon. The Evaluation Team continues to reach out to providers and county liaisons to assist with the transition to EBP services and to support the data collection and referral processes. Lastly, please keep in mind that a recorded EBP webinar has been posted to the Child Welfare Resource Center website as a resource (<http://www.pacwrc.pitt.edu/ChildWelfareDemoProject.htm>).

The Evaluation Team has conducted WebEx calls with all Cohort One counties to review the final version of the EBP Basics spreadsheet, as part of the EBP component of the evaluation. The EBP Basics spreadsheet will provide the Evaluation Team with services and claims data for all of the counties' EBP services. The EBP Basics spreadsheet was rolled out in July with a data collection start-date of July 1, 2015.

The Evaluation Team continues to conduct the SPANS as an ongoing evaluation activity in the Cohort One counties. This activity will remain ongoing throughout the year. For questions regarding the SPANS activity, please contact Evaluation Coordinator, Justin Donofrio ([jdd63@pitt.edu](mailto:jdd63@pitt.edu)).

The Facilitator Survey was distributed at the beginning of June in all demonstration counties, and remains open until July 13<sup>th</sup>. This survey was deployed to those individuals responsible for facilitating Conferences/Teamings and is intended to explore the makeup of family engagement meetings in each county, as well as the available resources to support training for facilitators. If anyone has questions regarding the Facilitator Survey, please contact the Evaluation Specialist, Alexis Pigott ([alp159@pitt.edu](mailto:alp159@pitt.edu)).

Lastly, the Evaluation Team would just like to remind all Demonstration Project counties that the Interim Report for the evaluation is due in January 2016. With that in mind, please note that we will continue to collect data for the Interim Report through the end of July 2015, but that the Interim Report *analyses* will only include data received up to June 30, 2015. This should give counties a chance to submit June's conference data so that it is included in the analyses. If anyone has questions about this, please contact the Evaluation Coordinator, Justin Donofrio ([jdd63@pitt.edu](mailto:jdd63@pitt.edu)).



## STEERING COMMITTEE UPDATE

If you have issues that you would like to bring to the attention of the Steering Committee, please contact your county representative:

Rick Vukmanic	Dauphin
Lindsay and Diane Weckerley	Venango
Stacey Hirsch and Chanell Hanns	Philadelphia
Marc Cherna and Shannon Fairchild	Allegheny
Bill and Kerry Browning	Lackawanna
Kelly Schwab	Crawford

## UPCOMING PROJECT DUE DATES

- July 31, 2015 April - June Program Monitoring Report
- July 31, 2015 Next Semi-Annual Progress Report

## UPCOMING MEETING DATES

Update your calendar:

- July 13, 2015 Logic Model Development for EBPS
- July 16-17, 2015 CANS Training of Trainers – Pittsburgh

A doodle poll will be sent out via e-mail to determine a date for an implementation workgroup in July.

## EBP Logic Model Development

On July 13, 2015, Casey Family Programs is conducting a meeting at the CWRC with county representatives. The purpose of the meeting is to begin our work on logic model development for the EBPs you are implementing in your counties.

The purposes of developing logic models for EBPs associated with the CWDP are:

1. Translate EBPs to child welfare context
2. Integrate EBP practices with child welfare practice standards
3. Communicate about how EBPs produce child welfare outcomes

In doing so, the logic models will demonstrate how selected EBPs in Pennsylvania align with core standards for child welfare practice and outcomes. Each logic model will include a theory of change that demonstrates how core components of the EBP interventions address key issues and processes in child welfare including safety and risk, assessment, case management, consultation and coaching, and case closure. Logic models will also show how these core intervention components are linked to measurable signs of child and family progress and interim and long-term child welfare outcomes.

**Continuous Quality Improvement Webinar – James Bell Associates**

July 16, 2015, at 2:00–3:30 PM Eastern Time.

The session will include a webinar presentation by program and evaluation staff from the District of Columbia title IV-E waiver demonstration.

This will be the third event in a series of peer learning events around research and evaluation topics of interest to waiver jurisdictions. The first event on well-being was held in April 2015 and the second event on Propensity Score Methods was held in June 2015. A peer learning event on Cost Analysis will also be scheduled in the coming months.

**URL Link**

<https://jbassoevents.webex.com/jbassoevents/onstage/g.php?MTID=eeb654do7ca7c5d9075b458d4fdf21be6>

**Password:** 1234

**Communication – we need 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 email Katie Bright (kbright@pcgus.com) or one of our county newsletter representatives:

- Lackawanna – Kerry Browning
- Allegheny – Robin Orlando
- Philadelphia – Stacey Hirsch
- Dauphin – Rick Vukmanic
- Venango – Amie Wood-Wessel
- Crawford – Kelly Schwab

Our newsletter is a much more dynamic and useful newsletter when we get county contributions. – Articles for August now being accepted!