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## Call for Content

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](mailto:sshedlock@pcgus.com) or one of our county newsletter representatives:

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If you have any content you would like to share (success stories, lessons learned, news) or if you have contact changes for your agency, please contact Erin Palmer at [epalmer@pcgus.com](mailto:epalmer@pcgus.com).

## Update: Pennsylvania's Request for an Extension of the CWDP until September 30, 2019 and Renegotiation of the Capped Title IV-E Allocation

OCYF has received notification from ACF that extra time is required for the federal staff to analyze the additional information the State has provided to make a final determination regarding the renegotiation of capped allocations.

In the interim, PA has been granted a short-term waiver extension for one quarter, to September 30, 2018. During this interim period, all aspects of the previously approved Terms & Conditions remain in effect, with the exception of Philadelphia's participation.

It is expected that the project will be extended for another year through September 30, 2019 upon conclusion of this short-term period. OCYF will continue to provide any additional supporting documentation to support the renegotiation of capped allocations.

## Annual Conference in Washington, D.C.

The annual Title IV-E conference was held in Washington, D.C. on July 16-17, 2018.

The conference included an open panel discussion and roundtable exercises regarding Implementation and the Workforce, from both a caseworker and supervisor point of view, pertaining to the life of the waiver. Discussions included lessons learned, resolutions and moving forward in the final year of the waiver. Additional common themes included Concrete Supports, Team Decisions, Continuity for Families and Agencies, and having families "teach us" approach.

Throughout the final year and moving forward with Family First Prevention Services Act, ACF encourages states to continue think outside the box as the waiver enabled everyone to do.

## Engagement Summit

Moving forward, we would like to continue the discussion surrounding the Engagement Summit. The next step is to form a working committee to plan the "Why, Who, What, How and Where" of this summit – and who better to do it than our experts from the waiver counties.

If you are interested in being a part of this exciting experience, please e-mail Sandy Shedlock ([sshedlock@pcgus.com](mailto:sshedlock@pcgus.com)) by August 20, 2018.

This committee will work primarily via telephone/WebEx and with a goal of having a summit if not in the late fall 2018, then early spring 2019.

## Reminder

Final Evaluation data is due end of July to the Pitt evaluators. Please make sure all relevant data is submitted and to respond to all clarifying questions in a timely manner.