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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
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Please send PCG representative Erin Palmer any county updates or changes in position/title and contact information for the various workgroups via e-mail: epalmer@pcgus.com

Evaluation Update from the CWRC

Data collection for the EBP sub-study and Family Engagement sub-study continues. If you have any questions about the EBP or FES data collection process, please contact our EBP Evaluation Coordinator, Jenna Meister (jem275@pitt.edu).

The Evidence Based Practice Attitude Scale (EBPAS) survey has now concluded in each of the demonstration counties. We want to thank all of those that participated in the survey and those that helped coordinate the distribution of the survey. Thank you!

Looking ahead, the Evaluation Team plans to deploy the Facilitator Survey in late July and early August for most counties. This survey is sent out to family engagement conference facilitators in order to document training activities and fidelity to practice. Keep an eye out for an email near the end of the month with more information related to this important evaluation activity

Additionally, the Evaluation Team is kicking off a discussion series called Flash Talks! Flash Talks was inspired by the CWDP PA Convening "office hours" when we came together to talk about what we were seeing in the interim analyses and how it fit with what people were seeing in practice. We hope to continue the discussions by providing brief reports highlighting some aspect of the IV-E Waiver practice. Our team has put together three one-hour webinars during the month of July related to CANS data, called Flash talk: The CANS. They are offered at different times. The dates for the July webinars are: July 6th at 1pm; July 12th at 10am; and July 21st at 10am. These webinars are open to anyone that would like to join. For more information, please contact Evaluation Coordinator, Justin Donofrio (jdd63@pitt.edu). August/September Flash Talks! will focus on the SPANS.

Lastly, the Evaluation Team will be distributing a Quarterly Receipt of Submissions this month to each county. As you may recall, the purpose of this document is to provide a snapshot of submissions for each data type over the last quarter. This receipt of submissions only indicates the number of records submitted and does not identify how many records were accepted and how many were not due to missing data. For more questions about this document please contact Evaluation Coordinator, Justin Donofrio (jdd63@pitt.edu).

Contact List Updates

To ensure that all of the relevant individuals are included in communications, PCG will soon be sending the contact lists to the participating counties and organizations to be reviewed and updated. When you receive these, please review your lists and make changes as necessary to indicate who, within your organization, is to remain on or be added/removed from each contact list (implementation workgroup contact list, executive committee contact list, etc.).

Important Dates

- Flash Talks: The CANS
 July 21st, 2016 (for more information, contact Justin Donofrio at jdd63@pitt.edu)
- Deadline for submitting April-June Program Monitoring forms
 July 30th, 2016 (counties should submit their completed forms to Sandra Shedlock at sshedlock@pcgus.com)