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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
- **Lackawanna:**
Kerry Browning
- **Philadelphia:**
Stacey Hirsch
- **Venango:**
Amie Wood-Wessel

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

In addition to Lackawanna, Philadelphia and Venango counties, the Evidence Based Practice Attitude Scale (EBPAS) survey has now been sent to Allegheny and Dauphin counties. Allegheny and Dauphin are the second cohort of demonstration counties to receive this survey as part of the CWDP evaluation. Very similar to the Evidence Based Practice Questionnaire (EBPQ) that was sent out last year, this is an online survey that will be sent out to supervisor and casework staff, and will take about 10 minutes to complete. The survey will remain open for a 6-week period from the date of distribution and all responses will be confidential.

Additional evaluation activities include the SPANS as well as the family engagement conference observations. These activities continue to occur on a rolling basis in addition to other evaluation activities that only occur once per year. If you have any questions regarding the evaluation activities please contact Evaluation Coordinator, Justin Donofrio (jdd63@pitt.edu).

Looking ahead, the Evaluation Team will plan to deploy the Facilitator Survey in July for most counties. This survey is sent out to family engagement conference facilitators in each demonstration county. Keep an eye out for an email near the end of the month with more information related to this evaluation activity.

Data collection for the EBP sub-study and Family Engagement sub-study remains underway and ongoing. If you have any questions about the EBP data collection process, please contact our EBP Evaluation Coordinator, Jenna Meister (jem275@pitt.edu). For questions regarding family engagement data collection, please contact our Evaluation Specialist, Alexis Pigott (alp159@pitt.edu).

Lastly, look for an email about an opportunity to discuss CANS data—coming soon!

Introduction: Sandra Shedlock

Hello Everyone! I wanted to take a moment to introduce myself as the PCG Operations Manager working with CWDP. I am originally a native of the Wilkes-Barre area, Luzerne County, but have been a York County resident for the last 20 years. My experience brings 23 years within the social services field which include managing group homes, Shelters/ Diagnostic programs, county case work as well as Drug & Alcohol programming. The most recent has been associated with OCYF as a Per Diem Analyst on Title IV-E compliance project.

I look forward to get to know and begin working with everyone within the near future. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or to touch base. I can be reached at 717-884-7701 or sshedlock@pcgus.com

Families First

The proposed Families First legislation is gaining momentum. Title IV-E waivers are likely coming to an end in 2019 but there are elements in the proposed legislation that would render many EBPs IV-E allowable as preventive services. We will continue to review and analyze this information as it pertains to post-waiver claiming as it continues to move.

Upcoming Deadlines

- Responses can be submitted to Sandy Shedlock at sshedlock@pcgus.com.
 - Semi-annual progress report templates are due no later than July 8th.
 - Quarterly program monitoring templates will be sent out this week. Please return by July 30th.

