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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 or one of our county newsletter representatives:

- Allegheny:
Robin Orlando
- Crawford:
Frank Kasper
- Dauphin:
Rick Vukmanic
- Lackawanna:
Kerry Browning
- Philadelphia:
Kim Ali
- Venango:
Bethany Cloonan

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.

Semi-Annual Progress Report

Thank you to everyone for submitting your county's Semi-Annual Report January – June 2019. If anything further is required Sandy Shedlock will be in touch throughout the week.

Save the Date: Nat'l Child Welfare Eval. Summit

A Save the Date e-mail was distributed last week regarding the 2019 National Child Welfare Evaluation Summit being held in conjunction with the Title IV-E Waiver Demonstration Project Annual Conference being held August 20-23, 2019. The Evaluation Summit will occur August 20-21 and the Title IV-E Child Welfare Demonstration Projects on August 22-23, 2019. The conference will be held at the Marriott Wardman Park in Washington, DC.

Additional information will be forthcoming once the number of participants has been confirmed along with reservation details.

Family Engagement Panel

The Waiver Counties presented the first Family Engagement Panel on June 19, 2019 at the PCYA conference. It was an informative panel session discussing the Theory of Change, the intended outcomes, identifying that each county operationalize "engaging families" in a specific way to their own county and if it was purposeful in achieving outcomes. The counties presented their initial ideas, hopes, frustrations, positives, negatives, and final outcomes regarding participating in the Demonstration Project, implementing Family Engagement Strategies, and the final outcomes. The presenters were engaging, very informative, and responded to questions.

We would like to THANK the following county representatives for their willingness to be a part of the panel and to facilitate. Each panelist put time and energy into presenting such an informative discussion.

- Allegheny County: Tracey Nichol, Director Regional Office
- Crawford County: Frank Kasper, Associate Director
- Dauphin County: Rick Vukmanic, Assistant Administrator
- Lackawanna County: Bill Browning, Director Department of Human Services
- Philadelphia County: Staci Boyd, MHA, Operations Director – Improving Outcomes for Children
- Venango County: Luann Hartman, MSW, Administrator
- Moderator, Mike Byers MSW, Director, University of Pittsburgh, School of Social Work