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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:

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Evaluation Update from the CWRC

Data collection for the EBP sub-study and Family Engagement Study continues as ongoing. If you have any questions about the EBP data collection process, please reach out to our EBP Evaluation Coordinator, Jenna Meister (jem275@pitt.edu). Additionally, for all questions regarding the FES data collection process, please reach out to our Evaluation Specialist, Alexis Pigott (alp159@pitt.edu).

The Evidence Based Practice Attitude Scale (survey) was distributed to county caseworkers and supervisors on March 17th and closed on April 28th. This recent distribution was the second round of the EBPAS survey, which is intended to help inform the evaluation with regards to the use, availability and attitudes towards EBPs within demonstration counties. The Evaluation Team thanks all of those that took the time to participate in the EBPAS survey!

In April, the Evaluation Team held two Flash Talk webinars related to Family Engagement. These Flash Talks focused in on fidelity to the family engagement models on each county and generated some cross-county discussion around this area. A big thank you goes out to those county staff that assisted our team with the discussion. Thank you!

Finally, the Evaluation Team has begun reaching out to demonstration counties to check in on any major updates or changes to their policy and procedures as it relates to the CWDP. Rather than conducting a full-scale document review like we have done in the past, this is more of a “check-in” effort to remain up-to-date with counties. If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Evaluation Coordinator, Justin Donofrio (jdd63@pitt.edu).

Important Dates and Upcoming Events

• [June 29-30, 2017](#)

The 2017 Annual Child Welfare Waiver Demonstration Project Meeting is scheduled for June 29-30, 2017 at the Renaissance Arlington Capital View Hotel.

- Registration information has been sent to all CWDP representatives attending the Annual Conference; [if you are attending, please be sure to register.](#)

- The next meeting of the Executive Committee is being scheduled for July or August; additional information to follow.
- Templates will soon be sent out for the January-June 2017 Semi-Annual Report. If you have any questions, please reach out to Sandy Shedlock (sshedlock@pcgus.com).