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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 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 Facilitator Survey was distributed in all counties on August 2nd, with the survey period running through September 13th. A big thank you goes out to those that have already participated. Thank you! For questions or information, please contact Evaluation Coordinator, Justin Donofrio (jdd63@pitt.edu).

The SPANS and family engagement conference observations will continue as ongoing evaluation activities. As we move into September and October, the Evaluation Team will continue reaching out to schedule more of these activities.

In July the Evaluation Team kicked off a discussion series called Flash Talks. The initial edition of the Flash Talk series was focused on the CANS assessments, which allowed folks to view their data within a specific timeframe and discuss their county's experience with implementation. We are excited to announce that we are now launching the second edition of the Flash Talk series, this time focusing on the FAST! Similar to the CANS edition, this Flash Talk will bring folks together to view and discuss FAST data within specific timeframe and share county experiences around implementation. An email informing folks of the Flash Talk: FAST has gone out, with invitations to follow one week prior to each webinar session. The session dates can be found below. No registration is required, and folks are encouraged to invite other as they see fit. If you would like more information on the Flash Talk: FAST sessions, please contact Evaluation Coordinator, Justin Donofrio (jdd63@pitt.edu).

Flash Talk: FAST, Session 1

The first session of the second Flash Talk topic, the FAST, had representation from nearly all of the Demonstration Project counties. Some of the highlights included:

- **Counties that have elected to have their FAST completed by providers are encouraged to extend the Flash Talk invitations for the second and third sessions to those providers so that they can also benefit from the discussion.**
- The discussion called for thoughts on how to create pathways to push services based on individual scores, meeting families in the middle, and addressing when family self-assessment and staff assessment scores differ.
- Data topics included:
 - Reminders of the importance of submitting data in a timely manner to aid in evaluation.
 - Counties were encouraged to have staff indicate which FAST is the family's final FAST.
 - Impact of staff retention rates on data and results

Thank you to all who participated! For any who were unable to join, see below for the dates of the second and third sessions.

Important Dates

- **Flash Talks: FAST**
 - **Tuesday, September 20th: 9am-10am (2nd session)**
 - **Wednesday, September 28th: 9am-10am (3rd session)**
- **Quarterly program monitoring templates will be sent out later this month.**
- **Fiscal calls will resume in October. Dates and times will be announced in the coming week.**