



# Developmental Screening Partnership Update

Improving Access to Developmental Screening for All Young Children in Washington State

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## SAVE THE DATE!

### Partnership Meeting: June 16, 2011

We are excited to announce that the Partnership Committee will meet on June 16, 2011 at the Black River Conference Center in Renton. This meeting will:

- Give all partners an overview of developmental screening efforts over the last eight months;
- Allow for input into the overall plan to achieve universal screening; and
- Review efforts by the Developmental Screening Workgroups to tackle integral pieces of the system including data needs, screening system, resources and care coordination and how to reach all populations/Health Equity.

Watch for an invitation in the mail/e-mail arriving soon.



## Help Me Grow National Replication Grant Update

Through a competitive process, WithinReach was chosen to receive technical assistance and support for Washington's developmental screening efforts. The Connecticut Children's Medical Center's Help Me Grow (HMG) National Technical Assistance Center provides this assistance.

In February of this year, the HMG TA Team from Connecticut came for a two-day site visit to offer an overview of their program and get a broader picture of Washington State's Developmental Screening partnerships, resources, structure and current efforts. The HMG Team toured WithinReach for an afternoon to gain a greater understanding of the resources and capabilities within the agency.

In May, 2011, Patty Hayes, Executive Director of WithinReach and Rebecca Davis-Suskind, consultant, will travel to Connecticut for a three day conference to meet with other awardees, share best practices and strategies for successful next steps.

# DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENING WORKGROUPS

To facilitate collaboration and reduce duplication across sectors, workgroups are being formed to address four distinct areas:

## SCREENING SYSTEM is tasked with:

- Outlining the flow of the system from how to enter and enroll to screening results and next steps
- Defining system from family perspective
- Defining system from provider perspective
- Configuring accessibility: Can you access for a one time screening? Or do you enroll in a system that connects to the medical home and with ongoing screening? Or is it something else?
- Determining eligibility enrollment
- Determining the levels of access and need to know by provider

## RESOURCES & CARE COORDINATION is tasked with:

- Defining the care coordination needs relating to developmental screening
- Determining how the elements of care coordination will be provided
- How to coordinate through the medical home
- Outlining a system to identify local resources, gaps and barriers. What is centralized and what is local?
- Identifying what expectations are there to track referrals for family completing connection to care?
- How care coordinators connect community providers to each other around UDS/closing the loop?
- Identifying who is privy to health information and test results?

## DATA NEEDS is tasked with:

- Providing input and recommendations around meaningful use re: medical home, parent, child care provider, care coordinator and others
- Identifying the functions and needs of a data system
- Identifying privacy concerns and consent
- Access for ‘need-to-know’ providers
- Determining the options for providing system
- Ability to adapt to additional screenings over time

## REACHING ALL POPULATIONS/HEALTH EQUITY is tasked with:

- Identifying Washington State populations
- Identifiers include:
  - Difficult or unable to contact by phone
  - Have multiple/complex needs
  - Have unpredictable living circumstances
  - Experience difficulty “navigating” service system due to a language or cultural barrier
  - Experience difficulty navigating service system due to issues related to literacy/education
- Refer to Strategic Framework for other population “to consider”

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## *Developmental Screening Workgroups’ Page on Medical Home Site Launched*

The University of Washington’s Medical Home website now has a ‘developmental screening partnerships’ page. All partners and stakeholders will be able to access the site and share information. Developmental Screening workgroups will share documents, comments and feedback on this site. Others can post information and news about developmental screening work happening around the state.

Many of you have reviewed “The Strategic Framework for a Statewide System for Universal Developmental Screening.” The Framework and the project’s “Outcome Map” for universal developmental screening developed by stakeholders is posted to this site. [http://medicalhome.org/leadership/wg\\_devscreen.cfm](http://medicalhome.org/leadership/wg_devscreen.cfm)

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