



Developmental Screening Partnership e-update

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

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PARTNERSHIP MEETING INFORMATION:

Thirty-four partners came together on June 16th to spend the day working on Universal Developmental Screening (UDS). This was the third formal meeting of the Partnership Group. The UDS Vision is: *Universal Developmental Screening and linkages to appropriate services will be made available for all children in Washington State.*

Goals for the meeting were:

1. Orient stakeholders to year two of the Universal Developmental Screening efforts
2. Build awareness of current and future opportunities
3. Build relationships between workgroup members, stakeholders and partners
4. Encourage participation in creating the system

Representatives from the Department of Health (DOH), WithinReach, Home Visiting, Medicaid, and Yakima Children's Village updated participants on recent grant awards (Great MINDS Grant, CATCH Grant and Help Me Grow) and current efforts to fund a Developmental Screening system... The meeting concluded with a panel discussion featuring representatives from Washington Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (WCAAP), WithinReach, Department of Health (DOH) and Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) discussing challenges that lie ahead and the importance of this collaborative effort to keep the work moving forward.

If you are interested in receiving Power Points or additional information about the meeting, please email Rebecca Davis-Suskind at rkds@uw.edu

Great MINDS Grant: Great Medical Homes Include Developmental Screening

The new Great MINDS Grant was recently awarded to DOH-Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN). Results from the national survey of CSHCN showed that 48% of CSHCN receive coordinated ongoing comprehensive care within medical homes in Washington State, as compared to national rates of 46%.

Three goals of the Great MINDS Grant include:

Goal 1: Increase medical homes for children by working with the Washington Patient-Centered Medical Home Collaborative and the Medical Home Leadership Network. Plans include furthering community asset mapping (CAM) and continuing to partner and work with the UDS Partnership Committee.

Goal 2: Increase training to pediatric providers and parents through continuing education and Technical Assistance (TA). Training and TA will be on Medical Homes, developmental screening, family-centered care and resources within the community.

Goal 3: Favorably impact state policies to support Medical Home, reimbursement for screening, and a UDS system.

This three year grant (\$300,000 per grant year) includes the following partners:

- Washington Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics
- University of Washington Center on Human and Developmental Disability
- Washington State Department of Health Title V programs (CSHCN – Great MINDS Grant, Autism Grant, LTSAE Supplement, Maternal, Infant, Child and Adolescent Health – Project LAUNCH, Office of Community Wellness & Prevention, Chronic Disease Prevention Unit, and Washington Patient-Centered MH Collaborative.

FLORIDA'S Developmental Screening Efforts

The Universal Developmental Screening workgroup continues to examine successful system models around the nation, and recently had a conference call with colleagues from the state of Florida. Florida's Office of Early Learning is initiating developmental screening of young children in their School Readiness program. The program has requirements for screening at program entry and exit, although individual programs may screen more frequently. Working in communities that are child care subsidy eligible, and using ARRA dollars, screening with the Ages and Stages Questionnaire (ASQ) system was initiated in 31 early learning coalitions statewide. All but four of the coalitions were already using the ASQ, although frequency of screening and method of screening (mail out, in person, on-line, subcontracted) varied by program.

The ASQ was selected as the screening tool through two different journeys. First, through the Association of Early Learning Coalitions, field staff who screen or work with families chose the ASQ 3. Next, the Office of Early Learning used a thoughtful process that included consultation/technical assistance from Kevin Grim at University of California, Berkeley with expertise in psychometrics; Dell Greenfield at the University of Miami with expertise in item development and Head Start; and Linda Espinoza in Colorado and at the University of Missouri, with expertise in Head Start and dual language learners. The conclusion, in terms of basic tools and cultural sensitivity, the ASQ was the strongest instrument available.

Each coalition uses the Enterprise Data Management system and the Office of Early Learning (OEL) is in the process of implementing the ASQ Hub, which coordinates the data from the 31 coalition Enterprise systems, to the state level. (See <http://agesandstages.com/asq-online-video-clips/> for a video tour of some of these tools.)

WORKGROUP UPDATE:

The Developmental Screening workgroups are moving forward and working on specific group goals, identifying system issues, and creating recommendations to help build a centralized and comprehensive universal system. The workgroup topics include Screening Systems, Reaching All Populations and Resources and Care Coordination. Members attended the June 16 Partnership meeting, taking the opportunity to meet face to face. Participants in each group bring a wealth of information and expertise that assists with moving toward the goal of building a universal screening system. You can view recent issues and progress being made in each workgroup by accessing the following links:

- Care Coordination and Community Resources - http://medicalhome.org/leadership/wg/devscreen_resources.cfm
- Reaching All Populations - http://medicalhome.org/leadership/wg/devscreen_reaching.cfm
- Screening System - http://medicalhome.org/leadership/wg/devscreen_screening.cfm

If you are interested in joining a workgroup, or adding feedback into the process, please e-mail Rebecca Davis-Suskind at rkds@uw.edu.

Yakima Update on Project LAUNCH:

Project LAUNCH (Linking Actions for Unmet Needs in Children's Health) holds a primary goal of increasing access to Developmental Screening and services for young children and their families. In the target community of Yakima, Project LAUNCH is collaborating with local stakeholders on developmental screening. Dr. Diane Liebe, medical director of Yakima Children's Village, received a 2010 American Academy of Pediatrics CATCH Planning grant entitled "Promoting Universal Developmental Screening." This was used to explore the barriers and possible solutions to developmental screening for all young children in Yakima County. After interviewing representatives from diverse organizations, Yakima continues to build their system at a community level. Funds from Project LAUNCH are available this summer to initiate pilot sites of UD, in coordination with Yakima Children's Village, and Dr. Liebe's work.