

EBHV Connector



Online Newsletter for Supporting Evidence-Based Home Visiting to Prevent Child Maltreatment Grantees
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Get involved with National Child Abuse Prevention Month!

In the Spotlight: ***Colorado State Court Administrators Office–Denver At Home Services Initiative (DAISI)–Championing Innovation***

by Lilas Rajae-Moore

The DAISI collaborative targets families with criminal justice and substance abuse issues. The project seeks to shift court and probation based practices from “offender focused” to “family centered”. Research indicates that children born or raised in a family with a history of criminal activity are several times more likely to be maltreated, and eventually engage in substance abuse and delinquent behavior.



Similarly, substance involved juvenile female offenders are more likely to have children who drop out of school and become teen parents themselves.^{1,2}

juvenile and adult parents, the Kempe Center focuses on Safe Care and ancillary services for children under age 5. The LEAs provide

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Led by the probation department’s internal substance abuse and mental health component (DJFJ TASC), the primary DAISI team includes home visitors and clinicians from the Kempe Center for the Prevention and Treatment of Child Abuse and Neglect, TASC assessment and recovery specialists, Denver Police Department Law Enforcement Advocates (LEAs), and probation officers. While TASC provides ongoing assessment and aggressive recovery management for

FPO Corner: A Federal Update

Greetings!
April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month and it is more important than ever to commend your great efforts in preventing child abuse and neglect throughout the nation. The President states in his Proclamation that the Federal Government is “partnering with Federal, State, and local agencies to better coordinate early childhood services and improve the lives of young children and their families.” This includes the work that you are involved in as you continue to strengthen families through home visitation programs. You can view a copy of the proclamation at www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/presidential-proclamation-national-child-abuse-prevention-month.

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Upcoming Events

- April 4/21 3pm ET--EBHV Peer Learning Community Call-Cultural Adaptation
- 5/19 3pm ET--EBHV Peer Learning Community Call

Save The Dates!

2010 EBHV Grantees Meeting
August 2-4, 2010
Washington, DC

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a familial mentoring function while also working to improve consumer perceptions of the police. The probation officers monitor court terms and conditions, and the team works together to either prevent and/or reduce the amount of time that families are involved with the child welfare system.

The impetus for this initiative partially stemmed from two untimely and tragic child fatalities that occurred in Denver during 2007. While blame for the fatalities was placed on the child welfare system, a small group of court, probation and law enforcement practitioners realized that they had worked with both families under the guise of “the

criminal justice system”, but had been trained to work with “the offender” rather than using a family centered approach to balance prevention with substance recovery and public safety. Extensive discussion, a review of systemic gaps and barriers, along with a passion to improve services for similar families lead to the development of DAISI, as a means of recognizing that the criminal justice system is uniquely positioned to prevent child maltreatment while promoting community accountability.

Through its initial infrastructure building, DAISI has further impacted the system via the Denver District Court development of a specialized

docket for fathers aged 18-24 years old who are on probation, and meet criteria for evidence-based home visitation. As DAISI continues to develop, it is hoped that the concept of innovation and evidence based home visitation will become embedded for a very high risk population while reducing the costs associated with child maltreatment, substance use, and criminal behavior. &

¹Phillips, S. D., Erkanli, A., Keeler, G. P., Costello, E. J., & Angold, A. (2006). Disentangling the risks: Parent criminal justice involvement and children's exposure to family risks. *Criminology and Public Policy*, 5(4), 677-702.

²Farrington, D. P., Coid, J.W., & Murray, J. (2009). Family factors in the inter-generational transmission of offending. *Criminal Behaviour and Mental Health*, 19, 109-124.

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For more information on National Child Abuse Prevention Month, the 2010 Resource Guide, or other free materials, please view the Child Welfare Information Gateway website at www.childwelfare.gov.

Following passage of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is in the process of implementing a new program that provides \$1.5 billion in funds over 5 years to eligible entities to strengthen coordination and capacity to provide comprehensive services through maternal, infant, and early childhood home visiting programs for families in at-risk communities. The legislation requires that the majority of funds be spent on home visitation

models that meet criteria for evidence of effectiveness. Legislation also requires that the Administration for Children and Families, and the Maternal and Child Health Bureau collaborate on all aspects of implementation of this new program.

We are also busy planning the grantees meeting which is titled “Early Childhood 2010: Innovation for the Next Generation” to be held in Washington D.C. on August 2-4th. Some of the goals of the conference are to

- Share innovative, evidence-based practices;
- Obtain feedback to inform policy and coordination efforts;
- Improve collaboration and partnerships at the Federal, state and community levels in support

of integrated childhood systems; and

- Work toward a shared vision that is consistent across early childhood systems.

During these meetings, you will have the opportunity to meet with your counterparts from other HHS and Education programs across the country. We look forward to hearing from you about your suggestions for our grantees meeting agenda. Please contact Glenda Eoyang at geoyang@hsdinstitute.org if you like to help with the design team that is planning the agenda.

As always, thank you for all your hard work!

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FRIENDS National Resource Center Focus: *An Update on TA Efforts* **Planning for Financial Sustainability**

In late February, two national experts, Lori Connors-Tadros from The Finance Project and Sid Gardner of Children and Family Futures, presented important and useful information on a Peer Learning call regarding grant sustainability and financial planning. Given these difficult financial times, this information could not have come at a better time or to a more receptive audience. The following is a brief summary of the information that was presented on the call. For more information, as well as the links to their presentations, materials, and resources, please go to the new EBHV website at www.supportingebhv.org/resources/webinar-archive.

It is never too early to start developing an initiative's sustainability plan. Although not common practice, it is critical to begin sustainability planning during the exploration and planning stage of the initiative and to continue sustainability planning throughout the life of the initiative. Sustainability planning is not just about locating and assuring financial resources for the short-term; sustainability planning is about demonstrating the effectiveness of the initiative to garner long-term political and community support and resources to develop a broad-based, shared commitment to the institutionalization of the initiative.

Although sustainability is about more than funding, there are approaches one can take towards strategically financing an initiative. The first step is identifying what will be financed. Is it direct services, infrastructure,

capital investments, or all of the above? Secondly, although challenging, fiscal needs should be estimated. What are the costs associated with the program/ model, staffing, coordination and governance? Next, current

spending should be mapped out. How are the various funding sources used together to fund infrastructure and direct services? Are they maximized and leveraged effectively? After fiscal

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Cross-site Evaluation News: *Mathematica Policy Research and Chapin Hall*

Cross-Site Evaluation Data Collection Set to Begin in April

EBHV grantees and their partners will soon be participating in data collection activities designed to produce information that should be of interest to providers, funders, and researchers in the fields of home visitation and child maltreatment. By April 15th, the evaluation team from Mathematica Policy Research and Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago will launch a web-based survey, site visits, and telephone interviews to examine a range of topics relating to implementation of the EBHV grant program.

Using a "modular" approach, the evaluation team will engage subsets of the 17 grantees in various data collection activities, depending on how the grantees have focused their work, the differing contexts in their states, and the types of implementation experiences they have had. For instance, grantees that conducted a needs assessment as part of their grant proposal or planning process will be interviewed to discuss their approaches and how

information for the needs assessment was gathered and used. Managers of selected implementing agencies that have newly begun or expanded home visiting services in conjunction with the EBHV grant will be asked to describe their experiences recruiting, hiring, training, and supervising home visiting staff. These interviews, conducted in April, will provide data for two "quick-turnaround" four- to eight-page briefs that will be submitted to the Children's Bureau in June for release to evaluation stakeholders and the public, following review and approval.

Mathematica will conduct one- to two-day site visits with 10 grantees from late April to early June. Liaisons who have been working with each site will interview grantees, some of their key partners in systems change and infrastructure-building activities, and implementing agency managers and staff to discuss three topics: (1) the state context in which

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mapping, gaps in financing can be identified and assessed. Finally, with some innovative planning and strategic thinking, it may be possible to maximize the use of existing resources and eliminate gaps. For example, would it be possible to coordinate training/professional development? Co-locate services? Utilize non-fiscal resources? Blend and/or braid funds? Leverage additional resources? Create new sources of revenue?

Neither presenter suggested that sustainability planning would be easy. However, their expert guidance and resources provided practical strategies to continue the hard work of strengthening the initiative's sustainability planning process to insure that families and children receive the intended benefits for years to come. &

Seven Steps to Sustainability (A quick overview from Sid Gardner):

- 1) Inventory current resources
- 2) Document effectiveness
- 3) Identify potential and future funding
- 4) Prioritize options for new funding
- 5) Prioritize options for redirecting funding
- 6) Options
- 7) Institutionalize

Five Step Approach to Strategic Financing

(A quick overview from Lori Connors-Tadros):

- 1) What to Finance?- See Worksheet 1
- 2) Estimate Fiscal Needs – See Online Cost Calculator
- 3) Map current spending –See Worksheet 3
- 4) Assess the Gaps –See Worksheet 4
- 5) Financing Strategies – See Sustainability Planning Workbook and Self-Assessment Tool

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grantee planned and implemented their EBHV initiatives; (2) grantees' experiences planning and implementing new home visiting programs; and (3) the major infrastructure capacities and partnerships that grantees have developed during planning and early implementation of their EBHV-related activities. Through telephone interviews, we will ask the other seven grantees to help address these topics.

Mathematica will also administer a web-based survey to all grantees and up to 25 of their partner organizations. The survey asks respondents about their work in conjunction with the EBHV

grant and the characteristics and quality of their collaboration. We will provide survey results based on anonymous data to each grantee with profiles of their unique partnerships. Information from the surveys will be combined with site visit data in a cross-site report on grant implementation progress and experiences for submission to the Children's Bureau in early fall 2010.

Finally, plans to collect data on home visiting program fidelity to their chosen program models are nearly in place. Mathematica and Chapin Hall have been working with grantees to collect common fidelity measures and information through a process customized to each

grantee and program model. Some grantees will use an Access database Mathematica is developing to store and transmit data; others will provide electronic files from existing management information or case management systems, either directly or through their national model program offices. The cross-site evaluation team is writing a brief on how fidelity is being measured and the importance of monitoring and maintaining fidelity to achieve desired home visiting outcomes. Fidelity data collected on operations through September 2010 will be analyzed for a report that will be produced early in 2011. &



Resources

The Child Maltreatment 2008 Annual Report is Available

The Child Maltreatment 2008 annual report was released on April 1st, 2010 and the full report is available at: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/pubs/cm08/>. A press release also released on April 1st titled "New Report Shows Child Maltreatment Decreased In 2008" discusses some highlights of the report. In addition, the press release http://www.acf.hhs.gov/news/press/2010/child_maltreatment_2008.html provides information on the newly

awarded Quality Improvement Center on Early Childhood (QIC-EC) research and demonstration projects. The goal of these projects is to test the impact of collaborations across sectors on promoting optimal child development, strengthening families, and reducing the likelihood of maltreatment. The new projects will include partnerships with early intervention services, substance abuse programs for pregnant women, legal services and family support within a community health center, and a multi-faceted neighborhood mobilization, led by residents and including businesses, faith communities and human services. For more information,

please visit the website at www.qic-ec.org.

Finance Project sources:

The Sustainability Project
Ira Cutler monograph: <http://www.financeproject.org>

End Games: The Challenge of Sustainability
Literature on treatment costs at TIE website: <http://tie.samhsa.gov/Taps/index.html>

Family drug court sustainability publication from NDIC: http://www.ndci.org/publications/sustainability_web.pdf

Join Together AOD costs article: <http://www.jointogether.org/news/research/summaries/2009/addiction-costs-medicaid.html>

Brazelon Mix and Match citation: <http://www.bazelon.org/issues/children/publications/mixmatch/mixandmatch.pdf>

Please view the newly launched EBHV website at www.supportingebhv.org to find out more information including a description of the grant program, specific grantee information, the cross-site evaluation, a copy of the EBHV Connector newsletter, and a variety of resources for those interested in home visitation.

