

Illinois MIECHV Update from OECD

(November 2, 2012)

1. Federal/ HRSA

- a. The HRSA reporting forms have been finalized, OECD staff participated in a webinar training on the forms, and we are waiting for notification of the report's due date.
- b. HRSA is in the process of scheduling a site visit to Illinois in November.

2. State/General

- a. Staffing: OECD welcomes new staff Lesley Schwartz, LCSW, Manager of Program Evaluation, and Joanna Su, MSW, Manager of Community Systems and Capacity Building. Lesley is working on development of the Social Solutions database and taking it live. She is also working with UIUC Center for Prevention and Research Development (CPRD) on benchmark baseline data collection for the Illinois report to HRSA. In addition, she is the point person for the Illinois MIECHV competitive grant research projects and MIHOPE (the federal MIECHV evaluation). Joanna is ensuring that the work done by MIECHV is in collaboration with other system-building work such as Illinois Action for Children and Race To The Top. In addition to these two OECD staff, John (Jay) Young has joined CH+A as the Community Impact Officer and will be working with Joanna to support and strengthen CSD and sustainability for current MIECHV communities as well as Thornton and East St. Louis.
- b. Administration: OECD will be revising the quarterly narrative report forms to collect more detailed information in some topic areas (including CSD).
- c. Materials: OECD is in the process of producing informational handouts and basic presentations on MIECHV for grantees and others to share in their communities. These and other resource materials will be uploaded to the OECD MIECHV website in November.

3. Communities (achievements, barriers, issues)

- a. Most communities are nearing caseload and several are planning educational programs for families on the waiting list.
- b. Macon County has lost one of its partners (Baby Talk) but feels confident about meeting its goals with the remaining members of the collaborative, as they are already close to a full caseload.
- c. Elgin and Rockford had delayed hiring processes for CSDs, and expect to make their hires soon.

4. Formula Grant

- a. Coordinated Intake/ Database:
 - i. Following a series of on-site sessions led by Lesley Schwartz and consultant John Albsmeyer, all communities are implementing coordinated intake using the CIAT (Coordinated Intake Assessment Tool). This shift has been difficult, but the communities and agencies continue to work on embedding this process as pilots for the rest of the state. In some collaborations, the CI (Coordinated Intake)

staff do all of the CIATs, while in others, each agency completes CIATs and forwards them to the CIs for processing and referral. The ultimate goal is to use ETO and the CIAT for all home visiting programs in the targeted communities, not just MIECHV, and Elgin will be piloting this component.

- ii. OECD is in the process of translating key screening forms into Spanish (using qualified translators).

b. Community Systems Development

- i. Joanna Su and Jay Young are outreaching to all CSDs and are in the process of meeting with each collaborative in person. We plan to work with each CSD to complete an inventory and self-assessment of their community collaboration which will identify next steps for action. (These tools are based on materials in the CSD Resource Toolkit created by a committee of the ELC in 2010.)
- ii. Most CSDs participated in the Pathways training provided through ECAP and will be attending the November 13 ECAP Conference. Jay Young will be attending a technical training on the Pathways tool on November 14, so that we will be able to provide support to CSDs as needed.
- iii. Several of the MIECHV communities have growing Latino populations. MIECHV has met with Sylvia Puente of the Latino Policy Forum to discuss how we can collaborate and provide support to these communities as well as to ELL participants throughout the state. Meanwhile, Spanish speaking HV staff from Southside, Elgin, and Rockford will be attending a 3-day train-the-trainer session in November on the Abriendo Puertas (Opening Doors) Latino parent engagement program, offered by the Latino Policy Forum. (Cicero HVs have previously attended this training.)

- c. Homelessness Pilot: Funding has been allocated to the Southside Chicago cluster for a Specialized Home Visitor to provide services to families who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Jay Young is facilitating this process, which will be implemented with recommendations and guidance from the FACT Home Visiting and Homelessness Subcommittee and the Heartland Center for Systems Change.

- d. Infant Mental Health Consultation (led by ICMHP- IL Children's Mental Health Partnership): The Illinois Children's Mental Health Partnership has rolled out Infant Mental Health consultation to all 6 communities. One agency each community will be provided with the full model, other agencies will receive reflective supervision support and consultation. The agencies receiving the full model are PI agencies as they lost their IMH support in budget cuts. As money becomes available, MIECHV wants to increase the number of agencies that receive the full IMH model.

- e. Medical Home (led by ICAAP- IL Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics): The program will be introduced to all communities as well as medical homes in the six locations, via conference call in November. ICAAP will facilitate AAMs in each community shortly (consisting of key MIECHV staff, medical providers, etc.), with referral procedures and forms as well as outreach messaging in place by January 2013.

- f. 4P's: This screening tool is being used for all pregnant women and women who are up to 6 weeks post-partum.
 - g. Parent Organizing (led by COFI – Community Organizing and Family Issues): [need to see Ellen Schumer's email for update]
- 5. **Competitive Grant**: The Doula RCT (randomized control trial), Doula expansion, and Fussy Baby Network quasi-experimental research projects are proceeding as planned.
- 6. **Training and Peer Learning**: The OECD works with the Ounce on building and strengthening the statewide infrastructure. The Ounce, DHS, and OECD are using a shared calendar to track MIECHV training and meeting dates and to prevent scheduling conflicts. Facilitated by the Ounce in partnership with OECD and DHS, separate Learning Communities (for CSDs and CIs, HVs, HV supervisors, and program administrators) will be convened regularly, starting in December.
- 7. **Model Fidelity and CQI**: MIECHV is working with Positive Parenting and the Ounce on the program credentialing grant. This work will inform MIECHV on what documents and processes should be included in the Social Solutions database to support model fidelity, program quality, and credentialing. An updated CQI plan has been submitted to HRSA and will be led by a state CQI team including OECD, DHS, and CPRD staff.
- 8. **Sustainability**: Teresa Kelly (OECD) and Mike Shaver (CH+A) are leading the HVTF Sustainability Work Group, whose charge is to expand access to high-quality evidence-based home visiting programs for all at-risk children under five years old in Illinois.
- 9. **Research and Evaluation**
 - a. Benchmarks
 - i. UIUC CPRD researchers are working with the authors of the data collection tools to enable the home visitors and researchers to use the tools in all 6 communities and ultimately across the state. The tools are being built into the database for easy access and data collection.
 - ii. CPRD and OECD hosted a session for MIECHV communities to address benchmarks, research, and data collection. CPRD will coordinate our internal research and data collection efforts with MIHOPE as much as possible, to avoid duplication of effort and to minimize disruption to MIECHV families.
 - iii. The HVTF Health Connections Work Group is reviewing the benchmarks in relation to the HV models, and will develop recommendations for increased coordination between the maternal child health and home visiting systems.
 - b. MIHOPE (federal MIECHV evaluation): The MIHOPE evaluation will kick off in Illinois in March 2013.