



Children & Youth with Special Health Care Needs

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CYSHCN COMMUNICATION NETWORK MEETING

April 9, 2020

CYSHCN Communication Network Purpose:

Provide for exchange of information among those programs and entities that serve children with special health care needs and their families, and facilitate an opportunity to learn more about statewide policies, programs and issues critical to this unique population.

Due to the current social distancing requirements enacted by Governor Inslee, Communication Network was conducted entirely in an online format. The format consisted of 3, 1 hour modules separated by breaks of 30-60 minutes.

Member Contact Info at end of document

CYSHCN Program Updates

Staff Updates: Nikki Dyer was not in attendance, as she has been activated to support incident management activities for coronavirus response. Our Process Improvement Specialist position is currently posted for recruitment, as Allison Templeton has taken an epi position. Our program has a new section manager—Rose Quinby, MSW. Rose comes to use from HCA/DBHR where she worked in suicide prevention and children's behavioral health services. She has many years experience working with children's programs and will be supervising the Thriving Children and Youth Section, which includes CYSHCN, Child Health and Adolescent Health.

For more information about the CYSHCN Program contact Michelle Hoffman, CYSHCN Program Manager, michelle.hoffman@doh.wa.gov Feel free to also contact one of the other CYSHCN staff members with specific questions

Child Health Intake Form (CHIF) Database

The CHIF database is almost ready to go live! DOH IT is finalizing one more security piece and then it will be ready to go. We will send you an email with a copy of the updated CHIF manual a few days before it goes live. We will also hold a live webinar training for anyone that needs training. Please don't hesitate to ask any questions before or after it goes live.

For more information, contact Bonnie Burlingham at 360-688-3251 or (bonnie.burlingham@doh.wa.gov).

Washington Statewide Leadership Initiative (WSLI) and DOH Family Engagement

The WSLI coalition is currently having a refresher on Results-Based Accountability as our method for shared measurement of outcomes. The annual, in-person meeting which was being scheduled for May 2020 is on hold and will be rescheduled for the fall of 2020 in order to promote the safety and health of our partners and their families.

Nikki is currently running a Family Navigation Workgroup which meets virtually through November 2020. This group is made up of various clinical and family partners who are interested in providing and/or improving family navigation and care coordination services for all CYSHCN. New members to this workgroup are always welcome.

For more WSLI or DOH Family Engagement information, contact Nikki Dyer at 360-236-3536 or nikki.dyer@doh.wa.gov.

CYSHCN Program Nutrition Updates

The final 2017-2018 WA Nutrition Needs Assessment report has been delayed getting online by COVID-19 response but should be available soon. Nila will be out on maternity leave from approximately early/mid June to early October. She is determined to get the report online and shared with participants before she leaves!

For more information, please contact Nila Williamson at 360-236-3573 or nila.williamson@doh.wa.gov.

Universal Developmental Screening (UDS)

The Department of Health has been working on the development of a UDS data system since July 2019, after being awarded funds by the State Legislature to support this effort. The DOH team has decided to focus initially on developing a minimally viable system that will focus on data input from parents and medical providers and will show when a child has been screened and the results.

Stakeholder engagement this last year has been obtained from Help Me Grow partners including DCYF, Child Care, Head Start and Early Head Start, ECEAP, WithinReach, Best Starts for Kids, Washington Communities for Children and physicians, and research is ongoing to learn what other states are doing along the same lines. Additional stakeholder engagement will be pursued during the next months.

An update on the current status:

- Project is funded through Sept 2021 w/ possible additional into 2022
- Team is currently identifying system requirements
- Will begin work on production August 2020
- Will begin with a minimally viable system: data input from parents and medical providers showing when child was screened and the results
- Future versions will include data input from child care providers and allow for additional information about referrals and supports
- Engaging with stakeholders is a priority in this process

If you have questions about the project, feel free to reach out to Marilyn Dold, UDS Program Coordinator, at marilyn.dold@doh.wa.gov. Leslie Carroll is retiring at the end of May, and handing off her work on this effort to Marilyn. John Tuttle-Gates, Deputy Director of Office of Family and Community Health Engagement, is the UDS data system sponsor.

Healthy Communities LHJ Contracts Updates

We are wrapping up our five-year needs assessment and have selected priorities and performance measures. Further action has been delayed by emergency response, so next steps are on hold. We had to cancel our April meetings with the LHJs in which we planned to discuss the needs assessment as well as revising the LHJ funding model. All decisions are on pause until we get through the worst of this crisis.

For more information, please contact Mary Dussol at 360-236-3781 or mary.dussol@doh.wa.gov.

Presentation Block #1

1. Washington CYSHCN Nutrition Needs Assessment. Speaker: Nila Williamson
2. WIC Program Overview. Speaker: Katie Harding-Mendez

Link: https://youtu.be/5hTHM_mmqkM

Notes: This presentation was recorded. Nila shared an overview of the outcomes of the Nutrition Needs Assessment. The Nutrition Needs Assessment was started by Joan Zerzan before she left for retirement, and Nila worked with epi staff to do comprehensive data analysis and make recommendations for systems improvements in training, access and referral process in order to support CYSHCN with complex nutrition needs. Katie Harding Mendez shared some WIC processes, including how to complete WIC forms for special formulas, how to navigate requests to change formulas due to allergy or sensitivity, and how WIC purchases formula from the manufacturer based on USDA nutritional guidelines. Katie also shared efforts by the WIC program to address shortages of WIC approved products during the COVID-19 pandemic, due to hoarding behaviors and answered some questions. The recorded presentation in its entirety is available at the above link.

Presentation Block #2

1. UW State Nutrition Contract: Supporting Access to Nutrition and Feeding Services for Washington's CYSHCN

Link: <https://youtu.be/NKqJ5HzpBBM>

Notes: This presentation was recorded. Mari Mazon presented on the Nutrition Network contract work. The Nutrition Network is comprised of Registered Dietitians and feeding teams around the state. Feeding teams may be located in hospital settings, outpatient clinics, or in neurodevelopmental centers (NDCs) and are comprised of various credentialed professionals such as Occupational Therapist, Feeding Specialists, Speech Therapists, and sometimes nurses. There are regular training opportunities on a variety of topics. An example of a training that was shared was on the topic of Avoidant Restrictive Food Intake Disorder (ARFID), which is a common occurrence in children with autism and other developmental disabilities. Mari described the impact of sensory processing issues in preventing CYSHCN with ASD/DD from eating a variety of healthy foods, often having an adverse impact on their nutritional needs and optimal development. To view the recorded training, click on the above link.

Presentation Block #3

COVID-19 Facilitated Discussion led by Michelle Hoffman

Notes: This presentation was NOT recorded. Michelle reviewed slides demonstrating online DOH resources with up-to-date info on COVID response, state data, and public Q&A section. Reviewed work on supporting Telemet that CYSHCN Program is involved with through the Medical Home Partnerships Project. Reviewed list of family resources (website list).

Group Discussion:

Tracie Hoppis from Yakima Parent to Parent (P2P): Helping set up programs with Zoom so they can offer virtual family support groups. Wahkiakum no P2P Coordinator but utilizes resources from neighboring Cowlitz. San Juan has a new program coordinator. Tri-County area above Spokane doesn't have P2P coordinator yet - Arc of Spokane P2P Coordinator currently providing support to these counties. www.arcwa.org – go to Parent to Parent page and pull up WA map to find out contact information for coordinators and who has multicultural outreach.

Jill McCormick from PAVE: www.wapave.org videos, support for families with children with disability that are home from school. Zoom meetings regularly for families. Next few weeks PAVE and Family Voices of Washington working together to continue to build information for parent/youth that is family friendly. Build community section to WSLI to share what different counties across the state are doing, or having difficulty with, – to support each other across the state with efforts for families.

This sparked a discussion about whether it would be valuable to identify a central place to house information on COVID online resources for families who have CSHCN. WA chapter of the AAP (WCAAP) building repository of provider resources related to COVID to provide families. Seems like by the end it was agreed upon that families are going to go to websites of organizations they are familiar with and serve their more local community. What might be more beneficial is creating a list of all of our organizations and the COVID resources we have to provide to WCAAP. LHJ's requested this be shared with them as well so that CYSCHN Coordinators can forward to their county networks.

LHJ Coordinators: Andrea Sander Tacoma/Pierce Health Department and Bonnie Peterson from Thurston County shared how their staffing has changed as well as what the families they serve are currently challenged with. They shared many RNs within the LHJs have been reassigned to COVID response and not doing any of their regular work. They are able to connect with families mostly via phone. Both see their clients struggling with their CSHCN being out of school and not getting breaks from caregivers that may have been previously coming into the home. Medical appointments are being cancelled and rescheduled very far out, and many are having difficulty connecting with services (DSHS, TANF, etc.) because of long hold times on the phone and delay in staff at these agencies as they transitioned to remote work. Also seeing lack of essentials with families (wipes, formula, baby food, diapers, etc.). Families not connected with the virtual behavioral health care that is actually up and running – don't know where to go. MCH team in Thurston County utilizing a daily morning Zoom huddle to connect and get updated information to share with families. Have noticed trend that families seem to rely on word of mouth or social media for their information and many in denial of seriousness of COVID or not understanding so they have continued to participate in behaviors and activities that is not recommended like going to work while sick, riding public transit, etc.

Following this sharing from the LHJs as we wrapped up several members shared the following information:

MCOs is another place that families can go for essential items such as formula and diapers.

Lifespan Respite (access from PAVE website) is still open for connecting families to respite.

Great webinar on NW Center for Public Health Practice on 3/31/20 on addressing topics on social media – discussed strategies to engage with anti-vaxxers which have some similarities with COVID.

<http://www.nwcp.org/training/addressing-trending-topics-social-media>

Partner Updates:

University of Washington CSHCN Nutrition Project at CHDD

Mari Mazon, MS, RDN, CD and Sarah Harsh, MS, RDN, CD
depts.washington.edu/cshcnut/

The Nutrition Training contract between the CSHCN Program, DOH, and CHDD-UW, provides training and technical assistance to registered dietitian nutritionists (RDNs) that are part of the CSHCN Nutrition Network, and to Community Feeding Teams, as well as projects related to improving nutrition through medical nutrition therapy and feeding team services.

Nutrition Network (NN) Training and Development

Nutrition Network Training – We held a 2-day training on Thursday-Friday, January 30-31, 2020 at the UW Center on Human Development & Disability. Ten RDNs serving 16 counties and 1 Pediatric Pulmonary Center nutrition trainee attended.

Nutrition Network Webinar – We held a 3-hour webinar on Thursday, February 27, 2020. Pediatrician Jeannie Larsen, MD provided a training on Promoting First Relationships in the context of infant feeding. Seventy people attended this training including 27 Nutrition Network members, 20 community feeding team members, and 9 CSHCN coordinators.

Nutrition Network Meeting – This annual event scheduled for Monday, April 27, 2020 will now be conducted virtually. Agenda topics include Nutrition and Autism updates, drug-nutrient interactions seen in children with Autism or ADHD, how RDNs can partner with feeding therapists, and updates on commercial food-based enteral formulas.

WA Community Feeding Teams

Feeding Team Meeting – This annual event scheduled for Tuesday, April 27, 2020 will now be conducted virtually. Agenda topics include fragile infant feeding and updates on the hospital to early intervention referral process.

Hospital to Home Transition

Hospital to Home Work Group – Discussions continued with UWMC NICU and Northwest Center on developing a training curriculum for nutrition and feeding professionals who work with fragile infants in the community.

Questions? Contact Mari Mazon, MS, RDN, CD 206-598-3025 or (lilmaro@uw.edu) or Sarah Harsh (sbharsh@uw.edu).



Washington State Fathers Network (WSFN)

Louis Mendoza

www.fathersnetwork.org

As a result of the response to COVID-19 several WSFN activities did not take place:

- Two Dads and Kids Playgroups in March
- Dads and Kids Gaming event in March at the Seattle Microsoft Store
- All dad support groups did not meet in March. Some have or are in the process of moving to virtual meetings.

The WSFN is heading up the effort at Kinderling to do monthly Spanish language broadcasts over radio station KKMO, El Rey, 1360 AM. These broadcasts will provide information that will be of interest and helpful to parents who have children with special health care needs. The first show was Tuesday, March 31st and focused on the topic of meeting

the social emotional needs of children during the COVID-19 outbreak. The shows are scheduled for the last Tuesday of each month, through July 2020, from 3:00-4:00 p.m. The hope is to extend them past the July timeframe.

Telling Your Story with a Purpose workshops were done in Mt. Vernon and Bellingham. A modified and shortened version of the workshop was done for members of the Statewide Fatherhood Council.

Two Network members participated on a parent panel for the University of Washington, Department of Rehabilitative Medicine.

As a member of the Statewide Fatherhood Council, Louis is serving on a subcommittee to help establish the Council's Mission and Vision statements.

At the request of the National Organization of Rare Disorders I was able to find them a panelist (single male with a parent, child or sibling living with him) to serve on a panel, about relationships, at their national conference in Cleveland.



Family to Family Health Information Center (F2FHIC)
Jill McCormick
www.familyvoicesofwashington.com

Some of the main activities in the past quarter have been:

- A Covid-19 dedicated page on www.familyvoicesofwashington.com
- Worked with Family Voices National on a Genetics RFP/Grant for National Family outreach and information center funding
- Worked with Regional Pulmonary Center on Regional Grant in Partnership with Idaho and Oregon's F2F Directors.
- Closed out the FYSPRT contract and now support the work as an ally
- Washington Statewide Leadership Initiative (WSLI) in-person meeting postponed to September if it is feasible.
- Developing a shared space for WSLI participants to share ideas, tips, and materials around Covid-19 in our state on the WSLI website
- Working with CSHCN on a 5-state collaboration around Family Leadership development for underserved communities. Our 5-member group is working with three tribal communities in Clallam County.

What's coming up next Quarter):

- Work with other organizations and state supports to provide coordinated information around Covid-19 in our state and trusted/vetted resources.
- Working with other organizations to develop new innovative ways to provide information and learning opportunities during social distancing.
- Continue to participate on National groups to stay connected with information as it develops and share out.

ColIN
Submitted by Jill McCormick
Funded through Health, Resources, and Services Administration (HRSA) for the support and training around Children and Youth with Special Healthcare Needs. Grant Cycle: June 1, 2015 – May 30, 2019

Family to Family work on the ColIN grant this quarter consists of:

- Increased in person support by the two family support navigators.
- Increased data around which forms of support families respond to and when the introduction of the family navigator support is most effective.
- The virtual Support group seems to be overwhelming for many families with participation being inconsistent and few. It was decided to add an invite only Facebook page to the virtual support. The launch has been delayed until April 10th due to Covid-19 concentrated activity for PAVE staff but the information will go out to all participants in the program including any graduated families. The hope is to utilize the Facebook page as some of the sustainable activities being looked at for the grant.

Lifespan Respite of WA (LRW)

Submitted by Jill McCormick

Funded by Aging & Long-Term Services Administration (ALTSA) September 1, 2018 – August 30, 2020

There have been some changes in how Lifespan Respite prioritizes applications. Aging and Long-Term Services Administration (ALTSA) has changed the categories to counties east of the Cascades, Counties west of the Cascades, and Traumatic Brain Injury for the specific funds included through the Traumatic Brain Injury Council. PAVE also recently was awarded a grant from the Dana and Christopher Reeves Foundation for Spinal Cord Injury respite support with Military being one of the focal points. The website www.lifespanrespitewa.org has created some new features including a simpler online application and a searchable Respite Provider [access point](#). LRW has 57 contracted Respite Providers Agencies (RPA) contracted and 3 more waiting on completed status.

Lifespan Respite is a program that awards of 90 day \$1000 vouchers for respite to unpaid caregivers who have no other access to respite. The number of vouchers awarded from September 2019 through February 2020 is 176 with more having been awarded in March. With the impact of Covid-19 many families and some provider agencies have put respite on hold to play it safe. ALTSA has requested an extension for all vouchers until July 30th to ensure that all families are able to utilize their vouchers.

PAVE would like to honor and acknowledge the 20 years of work that Linda Porter has dedicated to the development and delivery of respite in Washington State. She has moved on to a position at another agency and we will miss her knowledge and wisdom. If you have questions about Lifespan Respite you can visit the website listed above or contact either Jill McCormick at jmccormick@wapave.org or Tracy Kahlo at tkahlo@wapave.org.

Neurodevelopmental Centers (NDCs) Update

Jodi VanVleet, Children's Therapy Center

www.birthtothree.org, www.boyercc.org, www.childrensdevelopmentalcenter.org, childstrive.org, www.ctckids.org, encompassnw.org, www.guildschool.org, www.hollyridge.org, www.innovativeservicesnw.org, www.kindering.org, www.multicare.org/marybridge/developmental-services, www.peacehealth.org/st-joseph, www.theprogresscenter.org, www.providence.org/everett/, www.sparckids.org, www.skagitvalleyhospital.org, www.tlcwhidbey.org, www.valleymed.org, www.yakimachildredivillage.org/

Children's Therapy Center has gone entirely virtual. With a huge effort by all our teams and support staff (IT, Billing, Admin, Insurance, HR, etc.) we rapidly converted to all virtual visits for both our 0 to 3 and 3-18 populations. Our teachers and therapists are providing virtual groups, our therapists are providing OT, PT and SLP services and we continue to take referrals. All teams are doing remote evaluations. Our creative staff are compiling and sharing resources to use with and send to families. This includes resources for basic needs in this stressful and uncertain time. We continue to work through some challenges as we move forward. HCA's rapid response to provide interpreter coverage for virtual visits is so appreciated. We're also grateful for ESIT's King and Pierce Counties funding for devices and data needed to access teleintervention for families enrolled in early intervention. We continue to look for ways to fund similar needs in our 3-18 population (families without smartphones, tablets, and/or internet). Resources for funding for hot spots and devices would be appreciated!

Kindering

Summary

Kindering, now in its 58th year, provides leading-edge therapies and special education for infants and toddlers with disabilities, delays, and other risk factors from sites in Bellevue, Bothell and Renton, and as of April 2019, Redmond as well. These services range from inclusive preschool programming and speech, feeding, and motor therapies, to supporting young children experiencing homelessness or living in foster and kinship care, as well as a range of family support services for parents and siblings of children with special needs. In the past year, Kindering served over 6,500 children and their families with gold-standard services.

Updates

• COVID-19 has provided Kindering with as many challenges as it has successes. We have transitioned to fully providing all our services remotely through telehealth. Thankfully, we've been providing some services virtually on an as-needed basis since 2016, so we were able to make this transition fairly seamlessly. Our therapists and special educators have been creative and dedicated in finding new ways to connect with families and even offer our group classes online. We're thankful to the foresight of past leadership, setting us up to succeed virtually. Because of this, we've been able to work with King County to aid other organizations in best practices for providing teleinterventions.

- In the past month, we've provided more than 2,000 teleintervention sessions and have conducted 56 developmental evaluations remotely. We've seen lots of change in the past several weeks, but we remain committed to serving infants and children, and their families, with gold-standard therapies and special education.
- One challenge we're facing is making sure that each family we serve has the adequate access to technology that makes teleintervention possible. We are working to make sure no child is denied services because of inequity in our community.
- We're working with insurance companies to make sure that our teleintervention sessions are covered to the same extent that our in-person therapy sessions are. Our billing manager has reached out individually to each insurance company to assist families in getting the coverage they need. We are continually inspired by the commitment of our staff to ensuring that we don't miss a moment in a child's critical early development window.

Upcoming Community Events

We are happy to offer our Speaker Series via Zoom. We are still securing dates and times for these to be available, but please visit our Facebook page ([facebook.com/kinderingcenter](https://www.facebook.com/kinderingcenter)) for updates.

SPARC

SPARC has been closed since March 17 and only providing services via telephone, zoom or other virtual platform. Our teachers and therapists are very creative and have been recording story/circle times and then posting the recording on a virtual platform for families to watch. The last few months was spent preparing for our yearly auction, only to cancel it. We are bummed, but looking for other ways to bring in funds that we would have normally received. I don't like this virus, but I do appreciate how it is forcing us to think outside the box. Overall, we are all well and getting through this challenging time.

Children's Therapy Program Skagit Valley Hospital

We are currently closed and trying to move to telehealth. Our staff has been outsourced to labor pools in the hospital.

Valley Medical Center

Doing what we can to support families...

Kari J. Tanta, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA
Rehab Manager, Children's Therapy
Clinical Assistant Professor, Rehabilitation Medicine

Birth to Three Developmental Center

Birth to Three Developmental Center is up and running! We are still taking referrals and providing services through tele-intervention. We will begin providing evaluations through tele-health on April 13th. Our inclusive child care center is temporarily closed. Child care teachers are providing daily activities and books for the children in their classes through zoom.

Peace Health Children's Therapy

At this time Peace Health Children's therapy is closed for 4 weeks until April 20th. We will reassess the week prior and hopefully not have to extend but everything remains uncertain. We are not doing tele-visits at this time.



Department of Children, Youth, and Families
Early Support for Infants and Toddlers (DCYF-ESIT)

Lori Holbrook
www.dcyf.wa.gov/esit

Welcome Brian Frisina, ESIT Tribal Liaison:

Please help us welcome ESIT's new Tribal Liaison, Brian Frisina. In his new role, Brian will support the ESIT state leadership team in building new relationships and strengthening existing relationships with our Tribal Part C IDEA partners across the state of Washington.

Brian comes to us with a Master's degree in Tribal Governance from the Evergreen State College and nearly 20 years working in state government. His work has focused on supporting information needs through research and effective communication.

Brian has a depth of experience working with many diverse communities concentrating on "Tribal Nations". Over the years, he has been a driving force in both his community, and workplace promoting diversity, equality, equity, and inclusion related to *all* Tribal Nations especially those Nations that allow him to live in their home territories. Brian lives in Lacey Washington with his two kids, his daughter 14 and his son 12.



ESIT Staff Recruitment: Please find details regarding the most current list of Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF) job postings at: <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/washington?keywords=dcyf>.

ESIT Response to COVID-19 Pandemic:

Effective March 19, 2020, the Department of Children, Youth, and Families, as the State Lead Agency for the statewide ESIT program, has suspended face-to-face (in-person) services statewide through April 24, 2020. Providers have focused on creative strategies to continue to sustain relationships and engage families in important services by maximizing the use of technology for parent coaching to provide services to children and families. Other creative strategies such as virtual story time sessions, parent groups, and using YouTube channels as a tool for supporting 'virtual intake' processes, training and information sharing in support of both new referrals and currently enrolled families.

The Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) recently provided [Policy Guidance Regarding Service Provision During the Coronavirus Disease 2019 Outbreak](#). This Questions and Answers document outlines states' responsibilities for both Part B and Part C IDEA services to infants, toddlers and children with disabilities and their families, and to the staff serving these children during the COVID-19 outbreak. Questions specific to Part C can be found in Section B. DCYF has also posted coronavirus updates and early intervention providers can submit COVID-19 questions to dcyf.covid-19@dcyf.wa.gov and please courtesy copy dcyf.esit@dcyf.wa.gov.

Parent Institute for Engagement (PIE):

The previous virtual PIE meeting was on February 18, 2020. During this meeting, members reviewed and provided feedback on the following items:

- 1) Procedural Safeguards – Parent Rights Brochure
- 2) Procedural Safeguards – Parent Rights Handout.
- 3) PIE Cohort 3 Application and Recruitment Flyer

Interested members signed up for a Procedural Safeguards workgroup to make the resources more family friendly. Members discussed and signed up to facilitate the March 10 Family Resources Coordinator (FRC) training. Members will also help facilitate the FRC Year 2 training on April 14.

The next virtual PIE meeting is April 24, 2020. For additional information about the leadership opportunities available through PIE, contact Vanessa Allen, ESIT Family Engagement Coordinator at vanessa.allen@dcyf.wa.gov.

State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP):

Under the leadership of the Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF), the Early Support for Infants and Toddlers (ESIT) program submitted the **Washington State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP) Phase III-Year Four Final Report** to the federal Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) on March 30, 2020. This report describes performance on State Performance Plan Indicator C11, which included a comprehensive, data-

driven process for the development, implementation and evaluation of a strategic, multi-year plan to improve results for infants and toddlers with developmental disabilities and their families. The State Interagency Coordinating Council (SICC) continues to practice and model expanded levels of stakeholder engagement throughout its expanded sub-committee structure. Broad agency, programmatic, community and parental involvement will continue to be at the forefront of the multi-year plan.

Washington's **State-identified Measurable Result (SiMR) is to increase the percentage of infants and toddlers with disabilities who will substantially increase their rate of growth in positive social-emotional skills, including social relationships, by the time they exit the early intervention program.** Outcome A (the percentage of infants/toddlers with Individualized Family Service Plans (IFSPs) demonstrating improved positive social-emotional skills) of the Washington SPP/APR is the primary performance measure. As of Phase III, Year 4 there have been 10 sites (16 agencies total) with local implementation teams who have spearheaded activities serving the following counties: (Cohort 1) Columbia, Walla Walla, Island, Pierce, Yakima, (Cohort 2) Clark, Klickitat, Pacific, Skamania, Chelan, Douglas, Grant, Thurston, Grays Harbor, South Mason, (Cohort 3) Kitsap, North Mason, Lewis, Garfield and Whitman.

Washington's FFY 2018 performance data for the SSIP indicates a significant increase in the percentage of children (59.06%) who entered the program below age expectations in social-emotional development and substantially increased their rate of growth, compared to the FFY 2017 performance data (56.74%). The target for FFY 2018 was 58.25%, set by stakeholders based on baseline performance data (56.38%) established in FFY 2014. If you would like to learn more about the SSIP, please contact Adrienne O'Brien, ESIT Training & Technical Assistance Manager at adrienne.obrien@dcyf.wa.gov.

State Interagency Coordinating Council (SICC):

The next SICC meeting is on Wednesday, April 15 at 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. This meeting may end earlier than 3 p.m. due to being 100% virtual.

State Interagency Coordinating Council Vacancies:

The SICC is actively recruiting candidates for the following vacancies:

- Head Start
- Tribal Leader (any WA tribe)
- Tribal Part C Provider (Bureau of Indian Education funded)

Interested persons are encouraged to [apply by completing the application on the Governor's website](#). In the drop-down list, the SICC is titled "*Infants & Toddlers with Disabilities and their Families*."

If you have questions, please contact [Sue Rose](#), ESIT Stakeholder Engagement Manager at sue.rose@dcyf.wa.gov.

Roadmap for Early Support for Infants and Toddlers State Funding Distribution:

In planning for the transfer of state appropriations for the provision of early intervention services for children ages birth to three, from the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) to the Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF), a process for exploring viable and sustainable funding distribution options was developed. This process reflected a *strong commitment to interactive and inclusionary stakeholder engagement* including the pivotal role of the full State Interagency Coordinating Council (SICC) and its Finance Committee.

The process for identifying, querying, and testing potential funding distribution option(s) was captured in an illustration titled **Planning for ESIT Funding Distribution ■ Roadmap with Stakeholder Intersections** (August 2019 – March 2020). The **Roadmap** included five mileposts with three strategically weaved stakeholder intersections.

As a result of the motion moved and passed by the full SICC, the **ESIT State Funding Distribution Proposal** was submitted to DCYF senior leadership in early February 2020 by Darci Ladwig, Chairperson of the State Interagency Coordinating Council (SICC). The proposal recommended implementation of a county-based rate structure weighted by enrollment, which was one of the three funding distribution options under review by diverse stakeholders and the full SICC. For additional information and to learn more about next steps in the planning process contact Valerie Arnold, ESIT Strategic Innovations Advisor at valerie.arnold@dcyf.wa.gov.

ESIT Bill Signed by Governor Inslee

The Early Support for Infants and Toddlers (ESIT) bill ([SHB2787](#)) was signed by Governor Inslee on March 19. This bill is for completing the funding transfer from the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction to the Department of Children, Youth, and Families.

Watch the bill signing here (min. 7:22): <https://www.facebook.com/WaStateGov/videos/209167157068269/>

Thank you to everyone who helped support the passing of this bill. Please be sure to thank your legislators for their support! If you questions about implementation of the ESIT Bill, please contact Allison Krutsinger, Deputy Director of Government Affairs at allison.krutsinger@dcyf.wa.gov.

Yakima County and Washington State Parent 2 Parent

Tracie Hoppis

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Yakima Co

- CSHCN Lead participating in DOH/CYSHCN Family Navigation Workgroup
- In partnership with ESD 105, coordinated Kick-off meeting for Yakima County Interagency Transition Network on 2/4/20. 23 members attended (including ESD 105, schools, parents, DDA, DVR, League of Education Voters, PAVE, Parent to Parent, CSHCN team); presentation by Office of the Education Ombuds
- Children's Village closed mid March; many appointments are now being scheduled as telephone or virtual health visits. Urgent visits including cardiology are still be scheduled on-site. All Parent to Parent groups moved to virtual platform.

Washington State Parent to Parent

- We supported the purchase of Zoom subscriptions for all P2P Programs (thanks to support from DOH). Most P2P programs are now offering virtual support and parent training opportunities. Several programs are also offering Sibshops sibling support via Zoom, as well as social/recreational activities and groups for children and youth with special needs.
- Regional Spring Trainings postponed and may be offered virtually, if unable to meet in person.
- New multicultural outreach lead, Patty Gonzalez- Arc of King County, was announced as P2P state lead for multicultural programs. In this role Patty will offer support and technical assistance to the 12 multicultural outreach programs/coordinators across the state. At the end of the grant period (September 30) outcomes and benefits will be assessed to determine the value and future feasibility for this position.

HealthCare Authority

The Health Care Authority has information about novel coronavirus (COVID-19) on its website, at <https://www.hca.wa.gov/information-about-novel-coronavirus-covid-19>. Medically necessary testing and treatment will be covered by Apple Health. There are new billing codes to use for testing and treatment for coronavirus.

Reminder that telehealth/telemedicine is covered for medically necessary services. More providers than ever are prepared to work with telehealth services, including pediatrics and behavioral health. (Note: telehealth does not include phone-only services).

Changes in eligibility for Apple Health during the COVID-19 pandemic can be found at: <https://www.hca.wa.gov/assets/free-or-low-cost/apple-health-eligibility-covid-19-faq.pdf>. Renewals due in March or April do not have to be submitted at this time, and most terminations from coverage will be stopped.

For COVID-19 billing, coding, or telehealth policy questions, contact HCAAH_COVID19@hca.wa.gov

For COVID-19 behavioral health questions, contact HCADBHRBHCVID19@hca.wa.gov. Add the topic to the email subject line (for example, Foundational Community Supports, Residential SUD).

Starting July 1, 2020, bed and pillow covers for enrollees under 21 diagnosed with asthma and dust mite sensitivity will be covered when they are medically necessary, and without prior authorization. Check with your Managed Care Organization to find out how to obtain these supplies.

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