Moving Toward a Statewide Home Visiting System

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Partner Updates

- Home Visiting in the 2014-2015 NYS Enacted Budget

- Work done with the Council on Children and Families, with SPARC
  - Blending & Braiding
Vision:
- All families expecting a child or that have young children should have access to high quality home visiting services and connected community supports that together promote health, mental health, parenting, self-sufficiency, and school readiness.

Developing a comprehensive home visitation system
- Authorizing language exists in statute. As we move forward, we will review to determine if a statutory change is necessary.

Lessons from national and state partners
- Purpose
- Key findings and recurring themes
Elements of a Statewide System

Potential Strategies for Moving Toward a System
Single site of accountability

- Collaborative structure to maximize resources and prevent duplication of administration
- Single site of reporting to address needs and gaps in services
- Spearhead quality and improvements to better support families
Braided or blended state funds

- Blended or braided funding from the State to centralized community collaboratives to support multiple programs

- Minimize administrative duplication, freeing up funding for services.
Uniform Community Central Intake

• Families need a single point of access or no wrong door to access
  • Streamlined process with State oversight, but allow flexibility for each community.

• Uniform access to services will make it easier for families and providers to connect to home visiting programs.
Triage to programs

- Many evidence-based models serve different types of families.
  - Triage process can assess family’s needs and make appropriate referral
  - Track demographics of families served; demonstrate types of programs needed.
Comprehensive community needs assessments would inform State as to which programs are needed.

Waiting lists demonstrate community need so that the right programs get funded for each community.

- To reduce duplication a single waiting list should encompass health, child welfare, and early learning.
Discussion

• What is missing?
• What is your agency/organization’s vision?
  • Does it include these elements?
  • Align elements with state vision

• Next meeting:
  • Oct. 24th
Other Statewide Initiatives
Expand Access to Connect Families
Statewide Initiatives That Would Expand Access

- In addition to a statewide system, there are separate initiatives that would expand access to home visiting programs
  - Independent of the system, but support system and programs
Universal touch to capture families

- Low-touch models reach families early to minimize stigma; capture families that are slipping through
  - Model: Durham Connects, Durham, NC

- Provides referrals for families that need longer term home visiting
• Assure every county uses home visiting as part of:
  • Preventive services
  • Family reunification plans
  • Post-adoption services
  • Court improvement project.
Family Economic Supports

• OTDA is a missing state agency partner in home visiting.

• Home visiting programs need relationships with programs that provide economic assistance for families.
The State implemented a care coordination system through health homes to serve Medicaid members with two or more chronic conditions.

- Home visiting programs may have members who do not qualify.

- Primary vehicle of expanding care coordination
Education: Assure children are ready to learn

• As NY expands access to UPK need to leverage the ability home visiting programs have to help children enter pre-k ready to learn.
Budget Priorities

- Budget Requests?
• What is missing?
• Which initiatives have the potential to become NYS policy?
  • How do we get there?
• Next steps:
  • Work groups
  • Next meetings