Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems Grant (ECCS) Update

Early Childhood Advisory Council

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MISSION

- The mission of the Prevention and Health Promotion Administration is to protect, promote and improve the health and well-being of all Marylanders and their families through provision of public health leadership and through community-based public health efforts in partnership with local health departments, providers, community based organizations, and public and private sector agencies, giving special attention to at-risk and vulnerable populations.

VISION

- The Prevention and Health Promotion Administration envisions a future in which all Marylanders and their families enjoy optimal health and well-being.
Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems (ECCS) Grant

- Small Title V linked HRSA Grant focused on improving the system of care for young children (birth to age 3) and their families

- ECAC serves as the State team
- ECHMHSC serves as the “trauma” team

(2013-2016) focus on “Mitigating toxic stress” and Trauma in Early Childhood
  - Three Goals
Update on ECCS Goal #1

To educate a broad range of early childhood providers, families, communities and stakeholders about the critical importance of development during infant and early childhood.

- Working with University of Maryland Center for Infant Study to create messaging and materials on mitigating toxic stress and adverse childhood experiences
- Working on a listserv to help inform our stakeholders and partners of the work going on within ECCS
- Working on identifying toxic stress and trauma focused activities in early childhood in Maryland
Update on Goal #2

To enhance State and local early childhood systems, including MIECHV and Project LAUNCH, that are currently focused on creating a trauma informed system for early childhood in Maryland

- Working with MIECHV on promoting Trauma Informed SEFEL
- Serving on the committee for the MD Home Visiting Consortium Conference - March 25, 2015 - several trauma informed sessions being planned
- Supporting part time Young Child Wellness Coordinator for Project LAUNCH
- Participating in Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Certificate Program
Update on Goal #3

Work with partners to promote expansion and coordination of networks of evidence based/informed supports and treatment for families identified with trauma.

- Working with local ECAC’s to plan and organize three regional “Mitigating Toxic Stress” Conferences in June 2015
  - Baltimore Metro area – June 16
  - Salisbury – June 23
  - Hagerstown - June 30
  - Expect 300-350 participants across three meetings.

- Agenda includes:
  - SAMHSA Keynotes
  - Upside Down Organization, Beyond Poverty training
  - Center for Infant Study, Impact of Toxic stress on Parenting
  - Collective Impact Activities
Thank you for your support!

Any questions?
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