

Minutes – March 16, 2016
NJ Council for Young Children (NJCYC) – Infant-Child Health Committee (IHC)
 ○ **NJ Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems/Help Me Grow (ECCS/HMG)**
 ○ **Project Launch Statewide Meeting**

Agenda Topics	Discussion	Action	Person(s) Responsible
Welcome and Introductions	<p>Participants introduced themselves – name, job title and agency represented, if applicable. There were a total of 53 participants at the IHC Meeting. We had 13 first time attendees, 5 on the conference line, 2 parent partners and 1 new partner that attended this meeting (Nurse Consultants for DCP&P).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ericka Dickerson encouraged all the IHC Committee members to continue to bring parent partners to the IHC meetings. ○ Partner updates process is working. All partner updates need to be submitted the week before the IHC meetings. Reminder emails were sent and partner updates were received for the March 16th IHC meeting. We will continue with this process. The partner updates will also continue to be posted on the NJ CYC. ○ Web conferencing was setup and used for the first time in the IHC meeting by Andrea O’Neal and the staff at the DCF Professional Center. 	Opportunities to network prior to start of meeting, during break and following the meeting!	Ericka Dickerson IHC Chair
Update on IHC Workgroups, IHC Focus, Parent and Community Partner Participation	<p>Ericka Dickerson provided a brief overview for each of the IHC Workgroups: Physician/Health Providers Workgroup, Linking Protocol Workgroup, Information Sharing Workgroup and Central Phone Line Workgroup. The need for parent partners in each workgroup was encouraged.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Central Phone Line tentative launch date is April 18th. 	Information Item	Ericka Dickerson- IHC Chair
Recognitions	<p>The Statewide Parent Advocacy Network and the NJ Community of Care Consortium awarded a plaque to honor Malia Corde – SPAN, Caroline Coffield – The Boggs Center and Deepa Srinivasavaradan-SPAN and Ericka Dickerson - NJ DCF with the Parent-Professional Collaboration Award for their work in NJ on behalf of enhancing early screening for families served by FQHC’s, Early Childhood Centers and Home Visiting Programs.</p>	Awards Received	Diana Autin – SPAN Executive Co-Director
IHC Stakeholder Partner Survey Results	<p>Kristen Ojo, Project LAUNCH Evaluator from John’s Hopkins University, presented the second annual Stakeholder Partner Survey: Infant-Child Health Committee results through web conferencing. She reviewed the purpose of the survey that was administered to the IHC participants at the September 16th, 2015 meeting. She highlighted the results and asked IHC partners to relay any other information that would be beneficial to add to the next survey. The Stakeholder Survey helps IHC partners to understand how collaborations evolves during the course of the NJ Project LAUNCH activities. It also helps to identify opportunities to strengthen and support interactions among all our partners who are committed to promoting the well-being of the population (Birth-Age 8). The survey included: participant and organizational characteristics, Wilder Collaboration Factors Inventory, Interagency Collaborative Activities Scale, connections and collaborations in the past 12 months. Overall levels of collaboration remain high. On average, survey participants collaborated with 26 organizations. The value of participating in 3 or more</p>	Survey Results Discussed	Kristen Ojo – Project LAUNCH Evaluator from John Hopkins University

<p>Parent Linking Program and PSNJ Expansion</p>	<p>ICHC meetings was noted and discussed. It was reported that over half of all collaborations included a follow-up connection. Since the survey results were positive it was discussed that maybe the next survey could include questions regarding how collaboration is happening between all the ICHC partners. How is the ICHC meeting becoming even more effective? Another possible option to add to the survey is to collect information about where the particular organizations serve, in which county and are there services statewide so we can connect services to the needs in the state. The positive results from the survey are a testament to the success and benefits of actively participating in the Infant-Child Health Committee.</p> <p>A presentation was provided by Office of School Linked Services on “Building a System of Care and Sustainability for Expectant and Parenting Teens”. The Office of School Linked Services Purpose: OSLS oversees the implementation of prevention and intervention programs that are comprehensive, multifaceted and build on the strengths of young people and assist them in achieving their educational and life goals. Array of School Linked Services are School Based Youth Services Programs (SBYSP), Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Initiative (APPI), Prevention of Juvenile Delinquency (PJD), Family Friendly Centers (FFC), 2nd Floor Youth Helpline, Newark Health SBHC, Parent Linking Program (PLP) NJ Child Assault Prevention (NJ CAP) and the Traumatic Loss Coalition. There was an overview about the Parent Linking Program (PLP) and the Promoting Success for Pregnant and Parenting Teens in NJ (PSNJ) Expansion. The goal of the PLP is to support expectant and parenting teens by reducing the barriers that can impede their ability to complete their education and safely care for their child. PLP expansion increased funding and staffing with new policies and procedures which included more program processes which in turn are reaching more students with services and evidence-based curricula which have created a greater impact and better program outcomes. An interactive on-line health education module is being created for expectant and parenting teens that participate in WIC through a collaboration of DOH Child and Adolescent Health Programs and WIC. They are hoping the interactive module will be ready July 2016. Fatherhood Health Relationships Initiative Youth Advocate Programs, Inc. (YAP) – the purpose of this initiative is to support community father engagement efforts in the target communities. (Promote healthy relationships, build and/or strengthen social supports, education and employment achievement for expectant and parenting young fathers and fathers of adolescents) YAP components are relationship skills education, parenting education, job skills training and Strengthening Families: Five Protective Factors.</p>	<p>Presentation by Office of School Linked Services - Family and Community Partnership</p>	<p>Lee Fowler and Jill Brown – DCF OSLS - FCP</p>
<p>Pyramid Model/Keeping Babies and Children in Mind</p>	<p>A presentation was provided on the pyramid model and updates for implementation in our state. The Pyramid Model was developed by the Center on the Social and Emotional Foundations for Early Learning (CSEFEL). CSEFEL is focused on promoting the social and emotional development and school readiness of young children birth to age 5. The Pyramid Model provides guidance for early childhood special education, early intervention personnel, early educators, families and other professionals on the evidence-based practices for promoting young children’s healthy social / emotional development. (Empathy can’t be taught but it can be caught)</p> <p>Evolution of the Teaching Pyramid – Universal: Building Positive Relationships with children, families and other professionals – Supportive responsive relationships among adults and children is an essential component to promote healthy social emotional development. Supportive environments – High Quality early childhood environments promote positive outcomes for all children.</p>	<p>Presentation – Montclair State University: Center for Autism and Early Childhood Mental Health</p>	<p>Gerard Costa – MSU-Director: Autism and Early Childhood Mental Health Kaitlin Mulcahy - Associate Director: Center for Autism and Early Childhood Mental Health</p>

