

The Department of Services for Children, Youth and Their Families

Division of Prevention & Behavioral Health Services

"Integrating prevention, early intervention and mental health to enhance services for children & families"

Delaware



PROJECT
LAUNCH

Linking Actions for Unmet Needs in Children's Health

12/15/2015 Report

Delaware Early Childhood Council/Wilmington Early Care and Education Council Joint Meeting

- **Project LAUNCH Community Partners**
 - Have been meeting since December 2014 providing community input to shape Project efforts and promote activities throughout the catchment area.
- **DECC Partnership-** State level Young Child Wellness Council for Delaware Project LAUNCH
 - Mary Moor continues to serve on the Goal 1 Subcommittee, A Healthy Start for All Children/The Whole Child, whose focus closely matches the specific goals of Project LAUNCH. *Thank you to DECC for its ongoing support of Delaware Project LAUNCH!*
- **WECEC Partnership-**Local level Young Child Wellness Council for Delaware Project LAUNCH
 - Mindy Webb represents Project LAUNCH on WECEC. The Council provides ongoing advice and support around meeting the five Project LAUNCH strategies (screening and assessment, integrating behavioral health in primary care, mental health consultation in early care and education, enhanced home visiting, and family strengthening) within the local community of focus. *Thank you to WECEC for its ongoing support of Delaware Project LAUNCH!*
- **Raising Community Awareness and Increasing Partnerships**
 - Messages and Communications Subcommittee initiated 11/23/2015 to craft outreach materials and opportunities around the five strategies of Project LAUNCH and its facilitation within the community of focus.
 - Project LAUNCH presented at the Hanover Readiness Dream Team meeting on 12/12/2015. Our team will partner to support activities related to Transition, Readiness and Community Awareness. A Kindergarten Readiness Toolkit (bilingual) was developed by the team and distribution plans are underway and will be collaboratively supported by Delaware Project LAUNCH representatives, Michelle Kery, Early Childhood Mental Health Consultant and Julie MacDonald, Delaware Stars TA.
- **Direct Services Updates**
 - Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation (ECMHC) – Michelle Kery, LPCMH: Eight programs are currently receiving services impacting 13 teachers and 87 young children. We hope to see those numbers grow through continued outreach efforts.
 - Delaware Stars TA – Julie MacDonald, M.Ed.: Through partnership with the University of Delaware, in November a dedicated Stars TA, started work within the Project catchment area. 10 programs have been engaged (8 Family-based Programs, 1 Center and 1 School-aged Before and After School Programs)
 - Intensive Family Consultation (IFC) – Brittney Dennis, MSW: To date six families have received this service - 7 adults and 13 children. We anticipate seeing those numbers grow through continued outreach efforts.
 - Nemours – Screening and Assessment and the Integration of Behavioral Health in Primary Care – Meghan Walls, Psy.D: Design and implementation of services related to screening, assessment and parent education underway within the Nemours Jessup Street and St. Francis clinics.
- **Upcoming Activities**
 - Federal Site Visit planned for January 20 and 21, 2016. ***DETAILS PENDING***