

INDIANA EARLY LEARNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Child Development and Well Being Workgroup

Meeting Minutes Summary

October 22, 2015

10:00am – 12:00pm

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Charlie Geier

Tammy Veselsky

Alonzo Weems

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Attendees: Connie Sherman, Julie Burns, Christina Commons, John Peirce, Erin Kissling, Lisa Henley, Carrie Bale, Amanda Lopez; **On phone:** Kim Rhodes, Kresha Warnock, Mary Ann West, Janice Katz, and Christina Furbee

Key Topics Discussed:

New Members: John Peirce, Big 5 Collaborative; Mary Ann West, State Department of Health; Stacy Herald, Department of Child Services

ELAC Updates

- Save the Date for the Annual Kickoff Meeting on January 14th for all ELAC workgroups has been sent out;
- ELAC Annual Report will be sent out in December, instead of June, to better align with the legislative session beginning in January.

Help Me Grow

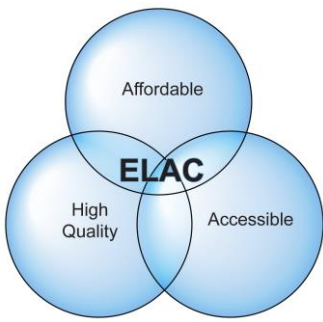
- [Help Me Grow](#) is a statewide system that facilitates interaction between early education and the health system;
- John and Mary Ann participated in a preliminary call about the feasibility of implementing Help Me Grow in Indiana.
- There are 23 states implementing Help Me Grow.

ZERO TO THREE Presentation on Health and Early Learning Follow-Up

- Presentation and handouts are in the Wiggio workgroup folder;
- Discussed opportunities for Indiana to better integrate our early learning and health systems. Members discussed various state initiatives underway that are working in these two arena with some crossover.

Relevant Indiana Initiatives

- Project LAUNCH
- Happy Babies
- Early Evaluation Hubs
- Child Care Resource and Referral
- Child Care Aware, TA
- Riley Child Development Center, infant-toddler mental health



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endorsement

- IACCRR CLIMBS Project
- Nemours, 75 sites and cohorts
- Governor's Commission of Improving the Status of Children in Indiana
- Labor of Love
- Partnerships for Early Learners
- Systems of Care, DMHA
- CDC grant focused on childhood obesity
- CHIP
- Pathway of referrals for ages 3-5 (could use this to create 0-3 pathway), IDOE

Happy Babies Issue Brief

- A workgroup, Happy Babies Brain Trust, of early learning and health stakeholders has developed a policy brief on the state of infants and toddlers (ages 0-3) across Indiana and recommendations;
- This policy brief will be presented to ELAC for review at the December meeting.

Developmental Screening and Health/Nutrition Policy Standards

- Nancy Ward had emailed the group about OECOSL's request for feedback on two policy items: 1) CCDBG Reauthorization requires states to develop a policy on developmental screening and 2) Indiana has opened the licensing rules for re-promulgation, so there is an opportunity to embed developmental screening in licensing standards.
- For the first item, the workgroup has more time to develop a policy statement (and potentially embed within PTQ standards)
- Workgroup will help draft recommendations for developmental screening, nutrition and physical activity, and social-emotional well being.
- Another area that needs to be addressed is the referral process *after* screenings are completed. This is a gap in our systems and infrastructure.

Key Questions Raised:

1. What do the early evaluation hubs look like?
2. Are the hubs using the same screening tool?
3. With the early evaluation hubs working to connect with the medical community, what role can early learning programs play in making sure



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children are getting assessed, parents are receiving resources, etc.?

4. How does the CCDBG reauthorization impact assessment/screening policies for all programs?
5. Is there a source for recommended screenings in Indiana?
6. Is there a need for consistency in screenings and assessments in the medical community?
7. Can we find out if local agencies are doing screenings and if so, where they are reporting the data?
8. Where do we fit in the recommendation for the rest of health?
9. Could 211 be a source for providing referrals to community resources after screenings are completed?
10. Could we use the Inclusion Specialists through the CCR&Rs to make referrals for community resources?

Action Steps:

1. **Christina** offered to research high quality, free, and low-cost developmental screening tools that could be included in a policy recommendation.
2. **Julie** offered to draft language on an initial recommendation on nutrition and physical activity to include in the licensing rules;
3. Members are invited to share recommendations to [Christina Commons](#) for a developing and health screening tool for children to be included in the Primary and Behavioral Healthcare Integration program.

***Next Meeting:** Thursday, December 3, 2015

Location: St. Mary's Child Center, 901 Martin Luther King Jr. Street, Indianapolis, IN 46202

**The regularly scheduled November meeting falls on Thanksgiving Day, so we will meet on December 3rd in place of the November meeting. This will also be the December monthly meeting.*

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