

Healthy Start CoIIN

Healthy Start EPIC Center Year 2 (May 1, 2015-March 30, 2016) Evaluation Snapshot

Overview

The Healthy Start Collaborative Improvement and Innovation Network (CoIIN) functions as an Expert Panel to the DHSPS by promoting implementation of standardized evidence-based approaches to core program elements on behalf of all grantees. All level 3 grantees (18) participate as a condition of their grant award; one level 1 and one level 2 grantees serve as volunteer representatives. The EPIC Center provides facilitation and logistical support for the HS CoIIN, including monthly calls and bi-annual face-to-face meetings (See 2015 Grantee Convention evaluation results for bi-annual CoIIN meeting evaluation).

Year 2 Progress

In year 1, the CoIIN identified three priority areas for standardization: screening tools, data collection methods and reporting, and the case management/care coordination model. The CoIIN elected to begin with standardizing screening tools and data collection methods. The table below summarizes the tasks the EPIC Center completed in year 2, year 2 accomplishments, and plans for year 3. Standardizing the case management/care coordination model is the priority for year 3. This process will begin with defining the components and best practices of care coordination/case management.

Priority for Standardization	EPIC Center Tasks in Year 2	Year 2 Accomplishments	Year 3 Plans
Screening tools	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Conducted research to identify evidence-based practice (EBP) regarding relevant risks and questions to include in screening; compiled sample screening tools from CoIIN members 2. Drafted screening tools to align with EBP, PRAMS, and Healthy Start benchmarks 3. Convened workgroup of grantees to provide recommendations for screening tools 4. Conducted webinar, "Healthy Start Standardized Screening Tools Launch", on January 11, 2016 5. Fielded survey (Jan 11-Feb 12) to collect input from broader Healthy Start community on tools. The vast majority (81%) of grantees responded to the survey and provided feedback on the screening tools 6. Incorporated survey feedback into screening tools while maintaining the evidence base of each question, the intent and flow of each tool, and the multiple purposes of the tools (i.e., care coordination and evaluation) 7. Six screening tools were finalized: 1) Intake/Demographics, 2) Pregnancy History and Status, 3) Preconception, 4) Prenatal, 5) Postpartum, and 6) Parenting/Interconception 	Final set of tools, vetted by Healthy Start community and approved by CoIIN, were provided to DHSPS for pilot testing.	Finalize screening tools based on pilot testing results. Implement tools including developing protocols, training grantees, and supporting grantees with implementation issues.
Data collection methods and reporting	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Drafted definitions for Healthy Start Benchmarks 2. Convened workgroup of grantees to provide input on definitions 3. Cross-walked definitions with DGIS measures 4. Collaborated with 3Ps evaluation team and DHSPS to reconcile differences 	Draft Data Dictionary sent to DHSPS for final approval.	Work with vendors to streamline data collection procedures.