

Healthy Start Collaborative Innovation and Improvement Network



The Healthy Start CoIIN is a partnership of Healthy Start grantees dedicated to strengthening Healthy Start services and systems, in order to advance program goals to reduce infant mortality and improve birth outcomes. The HS CoIIN functions as an Expert Panel to the Division of Healthy Start and Perinatal Services (DHSPS) and the HS EPIC Center, the training and technical assistance provider for the program.

HS CoIIN Goals and Objectives

Through a structured process of best practices review and discussion, the HS CoIIN seeks to identify and promote implementation of standardized evidence-based and field-tested approaches to essential HS components such as perinatal risk assessment, care coordination, participant engagement and empowerment, and fostering Collective Impact and local systems integration through Community Action Networks (CAN).

The goal of the HS CoIIN is to strengthen Healthy Start (HS) services and systems, by promoting implementation of standardized evidence-informed/based approaches to core elements of the HS program (*Program level* improvement and innovation).

The specific objectives of the HS CoIIN are to:

- Promote communication among/between grantees, DHSPS and HS EPIC Center to ensure all grantees have a voice in setting the direction for HS
- Brainstorm and test opportunities to strengthen the program especially related to standardizing components of the HS model
- Disseminate lessons learned to the HS community
- Promote HS as an effective and vital community based resource in all communities to ensure the long-term success of HS.

Collaborative Learning: From HS Grantees to the HS CoIIN and Back

The HS CoIIN will articulate best practices and quality improvement guidance based on state-of-science and rooted in grantee experience serving HS participants. Through a series of ongoing discussion forums on priority topics HS grantees across the country will share elements for success and implementation challenges with each other, and feed their findings to the HS CoIIN. The CoIIN in turn will review, distill and integrate these findings to make



recommendations for standards of practice for HS programs. Once approved by DHSPS, these recommendations will be disseminated by the HS CoIIN to all HS grantees.

Operating Structure of the HS CoIIN

- The HS CoIIN meets monthly, including day-long face-to-face sessions 2 times per year, with conference calls in the interim.
- Two CoIIN members serve as Co-Chairs, for rotating six-month terms.
- The HS EPIC Center provides support to plan and facilitate meetings, identify issues and information needs, and communicate findings to the larger HS grantee community.
- CoIIN members actively participate with a consistent member representing their organization on monthly calls and bi-annual meetings, maintaining at least 80% participation rate.

Decision Making Process

- One vote per site.
- Decision requires a 90% quorum (n=18)
- Consensus requires an 80% agreement (n=14)

HS CoIIN Communication Strategy

Goals developed in collaboration with the Division are to support HS CoIIN members' ability to:

- communicate key issues related to the role of the CoIIN, topics discussed and decisions made in a consistent manner; and
- solicit input and feedback from all Healthy Start programs and colleagues to inform the CoIIN discussions.

...with the intended outcome of enhancing communication with Bureau, Division, and Grantees.



CoIIN Primary Member List

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