

# Supporting Healthy Start Performance Project NEWSLETTER



*Strengthening Healthy Start to support family health and well-being*

## TA & Support Center News & Updates

### **Deadlines:**

Dec 15 HS MED-II Report (CSV or XML) Due

### **Events:**

- Dec 4 Westat Outcome Harvesting Webinar
- Dec 5 SPA - Support, Purpose, Affirmation - *for Healthy Start consumers*
- Dec 5 CAREWare Demonstration Webinar
- Dec 6 HSE Networking Café – *Healthy Start Enhanced awardees only*
- Dec 7 Tools for Community Transformation Workshop #4: Community Health Improvement Matrix
- Dec 11 Sustainability Cohort Meeting #2 – *Sustainability cohort members only*
- Dec 12 Fatherhood Talk Tuesday
- Dec 13 Evaluation Cohort Meeting #2 – *Evaluation cohort members only*
- Dec 13 Rapid Response Home Visiting Learning Paths Webinar
- Dec 14 Tools for Community Transformation Office Hours

## **Westat Outcome Harvesting Webinar**

Please join the Healthy Start TA & Support Center (TASC) and Westat, the HS evaluation contractor for HRSA, for a webinar on Outcome Harvesting on **Monday, December 4 from 2-3:30 pm ET**. This webinar is open to all grantees, but we especially encourage Evaluators, Project Directors, and CAN Coordinators to attend.

Westat will provide an overview of Outcome Harvesting as a resource for grantees developing their Project Period End Reports (PPERs). This method collects evidence of changes that have been achieved and works backward to determine whether and how the efforts of social innovators and their interventions contributed to observed and documented changes.

Outcome Harvesting can be used for evaluating policy, practice, and community development activities where there may be multiple influences on an outcome. It is particularly useful for programming aspects where relations of cause and effect are not fully understood. During the session, Westat will use an example from a HS grantee's program to show how this method can be employed to evaluate the contributions of a HS Community Action Network (CAN) on community change.

**To register for the Outcome Harvesting webinar, [please click here](#).**

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## **Healthy Start SPA - Support, Purpose, Affirmation**

The next session of the **SPA – Support, Purpose, Affirmation** will be held on **Tuesday, December 5 from 1-2 pm ET**. The SPA is facilitated by our TASC Faculty Planning Committee members, Ms. Amanda Henley, Ms. Dakisha Mitchell, and Mrs. Tamela Milan-Alexander. Built from the energy, motivation, and joy that still fuels many who attended the [Healthy Start Consumer Convening](#) in May, the SPA is designed specifically for, and open to all Healthy Start consumers to come together to:

- Support and celebrate each other through our struggles and successes
- Share information about additional resources and opportunities
- Dream together about the future possibilities of a national Healthy Start consumer platform

**To register for the SPA, [please click here](#).** We encourage you to share this invitation with all consumers, including fathers. If you have any questions, please email [healthystart@nichq.org](mailto:healthystart@nichq.org).

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## CAREWare Demo Webinar

Please join the Healthy Start TASC for the Introduction to CAREWare webinar on **Tuesday, December 5 from 2-3:30 pm ET**. During this webinar, we will provide a demonstration of the CAREWare database and all it has to offer.

Participants will learn about:

- Adding and linking client records
- Completing the data collection forms
- Exporting HS MED-II Reports
- Building custom fields, forms, and reports

**To register for this training, [please click here](#).** If you have any questions about the upcoming webinar, or CAREWare in general, please email [cawareware@nichq.org](mailto:cawareware@nichq.org). We look forward to supporting you!

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## Tools for Community Transformation Workshop Series Workshop #4: CHIM

The TASC is excited to host the next session in the Tools for Community Transformation Workshop Series, in partnership with the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) on **Thursday, December 7 from 2-2:45pm ET**. This workshop will introduce participants to the [Community Health Improvement Matrix](#), a tool developed by NACCHO to evaluate and develop strategies for a community health improvement plan. The CHIM helps communities identify strategies that address social determinants of health and systemic drivers of inequity.

**To register for Workshop #4, [please click here](#).** To view the materials from the prior workshops and read about the upcoming workshops, [please click here](#).

On **Thursday, December 14 from 2-2:45 pm ET**, NACCHO will host office hours, where participants can ask questions about the CHIM and the other tools shared so far throughout the series. **To register for the office hours, [please click here](#).**

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## Fatherhood Talk Tuesday

Goodbye, 2023! This year's final Fatherhood Talk Tuesday will feature a recap of TASC's fatherhood offerings throughout the year, a sneak peek at what's to come, and an opportunity for grantees to share what they're looking forward to! We will also hear from Ken Scarborough from the National Healthy Start Association (NHSA), who will share some announcements and updates.

Join us for this reflective session on **Tuesday, December 12 from 3-4:30 pm ET**. **To register, [please click here](#).**

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## Virtual Home Visiting Learning Paths Webinar

Please join the TASC and Rapid Response Virtual Home Visiting (RR-VHV) for the

Virtual Home Visiting Learning Paths webinar on **Wednesday, December 13 from 3-4:30 pm ET.**

During this immersive webinar, RR-VHV will provide an overview of groundbreaking learning paths, which the TASC and RR-VHV designed to help Healthy Start grantees and other home visiting professionals navigate RR-VHV's modules and home webinars. This webinar is your passport to professional excellence, offering a unique opportunity to choose your own path toward growth. Whether you're a seasoned home visitor or a supervisor looking to upskill, this is your chance to amplify your impact. **To register for this webinar, [please click here](#).**

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## In Case You Missed it...

### **Networking Café: MOVE Framework**

Thank you to those who joined the TASC's recent Networking Café on the draft MOVE Framework, a systems evaluation framework currently being created by the TASC. Grantees were invited to review the [draft MOVE Framework](#) and join the Networking Café to provide feedback and help shape the framework to ensure it is supportive for grantees. **To view the Networking Café recording, [please click here](#).** For more information about the MOVE Framework and this Networking Café, [please click here](#).

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### **Healthy Start Equity Assessment Webinar**

The TASC, in partnership with Amaka Consulting and Evaluation Services (ACES), LLC, recently held the **Healthy Start Health Equity Assessment Webinar**. The TASC and ACES – a trusted minority and woman-owned consultancy firm – designed and implemented an opt-in survey assessment of equity work at HS sites across the country. The goal of the assessment was to explore existing health-equity-related activities across HS sites. Secondary aims were to assess attitudes towards and readiness for engagement in health equity work, as well as opportunities for health-equity-related technical assistance across sites.

During this webinar, ACES team presented results, analysis, important trends, and recommendations based on these findings. Participants also had an opportunity to ask the team questions about the assessment and recommendations presented. **To view the recording of the Health Equity Assessment Webinar, [please click here](#).**

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### **Adaptive Leadership Workshops: Tools for Community Transformation Workshop Series**

In early November, the TASC hosted two workshops on Adaptive Leadership as part of the Tools for Community Transformation Workshop Series, in partnership with the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO). Workshop #2 provided an overview of Adaptive Leadership and shared a stakeholder analysis tool: the Values, Loyalties, and Losses (VLL) Analysis.

Workshop #3 built upon the previous session and introduced Courageous Conversations as a framework for initiating the often challenging conversations with stakeholders that need to take place in order to truly collaborate across organizations and initiatives. **To view the workshop recordings, please click the links below:**

- [Workshop #2: Adaptive Leadership Part 1](#)
  - [Workshop #3: Adaptive Leadership Part 2](#)
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### Fatherhood Talk Tuesday

The November Fatherhood Talk Tuesday highlighted the importance of Native American heritage – including its rich and distinct ancestry, traditions, and history – and how that heritage can be reflected in the work and services offered throughout Healthy Start communities. Attendees also discussed the second Annual Healthy Start Fatherhood Summit, which was held in early November, including lessons learned from that convening. **To view the webinar recording, [please click here](#).**

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### Generating Required Reports Trainings

Thank you to those who joined the TASC's recent *Generating Required Healthy Start Reports* trainings. There was one training held specifically for CAREWare users and another training held for those who use other data systems.

During these trainings, presenters demonstrated streamlined processes and introduced user-friendly tools for using exported data to generate three different reports:

- Benchmark Performance Measures
- Form-7
- Form-5

**To view the recording of the training for CAREWare users [please click here](#).**

**To view the recording of the training for those using other data systems, [please click here](#).**

If you have any questions about the trainings, or CAREWare in general, please email [careware@nichq.org](mailto:careware@nichq.org).

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### Sustainability Training - Transition Plan for Healthy Start Projects

The TASC recently held the HS Sustainability Training: Transition Plan for HS Projects. The goal of the training was to provide support to grantees as they complete the Transition for Healthy Start Projects form. During this webinar, participants also heard from grantees who have been successful in developing and implementing sustainability plans for their HS projects. [Please click here](#) to access a list of sustainability resources that we have compiled to support you in this process. **To view the Sustainability Training recording, [please click here](#).**



## Catalyst for Infant Health Equity Updates

In May 2023, the TASC partnered with the Division of Healthy Start and Perinatal Services (DHSPS) and a grantee from Nationwide Children's Hospital to present a poster at the Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs' (AMCHP) 2023 Annual Conference. The poster was entitled "Catalyst for Infant Health Equity: A Pathway to Address Excess Infant Deaths by Disrupting Root Causes on a Community Level." It provided an overview of the Catalyst program, which seeks to move beyond direct services to implement targeted policy and systems changes that are focused on one or more specific social or structural determinant of health (SDOH) domains contributing to infant mortality disparities in a particular county/jurisdiction. Nationwide Children's Hospital shared the innovative systems-level strategies they are using to address the SDOH that impact infant mortality disparities. To view the poster, [please click here](#).

In July 2023, the TASC convened all nine Catalyst for Infant Health Equity grantees – along with MCHB partners and subject matter experts – in Rockville, Maryland for two days of connection and learning. Topics included: authentic community

engagement, community-based participatory research, systems level evaluation, results-based accountability, and addressing burnout. Grantees showcased their year one project successes in a poster walk, which sparked many conversations across grantees around how to best address systemic disparities in their communities.



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## Fatherhood Summit

In early November, the TASC hosted the Healthy Start Fatherhood Summit 2023: *The Future of Fatherhood, Families, and Communities - Now and Beyond* in Boston, MA. Attendees included experts from Fatherhood, Healthy Start Fatherhood Coordinators, Project Directors, and Healthy Start fathers. The 2023 HS Fatherhood Summit addressed the critical need for father involvement and inclusion throughout the MCH continuum, as well as the importance of fatherhood integration in MCH program design. This includes intentional shifts in program design and practice, which will ensure that fathers are valued as essential partners and key players, not only in maternal and child health outcomes, but in communities overall. These needs were identified through years of research around father involvement and engagement. Additionally, the summit responded to the grantees' requests for support around intentionally and authentically recruiting and engaging fathers in HS programming. The experience consisted of panel discussions, expert presentations, tons of engagement opportunities, and so much more!





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### Hosting or attending an exciting event or webinar?

We will use the EPIC Center [Training Calendar](#) to share information about events specifically planned for Healthy Start projects, as well as other relevant webinars, trainings, and other events that are open to the public. If you know of events or trainings that you think other Healthy Start projects should be aware of, please feel free to send information to [healthystart@nichq.org](mailto:healthystart@nichq.org).

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