

March/April 2014

Creating Connections

Phase II Approval

We received approval of our Phase II Plan!

We will begin to focus on accomplishing our major goals and objectives for the implementation stage of the project.

We have already achieved some major milestones!

Alliance Training

- ✓ The first of several Mental Health Trainings was presented for the Alliance for Child Welfare Excellence.
- ✓ The training was attended by social workers, caregivers of foster children, and Foster Parent trainers.

Ongoing Mental Health Screeners

- ✓ The ongoing screening process (called Ongoing Mental Health [OMH] Screeners) was embedded for a cohort of identified children and youth who remain in care longer than 30-days. Screenings will occur every 6 months.
- ✓ The OMH screeners started their positions May 16th.

CHET Conference

- ✓ The statewide training of all Child Health and Education Track (CHET) screeners and supervisors was held April 21st and 22nd, 2014.
- ✓ There were 44 CHET statewide staff in attendance
- ✓ The training covered brain development, compassion fatigue, and review of current screening processes.
- ✓ The new trauma-symptoms tool: the Screen for Childhood Anxiety-Related Disorders was introduced and training on how to gather, interpret screening information, and ensure screening data is shared with the social worker was provided.
- ✓ The Screen for Childhood Anxiety-Related Disorders will be fully implemented into the CHET in July 2014

Looking Ahead

New Core Team Member

Busy months ahead!

- ✓ May and June:
Train-the-trainer mental health trainings for the Alliance Regional Core Training
- ✓ June:
In-service mental health training starts for on-going social workers
- ✓ July:
Full implementation of the trauma symptoms assessment into the CHET process

Kari Mohr, RN, BSN has joined the team as our representative from the WA Health Care Authority (HCA).

She is a clinical consultant for the Office of Health Care Benefits and Utilization Management, Division of Health Care Services. Her expertise will be very welcome!

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New Creating Connections website:
<http://depts.washington.edu/pbhjp/>

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