

Title IV-E Waiver Advisory Council Meeting Summary
December 11th, 2014

I. Review State Level Data Package

- DHR provided the Advisory Council with the 0-17 breakdown of the State Level Data package that is to be used during the webinars with LDSS teams that will be completing the Readiness Assessment
- It was noted that LDSS teams will be receiving full data packets a few days after the webinars to be held on December 16th and 17th that will include jurisdictional data broken down by age groups and by race/ethnicity
- LDSS teams will also be receiving back up data (child level data) that support the data package tables and service array information to use for the Readiness Assessment
- Data is grouped in the data packets by the two target populations for the IV-E Demonstration project
 - Youth entering care for the first time (new entries), and
 - Youth re-entering care after exiting to reunification, guardianship or adoption
- Three years of data is captured in the data package. For first time entries data was pulled from [7/1/11 – 6/30/14] and for re-entries [7/1/10 – 6/30/14] because you have to back up a year to identify the prior entry.
- For SDM categories and MFRA categories the top three most frequent items are shown in the tables and can vary by age and race/ethnicity. CANS data is also organized in this way for each domain.
- It was noted that the percentage of completed CANS is low statewide and that can be explained by the gradual roll out of CANS in the past three years. Currently CANS completion rates are much higher.
- In Round 2 of data analyses it was suggested:
 - A deeper dive on the factors connected to re-entries is explored, similar to the Legislative report on re-entry

- Include # of CPS investigations that were indicated
- Utilize the full CANS assessment data summaries that each jurisdiction received (not limited to new entries and re-entries)
- Overall everyone felt the data package was very comprehensive and will allow for good conversation in order to complete the readiness assessment

II. Readiness Assessment Workgroup Update

- The assessment will be completed by each jurisdiction or group of jurisdictions in a region that often share services and are smaller in size.
- DHR is asking LDSS's to create teams of both LDSS staff and other local stakeholders such as staff from DJS, LMBs, health departments, school system, faith based organizations, CSAs, providers, etc...
- The assessment will be completed electronically for ease of completion and ease of analysis.
- There are two sections of the Readiness Assessment
 - Needs Assessment
 - Infrastructure Assessment
- There are expectations that local jurisdictions will be at different places in terms of their needs and their readiness to implement, which is why recommendations will be developed for a phased implementation plan
- DHR will be looking for commonalities as well across jurisdictions and areas that can be addressed that will have the most immediate impact on reducing the number of youth coming into care for the first time and/or re-entering care and the EBPs/Promising Practices that will address those issues. DHR would like to leverage services that Maryland is already implementing.
- Timeframe – LDSS teams are forming, the webinars will be held in mid-December and the assessment is to be completed and submitted by January 30th, 2015.
- The Readiness Assessment workgroup will be utilizing the data submitted by jurisdictions to identify specific issues driving new entries and re-entries, making connections to existing services that

could be utilized, identifying gaps in services and making recommendations to the Advisory Council on interventions to roll out first and in which jurisdictions. This will occur in mid-February and will be reported out at the February Advisory Council meeting

- The EBP workgroup will then be instituted and work on narrowing down EBP selection and designing a phased implementation plan. This plan should be finalized by the end of March.
- Earlier in March we also would like to do more in-depth analysis of readiness for jurisdictions selected to start implementation of IV-E Demonstration project services. Casey Family Programs, particularly Paul DiLorenzo has offered to conduct in-depth focus groups with these jurisdictions.

III. Trauma/Workforce Development Workgroup Update

- Focused the first meeting on identifying the critical components of a trauma informed system that include (trauma screening and assessment, trauma EBPs, workforce development needs to educate all levels of staff on the impact of trauma and on ways to address secondary trauma of the workforce)
- In addition, there was discussion on making sure all the right people were at the workgroup table and to invite or re-invite more system partners to the table and to build off the work of many trauma groups that already exist across Maryland.
- A call was made to recommend people from partner agencies that folks believe should be at the table.

IV. Next Steps

- Next meeting will be held at DHR in the Secretary's conference room on January 8th, 2015 from 2-4pm.
- Please join a workgroup if you have not already done so.

Handouts:

- ***State Level 0-17 Data Package***
- ***Readiness Assessment Tool***

