

Building Bridges Action Plan



State: Illinois

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Goals: (What outcomes do we want to see?)

1. The project seeks to establish leadership in early brain and child development (EBCD) at the state level in order to develop and implement sustainable connections between health care professionals and the state's early childhood systems.
2. Improve communication between the pediatric and child care provider community in Illinois through increasing awareness within each system and providing tools and resources to aid in care coordination, especially around EBCD.

Project Objectives: *(What could my state team do to work toward these outcomes? Example: Provide 3 EBCD presentations using the Speaker's Toolkit by December 2013.)*

1. Increase pediatric provider awareness of child care practices, culture, and systems through quarterly articles in *Illinois Pediatrician*, resources on ICAAP website, and other communications opportunities such as ICAAP and IAFP conferences.
2. Increase child care provider awareness of pediatricians as EBCD resources and reduce fears of interaction with pediatricians through at least three presentations with Illinois Action for Children, Ounce of Prevention, AAYC affiliates, and other agencies.
3. Empower child care providers to communicate with families about EBCD and well-child services through disseminating ICAAP and AAP resources and trainings, both online and in child care sites.

Project Activities:

1. Write at least three quarterly articles on child care systems and data for pediatric providers in *Illinois Pediatrician* in 2013.
2. Present both to pediatricians and to child care providers at local and state conferences.
3. Disseminate existing tools and resources, and existing EDOPC/ICAAP trainings on developmental screening and care coordination to child care providers. **these are the same trainings that the home visitors are doing through other projects, so there will be some consistent messages.*
4. Include AAP child care, Bright Futures, and EBCD resources on Illinois Action for Children website, ICAAP website, and other sites as appropriate.
5. Assess training and care coordination needs of child care providers via needs assessment survey disseminated by Illinois Action for Children and other agencies.

Initiatives/Programs:

What initiatives/programs would be our best partners? Why these initiatives/programs? What steps would my state team need to take to establish/strengthen these partnerships?

BUILD Initiative, if applicable: _____

Role: _____

How to establish/strengthen partnership: _____

Child Care and Development Fund Program: _____

Role: _____

How to establish/strengthen partnership: _____

Child Care Resource and Referral: Illinois Action for Children, INCCRRA _____

Role: member of state team, disseminate information via web and at child care sites, provide data, provide opportunities to present, disseminate survey _____

How to establish/strengthen partnership: continuing _____

Early Childhood Advisory Council: _____

Role: _____

How to establish/strengthen partnership: _____

Early Childhood Comprehensive System: _____

Role: _____

How to establish/strengthen partnership: _____

Head Start: Ounce of Prevention _____

Role: presentation and dissemination partner _____

How to establish/strengthen partnership: _____

Home Visitation - MIECHV: ICAAP _____

Role: ensure EBCD communication is consistent _____

How to establish/strengthen partnership: _____

National Association for the Education of Young Children Affiliate GOAAYC _____

Role: presentation and dissemination partner _____

How to establish/strengthen partnership: _____

Quality Rating and Improvement System: _____

Role: presentation and dissemination partner _____

How to establish/strengthen partnership: _____

Race to the Top: _____

Role: _____

How to establish/strengthen partnership: _____

State Education Agency: _____

Role: _____

How to establish/strengthen partnership: _____

State Public Health Department: _____

Role: _____

How to establish/strengthen partnership: _____

Timeline:

What tasks are feasible to complete . . .

Right now _____

Within the month - _____

Within six months _____

One year from now _____

Evaluation

Evaluation should be determined during the planning phase of any project and should be re-evaluated regularly just like the rest of the action plan. Consider how you want to measure needs, assets, and success. Consider multiple viewpoints.

Key activities to evaluate _____

