

Together for Kids and Families

Child Care Health Consultation Work Plan

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Together for Kids & Families Goals				
Early care and education in Nebraska is high quality, developmentally appropriate, and accessible to all children.	All Nebraska children have access to a dental/medical home, and receive high quality health services.	The early childhood social, emotional, and behavioral health needs of Nebraska's children are met.	Nebraska families support their children's optimal development by providing safe, healthy, and nurturing environments	
Strategies	Action Steps	Who	Completion Date	Activities/Notes/Resources
Strategy 1 <i>Develop a network of Child Care/Early Childhood Health Consultants in all local health departments in Nebraska [19].</i>	1.1 Identify child advocacy group or other entity interested in child care health consultation to pursue possible introduction of legislation that would fund local health department to provide child care health consultation.	1.1 Work Group	1.1 On Going, started June 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Melody Hobson [NDOE] met with Jen Goettemoeller, First Five Nebraska in fall 2014. • Concept of CCHC is supported in the 2014 Report to the Governor on the Status of Early Childhood. • Gina and Renee are exploring cost and classification of these positions at the local health department level. • Ann has engaged Creighton students to research benefits of existing CCHC and possible pilot. • Consideration of sustainability
	1.2 Develop recommendations for child care health consultation duties/functions	1.2 Subcommittee		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact health departments to determine what activities they currently conduct with/in

				<p>support of child care programs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Determine health department interest in providing child care consultation services for programs in their service area. Possible method: pose question to directors, ask Mary Balluff for assistance. • Obtain cost estimates from health departments to determine cost of project. • Reach out to PHAN leadership.
	1.3 Propose a legislative study or pilot project be completed to gather information.			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tabled for now; ascertaining the climate.
	1.4 Support the recommendations contained in the 2014 Report to the Governor, prepared by the ECICC.			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The report will be presented by the ECICC in 2015.

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<p>Strategy 2 <i>Disseminate data-driven and evidence-based training and material resources to improve health and safety in child care.</i></p>	<p>2.1 Analyze information regarding toxic stress and other available information/data related to health and safety in child care.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Explore evidence based proven strategies and promising practices. Select priorities based on information about toxic stress and other early childhood data. Develop a dissemination plan for selected priority areas, including newly developed toxic stress materials. Complete an evaluation using data-driven assessment strategies. Review and determine if revisions are needed to the 8 previously developed fact sheets. 	Work group	On-going	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a fact sheet on oral health – working with the Dental/Medical Home work group and Oral Health Advisory Panel [Carol is on the panel]. • Promote dissemination of materials on toxic stress to audiences such as: PHAN, Head Start, EDN, Early Learning Coordinators, MIECHV, Sixpence and child cares, MCAH Title V grantees. • Continue promotion of 8 fact sheets previously developed on health topics.
	<p>2.2 Support existing <i>Safe With You</i> training including assessing the need for Train the Trainer efforts when needed.</p> <p>Support efforts for Step Up to Quality initiative. Ensure Step Up to Quality requirements address key child care health related issues.</p>		On-going	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NDHHS is reviewing <i>Safe With You</i> for updates.
	<p>2.3 Support existing efforts that focus on increased physical activity, nutrition, and healthy behaviors in the child care setting.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Assess common strategies/activities in state plans [Oral Health, Physical Activity and Nutrition, TFKF Early Care & 		On-going	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Examine existing curriculum and trainings [<i>Safe with You</i>, NAP SACC, Early Learning], add information on Step Up to Quality and toxic stress.

	<p>Education, TFKF Medical/Dental Home].</p> <p>b. Identify current agencies/entities that are addressing needs and how.</p> <p>c. Prioritize strategies/activities based on feasibility/availability of resources and current activities to identify specific actions for the CCHC work group.</p>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitate the development of a webinar. • Work with Early Learning Coordinators for dissemination, promotion, and receipt of contact hours for participation.
	<p>2.4 Offer input on the updates to the PEP manual developed by DCHD.</p>	<p>CCHC work group members and others were invited to review sections, including Immunization, Office of Oral Health, Health Promotion, MCAH</p>	<p>Target date March 2015, available on DCHD website</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recruit members to examine Table of Contents and review each section. • Guidance documents already under consideration: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. AAP Model Child Care Health Policies 2. APHA and AAP Caring for Our Children, National Health and Safety Performance Standard: Guidelines for Out of Home Child Care Programs 3. California Child Care Health Program San Diego State University: Health and Safety in the Child Care Setting Models 1 & 2 (new version not available) 4. DCHD Infectious Disease Control for Child Care - using information from The RED BOOK (infectious disease

				<p>committee report - AAP) and Control of Communicable Disease Manual APHA/WHO</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. The ABC's of Safe and Healthy Child Care: A Handbook for Child Care Providers (new version not available) 6. Medela, Inc. Breast Milk Collection and Storage Guidelines for Normal Newborns. 7. NE Dept of Ag, Nebraska Food Code 8. NE DHHS Regulation and Licensing Child Care Center Standards 9. NE DHHS Family Child Care Home Standards 10. AAP Managing Infectious Diseases in Child Care and Schools.
	<p>2.5 Launch an educational/awareness campaign on toxic stress and safety improvement practices in family home, center based, and pre-schools.</p>	<p>CCHC work group and subcontractor</p>	<p>Target date of July 31, 2015</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Provide educational message on toxic stress identification, prevention and mitigation along with tools and resources to improve health and safety practices in the early care settings.