Access to Early Childhood Services Guide Overview

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Presentation Outline

• Vision, Purpose, Goals for this tool
• How this tool could be used
• Structure of this tool
• Journey through the tool
• Wrap up and questions about the tool
Access Guide Page 1 and 2
• Need or gaps in the coordination or integration of services

• Under Title of EC Services Guide
  – Family Involvement is critical throughout a Child’s life.
  – The Parents or Primary Caregivers are seen as experts about their Child
  – and Service Providers provide support to the Family.

VISION: to improve the integration of medical, educational, social-emotional and developmental services for families while establishing the need for family involvement and family driven care.
This EC Guide can be a tool for early childhood professionals and for family members.

- Referral to appropriate programs and community services
- EC Guide is designed to support families and their children from prenatal (conception) through age five.
• Promotion & Prevention – Public Health model
• The goal is not to just react to a need, but begin to have systems (families and professionals) be preventive!
• Transition- begin to show a guide for transition children from one service to another
Specific Goals

More specifically.....

• Promote early intervention
• To help community providers make appropriate referrals
• Understand the services provided/available
• Know what the age requirements are
• Be aware of transition phases
• Be aware of places where programs collaborate and coordinate services (blending, braiding, transitioning, seamless, uninterrupted)
How it could be used?

1. Posted in Local Health Departments, Community Action Agencies, DCBS -Family Support, Primary Care Providers, etc.

2. Used by DCBS P&P offices, First Step Primary Service Coordinators, Pediatricians, Commission for Special Health Care Needs, Natural Support systems (Faith Based, Support Groups...) etc.
Definitions

• **EC Guide/EC Services Guide** – Access to Early Childhood Services for Children and Families Prenatal through Age 5 (title of document)

• **Family** - includes parents, caregivers, legal guardians and often other natural supports like friend that lives in proximity that serves as grandparent

• **Categories** – 8 primary categories on front of the EC Guide. (Last box has two categories Head Start & State Funded Preschool)
Structure of document

• Page 1  (Guide, roadmap, flowchart) -- highlights some of the primary early childhood programs and services

• Page 2  (or Informational side)– provides information on other state and national programs serving children and families

• Two editions – Laminated and folded

• Color coordination
Family Category

- Family involvement or family driven care is **paramount** to the system
- Where everything starts and flows from
- Should be integrated throughout categories so gave it its own category, first!
- Family governs care for child and their community
- Note -5 family driven system of care bullets

**FAMILY (lifespan)**

Families have a primary decision making role in the care of their own children as well as the policies and procedures governing care for all children in their community

- Choosing culturally and linguistically competent support and service providers
- Setting goals
- Designing, implementing, and evaluating programs
- Monitoring outcomes
- Partnering in funding decisions
Use for this tool in systems

This tool is designed to emphasize and encourage family involvement with all systems providing services to children and families in order to strengthen the parent’s role as an advocate and primary decision maker for their child’s continued growth and development.
Who drives the need?

- Child drives the need!
- Caregivers respond by – providing care and/or seeking additional resources
Ongoing cycle of family driven care

- Caregivers have to seek additional support
- Advocate
- Make decisions
- Monitor progress

One category where families enter system use:
- DCBS Family Support
- FRYSC - Schools
- Community Action Agency
Medical Category

• Medical Category links to Health Insurance under Family Category
• Medicaid/KCHIP or Private Insurance
• Need to include Educational Model of services Part C (First Steps), then Part B (State Funded Preschool) with Medical model of services
Medical Category continued

- Other Category where families start in a system
- Category emphasizes prevention starting with Note: Folic Acid and abstaining from ATOD.
- Conception to Birth Period
- Most boxes yellow except OBGYN and LHD ovals
- Primary Care Provider including Preventative, Specialty Care, & Dental
Social-Emotional or Behavioral Health Provider

- Final box in category blue to highlight Social-Emotional needs served through Medical Model of services
- Many state services under DBHDID website
- This color is repeated in 6 places under primary categories
Categories of Primary EC Services - HANDS

- Proactive program with great results!
- Enrollment is conception to 12 weeks after a child is born...do you know why?
- Best outcomes are from the 1st trimester a mother/father enters program
- Don’t forget first time dads for referral of family to the program (could be mother’s third child)!
HANDS Continued

- Note after HANDS does 3 different screening with family -- referral information to other community services/providers.
- This blue matches blue of previous category under Social- Emotional or other BH provider.
- Note color coordination not perfect with informational side/page 2 (red Medical/Social Emotional Programs).
Categories of Primary EC Services - Childcare

- Childcare – there are many types of childcare
- Approximately 3000 licensed childcare centers and certified family home providers
- Childcare is different than State Funded Preschool

**CHILDCARE**
(ages 6 weeks to 5+)

Any licensed childcare center, certified family home or private preschool provider

www.chfs.ky.gov/dcbs/dcc
Childcare continued

- This category attempts to show the relationship or process of a family seeking childcare.
Childcare continued

- Referral to other community resources should include a “rainbow” of possibilities.
- This is important to consider when thinking about a child receiving the most appropriate services and when a child is transitioning between programs in the same day.
Categories of Primary EC Services - First Steps

- Part C Program or statewide Early Intervention System for children birth and ending at age three.
- Service Coordination
- Strengths and limitations

**FIRST STEPS** (ages 0 to 3)

Early intervention system for children with developmental delays or conditions known to cause developmental delays (primarily in home)

www.chfs.ky.gov/dph/firststeps/
Under First Steps Category

- Example of different color coding demonstrating transition and collaboration
Categories of Primary EC Services - Early Head Start

- Only Primary EC Service that is not statewide
- There are approximately 14 Early Head Start Programs servicing infants and toddlers.

EARLY HEAD START
(ages 0 to 3)

A federally funded program for economically disadvantaged children (programs designed locally based on community needs; may be center based or home visiting program) • www.khsa.org
Categories of Primary EC Services - Head Start

- All 120 counties have a Head Start program serving some of our states most vulnerable children and families.
- Comprehensive program with strong family involvement component
Categories of Primary EC Services - State Funded Preschool

- 172 school districts offer Part B services or Individual Education Program for children with educational disabilities/developmental delays and other income eligible children.
- Balance with Childcare and Medical model.
Two insurance programs that will soon be four programs as of October 1, 2011.
Informational Side

- WIC is a LHD program that is a common thread among our EC families – prenatal to age 5.
- CCSHCN is a medical program
Info side

- CCAP – example of federal assistance program
- An example of technical assistance provider for child care and families

CHILDCARE

CCAP: Child Care Assistance Program – provides subsidy program for low income families

CCR&R: Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies – provides parent referrals and consultation and training of child care providers
http://www.kentuckypartnership.org/General/About/ccrr.aspx
Info Side

- Example of State and National Resources

**STATE RESOURCES FOR AUTISM**

Kentucky Autism Training Center:
https://louisville.edu/education/kyautismtraining
Local Contacts section-info side

- For local provider to fill in
- Or for family to fill in
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- Dissemination
- Survey
- Extra copies
- Website

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How will you use this EC Guide?

1. With systems that are:
   a) Statewide?
   b) Regionally?
   c) Locally?

2. In your own Professional Development?

3. How would you present or train guide with:
   a) a family?
   b) with an EC professional?
   c) with a group?
Access Guide Online

http://kypartnership.org/resource/early-childhood-services/
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