

Pathways: A Service Delivery System to Address MCH Disparities

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Project Description

- Purpose

To identify existing or emerging care models that would explore the integration of the Pathways Service Delivery System

- Timeline

December 2009 through June 2011

MCH PHLI acceptance in February 2010

- Primary Objectives

- identify and engage a cohort of pilot sites for implementation
- assemble a national advisory council for ongoing guidance
- pursue federal care coordination opportunities
- evaluate and scale-up as appropriate

Project Description Cont.

- Potential Outcomes

- enhanced care models as part of a broader system
- increased cost savings and program accountability
- reduced service duplication
- improved MCH outcomes

- MCH – PHLI Skills Application

- coalition and systems building
- strategic planning
- time and project management
- communication

PERSISTENT CHALLENGES.....

- Lack of access of care
- Uninsured / underinsured
- Racial and ethnic disparities
- Escalating health care costs
- Service duplication / inefficiency
- Limited resources
- Non-cohesive funding streams
- Etc.....

.....INSPIRE INNOVATION!

Methodology – Program Identification

Pathways

- 16 projects, 12 states
- Targets communities most at-risk for various health indicators including MCH
- Community health worker
- Core components include outreach, assessment, service delivery confirmation, funding tied to outcomes
- Community HUB
- Monetary incentives provided to CHW's and organizations

Healthy Start

- 104 projects, 39 states
- Targets communities most at-risk for infant mortality and other birth outcomes
- Community health worker
- Core components include outreach, case management, health education, depression screening and referral
- Community consortium
- Non-monetary participant incentives

Methodology – Leadership

- Exploratory discussions with regional and federal leadership
 - HRSA/Office of Regional Operations
 - HRSA/Maternal and Child Health Bureau
- Program engagement
 - 8 Healthy Start projects, 6 regions

Methodology – Outcomes

- Webcast August 26, 2010
Exploring the Integration of the Healthy Start Model and the Pathways Delivery System
www.mchcom.com
- Discussions with Region 3 MCH program about integrating Pathways within a centralized home visiting hub

Resources

- Agency for Healthcare and Research Quality
Innovations Exchange
<http://www.innovations.ahrq.gov/cccln.aspx>
- National Healthy Start Association
<http://healthyfromthestart.wordpress.com/2010/08/16/nhsa-white-paper/>

Lessons Learned

- Planning is key
- Articulate vision as clearly and as often as possible
- Engage all relevant parties at onset
- Learn from history
- Keep innovating!

Thank You!

