

HMG THIS MONTH

Ohio Help Me Grow Monthly Update

May 2015

Home Visiting

- The 5th National Summit on Quality in Home Visiting occurred May 7-8 in Washington DC. The Ohio delegation included local level providers, ODH leadership, as well as a member of the Ohio Legislature. View the presentation materials at <http://www.homevisitingsummit.org/>
- The SFY 16 contract and provider agreements process has entered into the final phase. Please monitor your email for agreements, and process them as promptly as possible.
- SFY 15 HV Provider Agreement Amendments: To receive the amended deliverables the following is due to your assigned program consultant:
 - Proof of payment of affiliation fees. The other requirements for the deliverable are to be reported on your next Quarterly Program Report due 7/15/15.
 - All training hours will be pulled from OPR by ODH, no invoice required from programs.
**If a provider terminated their contract with ODH they will be paid deliverable 1.06, item 8, b. 8. (affiliation fees) as long as fees were paid while contract was still effective. Deliverable 1.06, Item 2, a. 2. (training hours) will be paid for trainings completed during the quarters while contract effective.*
- The HV TA Call is scheduled for 5/28 at 9am. Topics for the call:
 - Smoking Cessation: The 5 A's for Home Visiting. Facilitated by our peers from Ohio Partners for Smoke Free Families.
 - Making Referrals for Families
- Be on the lookout for a survey from the PMM Agency regarding family engagement. Please complete the survey as appropriate, providing ODH with your valuable feedback as we continue to evaluate our strategic initiatives.

Kudos!

- Scioto County HMG has received a SIDS grant and will be providing a community wide baby shower on June 3, 2015 as an outreach even for HMG and safe sleep.
- HMG Staff at Vinton County Health Department and FRS Counseling Services in Highland County have been certified in Mental Health First Aid.

Early Intervention

- The Help Me Grow Advisory council met on May 11. Among the topics discussed was the issue of how best to communicate with the field. We are looking for suggestions from the field about how best to communicate updates, new guidance, responses to frequently asked questions, resources, etc. How often is too often, what is the best format (email, calls, etc.), who should be included? If you have suggestions, please send them to Nathan DeDino at nathan.dedino@odh.ohio.gov.
- **SFY15 45-Day Baseline Analysis:** The final analysis was completed and results memos were sent out at the beginning of this month.
- **SFY15 Transition Baseline Analysis:** The second baseline analysis for SFY 2015 is Transition (TPCs and Steps due between January 1, 2015 and March 31, 2015) and is currently underway. County inquiries, including a Steps Self Assessment, as well as a verification and/or missing data request, if applicable, will be sent out in a couple of weeks.
- **County APR and Determinations:** County-level APR and determination reports will be released to counties by the end of May.



Training & Professional Development

- **Nurturing Parenting Program: 3-day Facilitator Training**

June 9-11 in Lorain @ Amy Levin Conference & Learning Center

The Nurturing Parenting Program Facilitator Training will teach facilitators how to incorporate the philosophy, skills and strategies of nurturing parenting. The workshop will enhance the leader's knowledge of the material and suggest outreach tools and tips. This training covers multiple Nurturing Parenting Programs including: Community Based Education in Nurturing Parenting, Nurturing Skills for Families, Nurturing Skills for Teen Parents, Nurturing Parenting Prenatal Families, Nurturing Parenting Program for Parents and their School-age Children, Nurturing Parenting Program for Parents and Adolescents, and Nurturing Parenting Program: ABC's of Parenting.

The Ohio Children's Trust fund is sponsoring the training at no cost (participants/agencies pay travel, accommodations and meals). For more info, visit <http://jfs.ohio.gov/OCTF/Trainings.stm>

- **Parents as Teachers Foundational Training – OhioTrain ID: 1050640**

June 9-11 in Columbus @ OCCRRRA

Many spaces are still available. Please register through OhioTrain and the PAT site. Note: we are only offering this training twice in SFY15-16.

- **NEW! Ohio Help Me Grow: Engaging Parents: Building a Trusting Relationship Between the Home Visitor and Family – OhioTrain ID: 1057600**

June 18 in Columbus @ Department of Administrative Services

Presenter: Robert Gallen, Ph.D.

This session will focus on the qualities of caregiver relationships that promote healthy social-emotional development and those that do not. The role of the Early Childhood Provider and Home Visitor as a promoter of infant mental health will be explored.

- **OhioTrain listings & upcoming dates**

Training listings are current through the end of the current State Fiscal Year (June 30, 2015). The new training bulletin with SFY16 training dates and locations will be available in June 2015.

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Date: Friday, June 12, 2015

Location: The Ohio School for the Deaf

Time: 9 AM - 4:30 PM (Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.)



On Friday, June 12, 2015, the Ohio Department of Health will host Johnnie Sexton, Au.D., Founder and Executive Director of "The CARE Project." The workshop will be held at the Ohio School for the Deaf in Columbus, Ohio.

The goal of The CARE Project is to provide training in adjustment counseling strategies to professionals who provide services to families with children who are deaf and hard of hearing. A 2014 survey conducted by the National Center for Hearing Assessment and Management (NCHAM) indicated that more than half of the professionals in Ohio who responded (53% to 100%) wanted more training in the area of family counseling and support.

The CARE Project workshop brings to the surface the stages of grief and how both parents and professionals often react in these situations. During the workshop, components designed to bring families and professionals together for sharing and processing emotions will be discussed, with the ultimate goal being acceptance and advocating for the best life possible.

Learner Outcomes:

1. Identify the 7 emotional stages of grief associated with loss
2. Define the role of the professional as an active listener in validating the emotions expressed by families
3. Counsel families on the need to reach acceptance of hearing loss and the positive outcomes that result

CARE provides a unique opportunity to visit with families through documentaries.

This workshop is designed for Audiologists, Speech-Language Pathologists, Early Interventionists, Deaf Educators, Interpreters, Students and Parents.

Johnnie Sexton, Doctor of Audiology, has worked with children and adults who are deaf and hard of hearing for 35 years as a teacher, speech therapist and audiologist. In recent years, he has devoted his time and energy to redefining counseling for families who have children with hearing loss, and for the professionals who serve them.

The CARE Project is the recipient of a major grant from the Oticon Foundation based in Denmark. The funding from this grant allows The CARE Project to provide training, direction and implementation to ten Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) programs in the U.S.

There is no cost for this workshop.

To learn more about The CARE Project, visit www.thecareproject.com

For more information about the workshop, call (614)728-4676 or [register](#) here.

Registration deadline is June 1, 2015

This program has been approved by the Ohio Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology for 6.5 clock hours of continuing education in the category related to speech-language pathology or audiology.





May 18, 2015

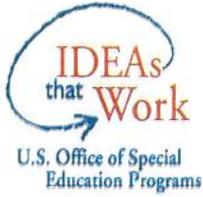
Dear Colleagues:

May is Better Hearing and Speech Month and the Office of Special Education Programs within the U.S. Department of Education and the Offices of Head Start and Child Care within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services are partnering to join the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association in celebrating this year's theme – "Early Intervention Counts." Not only does early intervention count, early screening counts too. Regular screenings help raise awareness of a child's development and identify any potential delays that could benefit from intervention. Just like hearing and vision screenings assure that children can hear and see clearly, developmental and behavioral screenings track a child's progress in areas such as communication, learning, social, or motor development.

Screening for health and development happens in a variety of programs and settings. We wanted to use this opportunity to raise awareness about the importance of screening children early and frequently and to highlight some of the Federal resources to help you in your work with young children and their families.

In celebration of Better Hearing and Speech Month, we are releasing:

- Celebrate With Us: May is Better Speech and Hearing Month--Promoting Early Developmental and Hearing Screening for Young Children, a resource document that highlights federal screening materials.
- Webinar series:
 - **Introduction to Evidence-Based Hearing Screening Practices for Children 0–3 Years of Age** will be held on **Thursday, May 21 at 3:00 pm** Eastern time. This 15-minute coffee break webinar will provide tips to help providers incorporate evidence-based hearing screening practices into their programs. The link for registration is here:
<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07eayybi5s7da09fc9&llr=xcjxpb dab>
 - **An Overview of Developmental Screening in Early Childhood Programs** will be held on **July 22, 2015**. This webinar will provide tips and strategies for improving screening in your programs. Registration information will follow soon.



With regular screenings, families, teachers, child care providers and other professionals can ensure that young children get the services and supports they need as early as possible to help them thrive alongside their peers. Combining the love and knowledge families have of their children with tools, guidance, and tips recommended by experts can make the most of the developmental support children receive.

We hope that you will join us to celebrate Better Hearing and Speech Month by participating in the webinars and using the resource document to support your everyday work.

Sincerely,

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