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Prevention Services that Improve Pregnancy, Birth and Child Outcomes

• We try to reach families early--during pregnancy, and with infants, toddlers and children up to age 8

• Services are offered to families in their homes (home visiting) or in their communities (Community health workers, health care centers, neighborhood centers, child care centers, schools, social service agencies)

• Prevention services are voluntary
# Early Childhood Services Across Departments

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Aligning NJ’s Early Childhood Initiatives

Continue to Strengthen Collaboration across sectors--HV, Health, EHS/HS, Child Care, Preschool, Education, Early Intervention, Special Child Health, Child Welfare, Family Support, etc.

Systems Integration
- Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems Impact
- Help Me Grow (to age 5)
- Project LAUNCH (to age 8)
- NJ DOH – Healthy Women Healthy Families
- Race to the Top Early Learning Challenge
- HRSA Healthy Start
- 2 Gen
Evolution of Early Childhood System of Care

- Central Intake (CI) Systems
  - 7 municipalities - Black Infant Mortality focus (2018)

- Home Visiting (HV) in NJ
  - started with HFA model (in 19 cities) -1995,
  - as of 2011/12, 3 EBHV models PAT, NFP, and HFA (in ALL 21 counties)

- Community Health Workers

- Local County Councils for Young Children (CCYC’s)
  - all 21 counties (2015)

- Child Care Resource Referral Agencies (CCRR)
  - NJ Quality Rating Improvement System (QRIS), Grow NJ Kids (2013)

- Other MCH partners, health, education, family support, special child health, childcare (e.g., FSC’s, FQHC’s, WIC, EI, HS/EHS, SPAN, GNJK’s, PLP, School based, DV services, etc.)
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<td><strong>Target Population</strong></td>
<td>Low income, 1&lt;sup&gt;st&lt;/sup&gt; time mother-to-be</td>
<td>Any at-risk pregnant woman/mother/family</td>
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<td>Any family with a pre-school child</td>
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<td><strong>Enrollment Criteria</strong></td>
<td>Pregnancy; no later than 28 weeks of gestation</td>
<td>During pregnancy or at birth; TANF families may enroll in infancy</td>
<td>Pregnancy, at birth, or anytime to age 3</td>
<td>Families with a child age 3 or 4 years old</td>
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<td><strong>Duration</strong></td>
<td>Pregnancy up to age 2</td>
<td>Pregnancy and birth to age 3</td>
<td>Enrollment to ages 3 (to 5)</td>
<td>To age 5 or Kindergarten</td>
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<td><strong>Staffing</strong></td>
<td>Registered Nurses</td>
<td>Family Support Workers</td>
<td>Parent Educators</td>
<td>HIPPY Grads (part-time)</td>
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<td><strong>Caseload</strong></td>
<td>25 families (maximum)</td>
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Enhancing Early Childhood Systems in New Jersey

Help Me Grow
ECCS Impact

NJ Department of Children and Families

Central Intake

Consumers & Families

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Prenatal Care Providers

PDSA's

State Policy Development

Quality Improvement

Collective Impact

CoIIN

Learn the Signs. Act Early. Ambassador & Materials

Home Visiting

MIDDLESEX

PDSAs

CUMBERLAND

Parent Leaders

Child Developmental Passports

Community-Based Agencies

County Councils

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Why is NJ’s Early Childhood System of Care (Central Intake) so vital for families and children?

**Easy of Access** – Single Point of Entry (toll-free number) for
- Information, eligibility, assessment & referral to family support services

**Reach Families Earlier** – beginning in pregnancy (**voluntary**)
- Universal Perinatal Risk Assessment (PRA) – 4 P’s Plus
- Community Health Screens (CHS’s) – CHW’s

**Effective Use of Limited Resources**
- HV programs stay focused on service delivery--not outreach, reduce duplication

**Support families to...** improve prenatal care, birth outcomes, early learning, medical home, preventative care and other supports

**Strengthen communities to...** prevent Infant Mortality and Child Abuse & Neglect

**Locally Driven** – Each county/region has a local lead coordinating agency  Central Intake that can link families to: HV, CHW’s, CCRR, WIC, FQHC’s, FSC’s, CCYC’s, etc;
NJ Early Childhood System of Care

1. Community Outreach
   - Women/Families of Childbearing Age
   - Community Health Workers
   - Health/Social Services
   - Pregnancy Testing Points

2. Screening, Early Identification and Referral for Individual & Family Needs
   - Pregnancy/Birth: Routine Screening & Referral (PRA)
     - Prenatal Clinics / FQHCs / Birth Hospitals / Private OB/GYNs
     - WIC sites / Local Health Agencies
     - School-Based Programs
     - Social Service Agencies
     - Self-Referral by Expectant Parents / Families
   - Children Birth to 5 Yr: Developmental Screening & Referral
     - Parents and Families
     - FQHC / Clinics / Medical Home--Pediatric/Family Practice
     - WIC / Local Health Agencies
     - CCR&R (Child Care Resources & Referral Agencies)
     - Early Head Start/Head Start
     - Family Childcare Providers / Childcare Centers
     - Preschools / Elementary Schools
     - Early intervention partners (Part c/Part B)
     - Social Service Agencies
     - Child Welfare / Child Protective Services
   - Women of Childbearing Age & Other Individuals:
     - Community Health Screening
     - Primary Care / FQHCs / Clinics & Private GYN / Hospitals
     - Local Health Agencies / WIC sites
     - School-Based Programs (for adolescents)
     - Social Service Agencies / Child Welfare Services
     - Self-Referral by Women / Families / Individuals

3. Central Intake - Single Point of Entry
   - for access to information service referrals
     - Initial Assessment
     - Prevention Education
     - Service Linkages
   - Link to medical home & child developmental screening
   - Local community advisory board - County Council

3a) Pregnancy & Birth to Age Five
   - Families are assessed for most appropriate service:

4. Infant/Child Community-Based Programs
   - Home Visiting – Evidence Based Models
     - Healthy Families (HF): Prenatal (PN) to age 3
     - Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP): PN to age 2
     - Parents As Teachers (PAT): PN to age 5
     - Early Head Start/Home Based: PN to age 3
     - HIPPY (Bergen only): children–ages 3 to 5
   - Early Head Start (PN to age 3) / Head Start (3 to 5)
   - School-Based – Pregnant/Parenting Teens
     - Parent Linking Program (PLP) – 13 sites
     - Project TEACH (6 counties)

5. Community-Based Services
   - Essential medical & social supports
     - Medical Home/Primary Care
     - Depression & Mental Health (adults)
     - Addiction Treatment (adults)
     - Child Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities
     - Domestic Violence Services
     - WIC Nutrition Program
     - Infant & Early Childhood Mental Health (IECMH)
     - Family Success Centers
     - Fatherhood Support
     - Parent Education & Support
     - Kinship Navigator
     - Childhood Lead Poisoning
     - Women’s Services (DOV)
     - Local Health Agency
     - SCHIP/Health Insurance
     - Public Assistance/County Welfare
     - Emergency Assistance
     - Housing/Transportation
     - Food/SNAP program
     - Immigration Services
     - Strengthening Families
     - School-Linked Services
     - Child Protective Services
     - And more...

3b) Individuals & Families may be referred directly to other providers and community-based services, as appropriate
Many hands make light work

—John Ureywood—