

## Office of Public Health Report to the DD Council

December 2016

### Bureau of Family Health (BFH) Title V Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs (CYSHCN) Programs:

#### Children's Special Health Services:

- **The Family Resource Center (FRC)** at Children's Hospital, New Orleans continues to link Louisiana families with needed families through CHNOLA clinics and the Rehabilitation Unit. The FRC parent liaison, Thuy Nguyen, continues to serve on the CHNOLA **Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF)** committee, providing family input and resource information for CHNOLA staff. The FRC links families with their local FHF for ongoing support.
  - The FRC continues to provide statewide community-based resource information to clients: September-November 2016: 257 total client encounters; 460 needs identified; 475 resource needs met
  - The FRC maintains its Advisory Board with >50% of members parents of CYSHCN. Advisory Board meetings will change to twice a year; the next meeting will be in April 2017.
  - FRC community outreach this quarter:
    - Health Fair @ Jefferson Community Health Center in Marrero
    - Parenting Center Back to School Fair at CHNOLA
    - CSHS/FHF Resource Fair in New Iberia (sponsored by Region 4 CSHS)
    - Health Fair @ First Zion Baptist Church in Metairie
  - **CHNOLA NICU collaboration-** FRC staff will meet with NICU staff January 10 to explore meeting with families of NICU babies who are ready for discharge to link them with their closest FHF office and provide needed resources.
  - FRC Youth Liaison (Steven Nguyen) participates in both the **OCDD Systems Transformation Stakeholders** group (monthly) the **Statewide Independent Living Council** (quarterly).
- **Transportation Assistance Program (TAP):** CSHS continues to provide needed transportation assistance for medical appointments to families when Healthy Louisiana transportation is not available or practical. Most stipends cover travel out of parish to Children's Hospital New Orleans or Shreveport;

September- November 124 travel stipends totaling **\$15,655.46** were provided to families.

- **Medical Home Care Coordination, Transition to Adulthood, Developmental Screening education**

Children's Special Health Services conducted a **mass mail-out** of family resource materials to 62 SBHCs, 155 FQHCs, and 214 physician practices, including updated Regional Resource Guides, FHF brochure, CSHS brochure, CSHS transition planning fact sheet, CSHS Insurance Information fact sheet, CSHS Physician's Guide, LA Birth Defects Monitoring Network's Family Resource Guide, Bright Futures/AAP periodicity schedule, and Lead Poisoning Prevention parent and physician flyers.

- CSHS program staff continue to educate LSU pediatric interns on the importance of medical home, care coordination, and developmental screening for CYSHCN
- The Title V CYSHCN Medical Director met with **Louisiana Healthcare Connections medical director, Stewart Gordon, and Redsticks Pediatrics Clinic staff** in Baton Rouge to discuss piloting the CSHS CC program with an LHC sponsored social worker for behavioral health and care coordination integration into the practice. A cost-benefit analysis will be conducted to determine whether this is a viable model to improve quality of pediatric care coordination and decrease ER visits and hospitalizations.
- The Title V CYSHCN Medical Director presented data on **Care Coordination and Developmental Screening practices of LA Medicaid physicians** for the ADHD Performance Improvement Project (PIP) committee. Data were extracted from the Title V CYSHCN 2015 Needs Assessment physician survey and will be used to inform activities to improve diagnosis and follow-up of children with ADHD in Louisiana.
- **CSHS Care Coordinator Supervisor:**
  - writes quarterly transition article for Family matters CSHS newsletter to families
  - supervises care coordinators in 3 key LSU and Tulane pediatric practices
  - presented poster on Youth Transition advertising "SmoothMoves" transition website at 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Health Care Transition Research Symposium, October 25, 2016 in Houston, Texas.
- The CSHS Statewide Parent Consultant (Angela Myers) has been invited to participate on AMCHP's Family and Youth Board. This is an opportunity for LA CSHS to share its expertise on family involvement nationally.
- The LBDMN Program Manager has been accepted by AMCHP to participate in its **Leadership Lab Family Leaders Cohort**. The Leadership Lab is built on peer-to peer collaboration. Participants will spend 10-months (January 2017-October 2017) engaging in self-directed

learning modules, creating an individual development plan, participating in quarterly webinars, and much more!

- BFH participated in the State/Federal Maternal and Child Health Partnership Technical Assistance Meeting in Washington DC, Dec 12-14, 2016.

- **Resource Information Workshops:** The next RIW will be held February 9, 2017 from 8:30-3:00 in the Lafayette Parish Sheriff's Office Public Safety Complex Training Center, 1825 W. Willow Street Building 2, Scott, LA 70183.

RIW includes 4 hours of free **CE on Developmental Screening, Care Coordination, and Youth Transition for nurses and social workers**, in addition to resource information for the Lafayette region (see flyer).  
To register go to: [AcadianaRIW.eventbrite.com](http://AcadianaRIW.eventbrite.com)

- **Clinical Activities:** CSHS continues to provide **22 safety-net subspecialty clinics** in Regions 2-9 for CYSCHN that meet medical and financial eligibility. Clinics provide subspecialty care, family support, and care coordination that is coordinated with the medical home. Subspecialties include orthopedics, neurology, ENT, cleft lip and palate, cardiology, cystic fibrosis, and ophthalmology. Audiology clinics provide hearing aids in regions with no private audiologists that do so (Regions 5 and 8).

**Louisiana Birth Defects Monitoring Network (LBMDN):** The Louisiana birth defects surveillance system provides data that are used to determine the prevalence of disabling birth conditions in Louisiana, which can be used to help determine causes, target prevention efforts, and link families with resources.

- **Zika CDC Grant:** LBMDN was awarded \$400,000 to provide rapid surveillance, intervention and referral to services for infants with microcephaly or other neurologic manifestations born to mothers infected by the Zika virus. The grant began August 1; to date, only one infected mother has been identified in the state, which was due to travel. Unfortunately, this infant died at 37 weeks gestation. LA was invited to apply for \$200,000 additional funding; if awarded, this will be used for various initiatives to strengthen data capacity, developmental screening, referral to early intervention, and outreach to Latino and Vietnamese families with affected infants.
- **Fight the Bite!** Use insect repellent with DEET picaridin, IR3535, or oil of lemon eucalyptus (para-menthane-3, 8-diol) when outdoors even during the daylight hours. Drain standing water around your house. Avoid travel to infected regions.

Practice safe sex and pregnancy planning following CDC guidelines for Zika exposure. See CDC Fact Sheets <http://www.cdc.gov/zika/fs-posters/>

- **LBDMN has several posted positions around the state:** A data collection specialist is needed for Lafayette/ Lake Charles, posted at: [www.LPHI.org](http://www.LPHI.org). This person works with birthing hospitals to obtain discharge information for infants with birth defects and upload it into the program's software system. Candidates should have at least a bachelor degree in a science or health related field and familiarity with medical records.

RN clinical liaisons are needed for the Zika Surveillance project in regions 1/9, 2/3, 4/5, 6/8 and 7. Resumes should be sent to: [Dionka.Pierce@la.gov](mailto:Dionka.Pierce@la.gov).

- January 2017 National Birth Defects Prevention Month campaign is **Prevent to Protect: prevent infections for baby's protection**. Campaign materials can be downloaded by our partners at <http://www.nbdpn.org/bdpm.php>. We will share this campaign with our network public health partners, private providers, and with targeted and general populations throughout Louisiana during January 2017.

### Hearing, Speech and Vision (HSV):

- The HSV program has a strong emphasis on family involvement, with state chapters of the national organizations of **Hands & Voices (H & V) and Guide by Your Side (GBYS)**. H & V is a parent and family organization dedicated to supporting families with children who are deaf or hard of hearing (D/HH) without a bias around communication modes or methodology. H & V provides families with the resources, networks, and information needed to improve communication access and educational outcomes for their children.
- GBYS is a program from H & V that provides emotional support and unbiased trained **Parent Guides** to families of newly identified children who are D/HH.
- HSV has applied for a new MCHB grant to support care coordination and family support for families of children who are D/HH. If awarded, HSV will develop support systems for parents and involve parents of D/HH in the development of systems of care based on their opinions, experiences and knowledge of strengths and weaknesses of the current system. HSV will work with CSHS to strengthen **care coordination** within the system.

For more information on Louisiana parent support groups for D/HH infants, children and their families, please contact Jill Guidry at 337-515-5774.

### Genetics:

#### Newborn Screening:

- Severe Combined Immunodeficiency (SCID) testing should begin in 2017, pending legislative approval. Medicaid has agreed to begin reimbursing the program for SCID testing in FY 18. Current budget concerns could delay the implementation.

**Childhood Lead and Healthy Homes:** The Lead Program (LHHCLPPP) had a very successful **Lead Prevention Week October 25-28**. Activities included raising awareness about lead and its effects on human health by participating in community events, health fairs, presentations, meetings, trainings, events at area WIC clinics and area Head Start Centers, pediatric residency training programs, nursing programs, pre-k educational programs, churches, universities, and CBO's. The program reached 3691 people, educated over 1691, distributed 2000 awareness packets including 400 to physicians in targeted areas of 1, 6 and 8, and coordinated 38 awareness activities. It was highlighted in the LDH and Healthy Homes Newsletters and LDH website, and culminated with an Advisory Board-Appreciation Luncheon & Children's Champion Partnership Award and a WIC Clinic-Lead Testing Award Luncheon.

# Acadiana Area Resource Information Workshop

February 9, 2017

Lafayette Parish Sheriff's Office Public Safety Complex, Training Center  
1825 W. Willow Street-Building 2, Scott, LA 70583

**Register Here:**

[AcadianaRIW.eventbrite.com](http://AcadianaRIW.eventbrite.com)

**Attendance is free.**

Nurse and Social Worker  
Continuing Education (CE)

Objectives:

- Describe components of developmental screening/ surveillance and strategies for practice improvement
- Identify service systems and community referrals which support comprehensive care for CYSHCN
- Explain how care coordination improves patient outcomes and access practice improvement resources
- Identify the process of youth health transition and recognize key support elements

*Participants must be present for the entire 4 hour program and complete an evaluation form to receive CE award.*

*This activity has been submitted to Louisiana State Nurses Association for approval to award contact hours. Louisiana State Nurses Association is accredited as an approver of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.*

*This activity has been approved by the Office of Behavioral Health, Louisiana Department of Health, State of Louisiana for 4 clinical contact hours of Social Work Continuing Education. The Office of Behavioral Health is an authorized approval organization of the LA Board of Social Work Examiners. The views expressed by the presenter(s) do not represent the opinions or policies of the Office of Behavioral Health*

*Children's Special Health Services and faculty have no conflicts of interest to disclose.*

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### Resource Information Workshop



#### Program Agenda

8:30 – 9:00AM	Registration
9:00 – 9:15AM	Introduction
9:15 – 10:30AM	Developmental Screening
10:30 – 10:45AM	Break
10:45 – 11:30AM	Supports and Services
11:30AM – 12:30PM	Lunch (provided) & Table Visits
12:30 – 1:30PM	Care Coordination
1:30 – 1:45PM	Break
1:45 – 2:45PM	Health Transitions - YHT
2:45 – 3:00PM	Wrap up – CE certificates

For more information regarding continuing education hours, please call Patti Barovechio at 504-568-5055

