

Office of Public Health (OPH) Quarterly Report to the DD Council

Bureau of Family Health (BFH)

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2016 Early Childhood Risk and Reach in Louisiana report, a collaborative effort of the Tulane Institute of Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health and the Louisiana Department of Health, Office of Public Health, Bureau of Family Health, is now available for dissemination.

- The report is comprised of two parts: RISK- an analysis of twelve indicators of early childhood well-being, and REACH-an analysis of the availability of seven publicly funded early childhood programs by parish.
- The indicators of risk are available at the parish level and span three domains: Economic Factors, Health Factors and Education Factors. Reach was determined by requesting data from the Louisiana Departments of Health, Children and Family Services, and Education, on the major publicly funded early childhood programs in Louisiana. This information on children being served is then overlaid onto maps of the overall risk, or other specific risk indicators, thereby detailing the percentage of coverage of these programs in relation to the need.
- Good data is a critical tool that can help to inform programmatic and investment decisions regarding the distribution of resources that support Louisiana's young children.
- This compilation of appropriate relevant data, statistical analyses, parish rankings, and visual display of data can inform early childhood policy decisions and development of quality initiatives in furtherance of our shared value of ensuring a strong start for Louisiana's children.
- The information in this report is designed as a tool to be used by all early childhood stakeholders, governmental and nongovernmental, in order to better inform policy and funding decisions and the distribution of critical resources.

A copy of the report is included in your meeting packet. For questions or comments, please contact Amy Zapata, MPH (amy.zapata@la.gov) or Ana Bales, MPH (ana.bales@la.gov).

PartnersforFamilyHealth.org website, a project of the Bureau of Family Health, is launched. PartnersforFamilyHealth.org will better assist the variety of audiences the Bureau of Family Health serves (parents, providers, women and men), with navigation of BFH online content. The site will direct users to PartnersForHealthyBabies.org, the mini-websites, and outside websites that are most relevant to their needs. In the year following launch, certain enhancements will be made. The enhancements include:

- A data center where users will be able to easily find and download the data reports, facts sheets, infographics and request for statistics forms most relevant to their needs.
- Additional or enhanced webpages to ensure that information on the full scope of programs and initiatives of Bureau of Family Health is easily accessible

Louisiana Commission for the Deaf recently joined the Bureau of Family Health's programs. The Louisiana Commission for the Deaf provides accessibility services for persons whom are Deaf, deaf-blind, or have hearing loss or speech impairment to gain equal access to any public or private service.

Title V Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant Review

The MCH Block Grant is the oldest federal-state partnership. It aims to improve the health and well-being of women and children. One-third of Block Grant funds are dedicated to children and youth with special health care needs.

- Successful block grant review in Dallas, TX, August 23, 2017
- State represented by BFH Director, BFH Business Unit Manager, BFH Business Unit Grants Manager, CSHS Program Manager, CSHS CC Supervisor, and Title V Coordinator
- Official report is forthcoming

BFH Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs (CYSHCN) Programs

Children's Special Health Services (CSHS)

Educational Outreach - Developmental Screening, Care Coordination, and Youth Transition

- A successful Northwest Louisiana Resource Information Workshop (RIW) *Improving Early Identification and Access to Comprehensive Care for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs (CYSHCN)* was held in Bossier City on September 14th. CSHS hosted 100 attendees which included: 25 program representatives, 17 nurses, 38 social workers, 19 CSHS staff, 1 physician. Presenters included Sabreana Domingue, MS, Patti Barovechio, DNP, MN, CCM, and Michelle Duplantier, LCSW-BACS. In addition, representatives from OCDD (EarlySteps), DCFS, LRS, NWLA Area HSD, and MIECHV provided brief orientations to their services. The 25 program representatives disseminated public health and community-based resource information to attendees.
- A Developmental Screening (DS) webpage, www.ldh.la.gov/developmentalscreening, which provides information on new developmental screening recommendations for Louisiana and includes links to screening resources was launched in August.
- New developmental screening recommendations, the Louisiana Developmental Screening Guidelines, were presented by Dr. Susan Berry at the Louisiana AAP and LAFP conferences in August.

The CSHS Family Resource Center (FRC) at Children’s Hospital, New Orleans (CHNOLA) connects Louisiana families with needed resources through outpatient clinics and the inpatient rehabilitation unit at Children’s Hospital. The FRC also links families with their local Families Helping Families center for ongoing support.

- FRC staff attend the following clinics: Botox, Spasticity, Neuromuscular, Spina Bifida, Down Syndrome, Muscular Dystrophy, Cerebral Palsy. FRC staff provide linkages to public health and community resources. Clients are seen in other clinics by physician or staff referral.
- The FRC parent liaison, Thuy Nguyen, serves on the CHNOLA Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) providing the family perspective and resource information to inform the group’s work.
- The FRC youth liaison, Steven Nguyen, participates in the Statewide Independent Living Council and serves in the role of treasurer.
- FRC along with the BFH Sickle Cell program, participated in the Children’s Hospital Inaugural Sickle Cell Resource Fair on September 23rd. Jantz Malbrue presented and FRC staff disseminated resources on sickle cell, youth health transition, and Families Helping Families.

FRC Resource Dissemination Activities June-August 2017	
Total Client Encounters	210
Identified Resource Needs	491
Resource Needs Met	491

Louisiana Birth Defects Monitoring Network (LBDMN)

- In August, the LBDMN was granted a no-cost extension to retain unspent monies from Year 1 and supplemental funds received through the *Congenital Zika Syndrome Surveillance Grant*. After July 31, 2018, CDC support for Zika Birth Defects Surveillance will end.
- A tool to facilitate LBDMN data sharing relationships with private subspecialists who may diagnose and treat pregnant women and infants with Zika virus exposure was created. This tool is being tested in the Perinatal Commission for revision advice prior to distribution by our regional clinical liaisons and data collection specialists.
- Revisions to the LBDMN’s database to accommodate the CDC’s maternal and infant follow –up form for reporting Zika cases are undergoing user acceptance testing. Incorporation of the Zika form into the LBDMN’s database will greatly improve efficiencies in case ascertainment, tracking, data collection, and reporting of birth defects associated with Congenital Zika Syndrome. Additional revisions include integration with LA Early Hearing Detection and Intervention program’s newborn hearing data.

- LBDMN continues to report qualified birth defects to the CDC monthly via data collection on a fillable pdf. None of the reported cases have Congenital Zika Syndrome, only some of the similar birth defects. Reporting in this manner will allow us to compare prevalence rates among these birth defects both with and without Zika exposure.

The CSHS Transportation Assistance Program continues to provide needed transportation assistance for families to attend medical appointments/procedures.

Travel Stipends June – August 2017	
86 families served	Stipend expenditures \$12,848.73

Louisiana Healthy Homes and Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (LHHCLPPP)

- Primary Prevention Activities- LHHCLPPP staff participated in the Essentials for Healthy Homes Practitioners Training. LHHCLPPP participated in two health fairs, distributed 5,920 lead poisoning prevention materials statewide and 147 organizations have joined as partners willing to distribute information.
- Lead Testing in Region 1 WIC Clinics –Since the beginning of the grant period, LHHCLPPP has tested a total of 1,976 children for lead and 78 % were 1st time lead testers.
- Care Coordination-LHHCLPPP sent 472 letters and lead prevention materials to families with children with bls between 5-9.9 ug/dl, 291 lead smart kits mailed to families in high risk areas and 27 Environmental Assessments were completed.