



Online Newsletter for Supporting Evidence-Based Home Visiting to Prevent Child Maltreatment Grantees  
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June

Individual calls scheduled with grantees, FRIENDS NRC and FPO

July

7/21 3pm ET--EBHV Peer Learning Community Call- Topic TBD

## Save The Dates!

**2010 EBHV Grantees Meeting**  
August 2-4, 2010  
Washington, DC

## In the Spotlight: DePelchin Children's Center-Healthy Solutions Program

by Debbie Arnold

The Healthy Solutions Program uses the Triple P model of parenting intervention to target child maltreatment. Triple P was developed by Professor Matt Sanders and colleagues from the Parenting and Family Support Centre in the School of Psychology at the University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia. This evidence-based program has been replicated in 20 countries including, Australia, Belgium, Canada, England, Germany, Hong Kong, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Singapore, Switzerland and Romania. The model has been in the United States for the last 10 years, and has trained practitioners in 21 states.

The Healthy Solutions Program serves children ages 18 months to 12 years in four target communities in a rural county in Texas. The four communities include populations that are geographically isolated from traditional social services and many are uninsured and unable to afford physical and mental healthcare. Although there are multiple resources and funding opportunities for the greater Houston-Galveston metroplex, the larger populated and



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accessible areas are often targeted. Consequently, the less populated and

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## FPO Corner: A Federal Update

Dear EBHV grantees:

We enjoyed reading your continuation applications and semi-annual reports, and continue to be impressed by all the work that you have completed thus far, and your plans for the upcoming months. It is great to hear about your continued efforts to strengthen the infrastructure for home visiting programs and to promote healthy child development by helping parents gain the knowledge, skills, and resources they need to protect children from the risk of child abuse and neglect. One way of helping families gain access to resources within their community is understanding the early childhood efforts within your State. By connecting with entities that are part of your State early childhood system, you can continue to find

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isolated areas remain underserved and underfunded. With a lack of public transportation and social service offices in the catchment area, families are unable to access services that are available in larger urban communities. Healthy Solutions responds to that need by providing families with in-home individualized services provided by trained Master's level clinicians. The Program targets increasing parents' feelings of competency in their parenting role and encouraging the development of self efficacy. The Triple P intervention combines family support with active skills training of parents/caregivers. Parents are provided information about developmentally appropriate child behaviors and are taught to have appropriate expectations for their children.

In addition to implementing a new program in the community, Healthy Solutions also aims to mobilize key agencies to work together to promote EBHV programs. DePelchin Children's Center participates in the Community Resource Coordinator Group and co-chairs the Parenting Support Focus Group, an infrastructure building committee. Healthy Solutions is partnering with ECI Project LAUNCH to facilitate the meetings aimed at expanding EBHV programs throughout Galveston County. On the state level, Julie Crowe, Manager of DePelchin Children's Center's prevention services, offered expert witness testimony to the State of Texas Health and Human Services Committee on April 14, 2010. Julie was invited by State Senator Jane Nelson, Chair of the Health and Human Services

Committee. Her primary message was the importance of evidence-based programs. She encouraged the committee to make evidence-based programs a priority for prevention services in the state. DePelchin Children's Center remains committed to the sustainability of evidence based home visitation

programs in Galveston County and the surrounding areas. &



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### FPO Corner: A Federal Update

ways to provide safe, stable, and nurturing environments for children.

The Federal government has been working to improve the coordination of early childhood services within communities aimed at improving outcomes for young children. There are many Federal initiatives aimed at strengthening early childhood systems. Two of these initiatives are highlighted in this newsletter including *State Maternal and Child Health Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems (ECCS)* and the *State Advisory Councils on Early Childhood Education and Care*. We encourage you to forge connections with partners within your State as well as those nationwide who are doing work in the area of early childhood services. Effectively intervening in the lives of children and their

families is not the sole responsibility of any single agency, but is a shared community effort and home visiting programs are an important component of the larger system of care for children and families.

As a reminder, the *Early Childhood 2010* grantee meeting on August 2-4, 2010 in Washington DC will be an exciting opportunity for all of you to meet with other State counterparts working on early childhood programs. We encourage you to visit the conference website at: [www.earlychildhood2010.org](http://www.earlychildhood2010.org) for more information. Registration information about our EBHV Grantees Meeting on August 2, 2010 will also be available on the website.

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## State Maternal and Child Health Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems (ECCS)

The Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB) developed its Strategic Plan for Early Childhood Health in 2002. The strategic plan was built on scientific evidence regarding the relationship between early experience, brain development, and long-term developmental outcomes and initiatives to ensure that children enter school healthy and ready to learn. The MCHB Strategic Plan for Early Childhood Health called upon State MCH agencies to work together with teams of public and private partners to foster the development of cross-service systems that serve all the needs of children and families.

The MCHB launched the State Maternal and Child Health Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems (ECCS) Initiative to implement the MCHB Strategic Plan for Early Childhood Health. The purpose of ECCS is to support states and communities in their efforts to build and integrate early childhood service systems that address the critical components of access to comprehensive health services and medical homes; social-emotional development and mental health of young children; early care and education; parenting education, and family support. The first ECCS grants were issued in 2003. Since that time 49 States, the District of Columbia, Guam, the Republic of Palau and the Commonwealths of Puerto Rico and the Mariana Islands have participated in ECCS. Almost all of these grantees have now developed a plan for building a comprehensive system for young children.

ECCS efforts involve a broad range of public and private agencies and organizations, parents, and communities who share the goal of promoting the health and well-being of

children from ages 0 to 5. ECCS has served as a vehicle for bringing together a tremendous number of people whose work is critical to children's health and well-being. The ECCS Initiative's overall goal is to develop systems that meet the needs of children and families more effectively.

Downloaded from [www.eccs.hrsa.gov](http://www.eccs.hrsa.gov) on May 20, 2010. This site provides

information and resources that can strengthen the important systems-building work that is already part of the EBHV grant initiative. The site also includes links to ECCS state plans and logic models, early childhood systems reports, data and other websites, including technical assistance ones, along with grantee contact information. 

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## State Advisory Councils on Early Childhood Education and Care

The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) recently announced the availability of \$100,000,000 total funds made available by ARRA to be awarded to eligible States, Commonwealths and Territories to enable States to develop and implement a plan established by their State Advisory Council on Early Childhood Education and Care for children from birth to school entry (referred to as the State Advisory Council).

The overall responsibility of the State Advisory Council will be to facilitate the development or enhancement of high-quality systems of early childhood education and care designed to improve school readiness.

The State Advisory Council will work to strengthen state-level coordination and collaboration among the various sectors and settings of early childhood programs in the State. The Council will conduct periodic statewide needs assessments on the quality and availability of programs and services for children from birth to school entry, identify opportunities for and barriers

to coordination and collaboration among existing Federal and state-funded early childhood programs, and develop recommendations for: (1) increasing overall participation of children in existing Federal, State, and local child care and early education programs, including outreach to underrepresented and special populations; (2) the establishment or improvement of core elements of the State early childhood system, such as a statewide unified data collection system; (3) a statewide professional development system and career ladder for early childhood educators; and (4) high-quality State early learning standards. The Council will also assess the capacity and effectiveness of institutes of higher education in the State toward supporting the development of early childhood educators.

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## Creating Linkages to Community Based Child Abuse Prevention Programs (CBCAP) in Your State

One of the requirements of the Supporting Evidence Based Home Visitation grant is to establish links and collaborate with the grantee's State or local child welfare agency, as well as the designated lead agency for the Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention Program and the FRIENDS National Resource Center for Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention. Additionally, when feasible and appropriate, collaborations are encouraged with the Maternal and Child Health Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems grantees, as well as the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Project LAUNCH grantees.

To help you understand CBCAP and how to link to your State Lead Agency, the FRIENDS NRC would like to highlight the CBCAP program this month.

### What is CBCAP?

CBCAP stands for Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention program. The funds are used to support a network of child abuse prevention programs that exist in every state, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

### What legislation supports CBCAP?

The key Federal legislation addressing prevention in child abuse and neglect is the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA) which was originally enacted in 1974. This Act has been amended several times in the last 31 years and was most recently amended and reauthorized on June 25, 2003, by the Keeping Children and Families Safe Act of 2003 (P.L. 108-36).

### Why were CBCAP programs created?

CBCAP programs were

established by Title II of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act Amendments of 1996 and most recently reauthorized in June of 2003. The purpose of the CBCAP program is:

- to support community-based efforts to develop, operate, expand, enhance, and, where appropriate, to network, initiatives aimed at the prevention of child abuse and neglect,
- to support networks of coordinated resources and activities to better strengthen and support families to reduce the likelihood of child abuse and neglect, and
- to foster an understanding, appreciation, and knowledge of diverse populations in order to be effective in preventing and treating child abuse and neglect

### What is the target population for CBCAP programs?

CBCAP programs should have some activities available to the general population such as public awareness and education about preventing child abuse and neglect. In addition, programs should also target services to vulnerable families that are at risk of abuse or neglect. These families include:

- Parents (all, new, teens, etc.)
- Parents and/or children with disabilities
- Racial and ethnic minorities
- Members of underserved or underrepresented groups
- Fathers

### What activities are authorized under CBCAP?

CBCAP programs are authorized to fund child abuse prevention programs

in their service area that provide a multitude of services and supports. These services and programs can include:

- Comprehensive support for parents
- Promote the development of parenting skills
- Improve family access to formal and informal resources
- Support needs of parents with disabilities through respite or other activities
- Provide referrals for early health and development services
- Promote meaningful parent leadership

Programs can also finance the development of a continuum of preventive services through public-private partnerships, financing the start-up, maintenance, expansion, or redesign of child abuse prevention programs, maximizing funding through leveraging funds, and financing public education activities that focus on the promotion of child abuse prevention.

### How to Locate the CBCAP State Lead Agency in my State?

There is a map on the FRIENDS NRC website that lists each States CBCAP Lead Agency and a contact person. The State Lead Agencies are designated by the Governor and are responsible for overseeing and implementing the CBCAP program.

To find your State Lead Agency go to: [www.friendsnrc.org/contacts/contacts.asp](http://www.friendsnrc.org/contacts/contacts.asp)

To find out more about the CBCAP program and the FRIENDS NRC, please visit our website at [www.friendsnrc.org](http://www.friendsnrc.org). 



## Resources

### EBHV Grantee Meeting 2010 August 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>

#### Goal of EBHV Grantee Meeting

- Support strategic decision making and action across the system to support evidence-based home visiting to prevent child abuse and neglect.

#### Objectives for EBHV Grantee Meeting

- Explore strategies for selection, implementation, and adaptation of evidence-based home visiting, focusing on similarities, differences,

and lessons learned across national models.

- Improve program and state strategies for using data to inform decision making for home visiting programs.
- Share lessons learned and future needs and opportunities for evaluation topics and strategies to support on-going and future home visitation programs for prevention of maltreatment and other goals.
- Address issues and opportunities emerging from the work of EBHV grantees across the country.

Other presentation topics include:

- Home Visiting Research and Findings
- Shaping Emergent Cross-site Evaluation Findings
- Data Informs Practice
- Future of EBHV Evaluation

Please visit

[www.earlychildhood2010.org](http://www.earlychildhood2010.org) for hotel and registration information.

#### Other Resources:

Project LAUNCH seeks to promote the wellness of young children birth to age eight. Using a public health approach, Project LAUNCH focuses on improving the systems that serve young children and address their physical, emotional, social, cognitive and behavioral growth. For more information, visit: <http://projectlaunch.promoteprevent.org/>

Please view the EBHV website at [www.supportingebhv.org](http://www.supportingebhv.org) to find out more information including a description of the grant program, specific grantee information, the cross-site evaluation, a copy of the EBHV Connector newsletter, and a variety of resources for those interested in home visitation.

