



## Los Angeles County Perinatal and Early Childhood Home Visitation Consortium (LACPECHVC)

### 2017 Workgroup Accomplishments

#### **Referrals Workgroup**

- Conducted a survey for home visitors across programs to understand the barriers they encounter in referring families to ancillary resources.
- Held a roundtable discussion with home visitors from various programs to discuss their referral and recruitment processes and barriers to referring into and between home visiting programs.
- Compiled an Executive Summary of Recommendations to address home visitors' barriers when referring families to ancillary services.
- Maintained an updated Resource Directory of Home Visiting Programs on the Consortium website and continued to promote it with service providers throughout the County.
- Began work on building electronic and app-based versions of the Resource Directory with support from a pro bono consultant provided by the Taproot Foundation.

#### **Best Practices Workgroup**

- Conducted a survey of LA County home visiting programs to assess current level of training collaboration and willingness to do so, as well as home visitors' training needs.
- Designed and administered a Home Visiting Program Self-Assessment for programs to assess their progress on implementing the LACPECHVC Best Practice Recommendations and solicit peer support.
- Initiated a Training Collaboration Pilot with several organizations to test the feasibility of members opening trainings up to other home visiting programs.
- Worked with the LACDMH to offer Mental Health First Aid Training to home visitors from all major models in SPA 1, to be continued throughout LA County.
- Designed and administered a post-Mental Health First Aid Training survey to assess additional mental health training needs and inform development of a home visitor specific training to be designed and offered by DMH.

#### **Data Workgroup**

- Updated data on unmet need for home visiting in LA County, including annual program capacity and unduplicated data on "at-risk" moms from the LAMB survey.
- Hosted a webinar for Early Head Start programs on outcome indicators and data collection process.
- Collected data from 5 out of 6 major home visiting models in the County using the LACPECHVC shared outcome indicators.
- Developed a set of 32 descriptive measures to describe home visiting programs' client populations.

- Data Workgroup Co-lead accepted to present on the Workgroup’s outcome measures at the 2017 Family Engagement and Cultural Effectiveness Conference.

### **Advocacy Workgroup**

- Created and finalized Advocacy Guidelines detailing LACPECHVC protocols for public policy advocacy.
- Used Advocacy Guidelines to take an official position in support of MIECHV reauthorization, and successfully advocated for the Board of Supervisors and LA Area Chamber of Commerce to do the same, including submitting letters of support to all LA County Congressional representatives.
- Developed and hosted a “Home Visiting 101” webinar for LA County direct service providers and policymakers, with over 140 registrants.
- Hosted a “Communications 101” in-person training for Consortium members, provided by First 5 LA Communications staff.
- Developed and finalized advocacy infographics for two audiences, health plans and clinicians, and policymakers and funders.

## **2017 LACPECHVC Accomplishments**

- Maintained an online Consortium presence via the website: <http://homevisitingla.org>.
- Completed 2017 Action Plans for all six Strategic Goals.
- Submitted a Request for Funding to continue and expand Consortium and Workgroup efforts, in alignment with County efforts, in 2018.
- Received support from the Taproot Foundation for a pro bono IT consultant to create an electronic, smart search and app-based versions of the Resource Directory of home visiting programs.
- The Consortium Coordinator conducted educational sessions with multiple non-member organizations and community groups to talk about the Consortium’s work and share resources, including:
  - Antelope Valley Home Visiting Coalition
  - Welcome Baby Program Managers, Hospital Liaisons, and Outreach Specialists
  - LA Area Chamber of Commerce staff
  - Early Head Start, Cluster 3
  - Healthy Families America and Parents as Teachers program supervisors
  - Regional Hospital Breastfeeding Consortium (RHBC) - North Community Meeting
  - DCFS Partnerships for Families monthly meeting
  - DHS’ Medical Hubs providers
  - LAHSA Joint System Collaborative meeting
  - SPA 3 Birth to Five Collaborative meeting
  - Pasadena WIC staff monthly meeting
  - DMH-DCFS Young Children in Care (YCIC) monthly meeting
  - ICARE collaborative meeting

- Central Long Beach Home Visiting Collaborative
  - Long Beach “Work Your Network” Resource Fair for home visitors
- Co-hosted a convening with community providers and stakeholders to gather input on the response to the Board of Supervisors’ home visiting motion (March 17, 2017).
- Actively participated in research for and development of response to Board of Supervisors’ motion.
- Accepted to present jointly with First 5 LA and the LACDPH at the Seventh National Summit on Quality in Home Visiting Programs.
- Participated in a panel about the home visiting motion hosted by First 5 LA at the ZERO TO THREE Annual Conference.
- Contributed findings from multiple surveys of home visitors to a successful grant application to fund domestic violence training for home visitors.
- Contributed to the development of Maternal Mental Health NOW’s policy recommendations: “Bringing Light to Motherhood: A Systems Change Proposal for Preventing and Treating Maternal Depression in Los Angeles County.”
- Facilitated a roundtable on home visiting at Maternal Mental Health NOW’s Policy Roundtable.
- Hosted a webinar with the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA) to train home visitors and other direct service providers to assist their clients in applying for the Section 8 waitlist. The webinar reached the maximum number of registrants (200).
- New members:
  - Alliance for Children’s Rights
  - LA County Department of Health Services – Medical Hub System
  - LA County Office of Child Protection
  - Penny Lane Centers (Partnerships for Families)
  - Providence Health and Services, Southern California (Welcome Baby)
  - Providence Holy Cross Medical Center (Welcome Baby)
  - Nurse-Family Partnership, National Service Office
  - County of Los Angeles Office for the Advancement of Early Care and Education
  - The Village Family Services
  - Valley Presbyterian Hospital (Welcome Baby)
  - Westside Infant-Family Network (WIN)
  - Baldwin Park Unified School District (Early Head Start)