

# Moving Toward a Statewide Home Visiting System

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## Partner Updates

- Home Visiting in the 2014-2015 NYS Enacted Budget
- Work done with the Council on Children and Families, with SPARC
  - Blending & Braiding

# Beyond Vision: Elements of a Statewide Home Visiting System

- Vision:
  - *All families expecting a child or that have young children should have access to high quality home visiting services and connected community supports that together promote health, mental health, parenting, self-sufficiency, and school readiness.*
- Developing a comprehensive home visitation system
  - Authorizing language exists in statute. As we move forward, we will review to determine if a statutory change is necessary.
- Lessons from national and state partners
  - Purpose
  - Key findings and recurring themes

# Elements of a Statewide System

Potential Strategies for Moving Toward a System

## Single site of accountability

- Collaborative structure to maximize resources and prevent duplication of administration
- Single site of reporting to address needs and gaps in services
- Spearhead quality and improvements to better support families

## Braided or blended state funds

- Blended or braided funding from the State to centralized community collaboratives to support multiple programs
- Minimize administrative duplication, freeing up funding for services.

# Uniform Community Central Intake

- Families need a single point of access or no wrong door to access
  - Streamlined process with State oversight, but allow flexibility for each community.
- Uniform access to services will make it easier for families and providers to connect to home visiting programs.

## Triage to programs

- Many evidence-based models serve different types of families.
  - Triage process can assess family's needs and make appropriate referral
  - Track demographics of families served; demonstrate types of programs needed.

Community  
needs  
assessments  
and  
Waiting lists

- Comprehensive **community needs assessments** would inform State as to which programs are needed.
- **Waiting lists** demonstrate community need so that the right programs get funded for each community.
  - To reduce duplication a single waiting list should encompass health, child welfare, and early learning.

# Discussion

- What is missing?
- What is your agency/organization's vision?
  - Does it include these elements?
  - Align elements with state vision
- Next meeting:
  - Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>

# Other Statewide Initiatives Expand Access to Connect Families

# Statewide Initiatives That Would Expand Access

- In addition to a statewide system, there are separate initiatives that would expand access to home visiting programs
  - Independent of the system, but support system and programs

# Universal touch to capture families

- Low-touch models reach families early to minimize stigma; capture families that are slipping through
  - Model: Durham Connects, Durham, NC
- Provides referrals for families that need longer term home visiting

# Child Welfare

- Assure every county uses home visiting as part of:
  - Preventive services
  - Family reunification plans
  - Post-adoption services
  - Court improvement project.

# Family Economic Supports

- OTDA is a missing state agency partner in home visiting.
- Home visiting programs need relationships with programs that provide economic assistance for families

# Health Homes

- The State implemented a care coordination system through health homes to serve Medicaid members with two or more chronic conditions.
  - Home visiting programs may have members who do not qualify.
- Primary vehicle of expanding care coordination

Education:  
*Assure children  
are ready to  
learn*

- As NY expands access to UPK need to leverage the ability home visiting programs have to help children enter pre-k ready to learn.

# Budget Priorities

- Budget Requests?

## Discussion

- What is missing?
- Which initiatives have the potential to become NYS policy?
  - How do we get there?
- Next steps:
  - Work groups
  - Next meetings