

Project LAUNCH - Children's Health

House Study Committee on Infant and Toddler Social and Emotional Health
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Systems Approach

HOLISTIC PERSPECTIVE | ECOLOGICAL FRAMEWORK | PUBLIC HEALTH APPROACH

FAMILY-CENTERED | CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY COMPETENT



Screening, Assessment, Mental Health Consultation

Goal: To increase awareness of Project LAUNCH (Linking Actions for Unmet Needs in Children's Health) and the number of referrals for public health programs by primary care physicians who provide pediatric care

- Screen children ages 2 months through 5 years old
- More than 3,000 children screened
- Screening tools: Ages & Stages Questionnaire/Social Emotional (ASQ/SE) and Strengths & Difficulties Questionnaire (SDQ)
- Mental health consultation provided for 35 children
- Ten locations conducted developmental screenings

Integration of Behavioral Health in Primary Care

Goal: To increase awareness of Project LAUNCH among primary care physicians who provide pediatric care and referrals to Public Health Services

Georgia Chapter of The American Academy of Pediatrics Lunch and Learn Workshop results:

- Workshops completed - 10
- Attendees - 108
- Referrals into public health programs – 108

Evidence-based Home Visiting

Goal: To provide Healthy Families Home Visiting program in Muscogee County

- Home Visitor served 20 families (full caseload)
 - 20 adults (mothers) and 12 children
- Maternal depression and developmental screenings completed
 - 17 Edinburgh Depression Screens (7 prenatal, 10 postnatal)
 - 3 mothers screened positive for maternal depression
- Over 15 Social Emotional Trainings Provided to Home Visitors

Family Strengthening & Parent Skills Training

Goal: To empower parents and family members with the knowledge and skills to promote their child's growth and social-emotional development.

- 10 Parent Café's: 234 parents participating and 150 children in attendance
- Established a new **Parent to Parent** support position within the West Central Health District to provide parents with young children support, advocacy and community resources.
- A Parent Leadership Academy was held to train parents on key leadership skills and even the Mayor of Columbus, GA. met with the group to hear their concerns about young children's health and wellbeing in the community.

Questions?

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