CalWORKs Home Visiting Initiative (HVI)

Technical Assistance Meeting

May 14, 2019
Agenda

- Importance of Home Visiting
- County Service Implementation Overview
- CalWORKs HVI All County Welfare Directors Letter
- CalWORKs HVI MOU Development
- CalWORKs HVI Timeline
- Discussion (Q and A)
- Wrap Up and Next Steps
What do cash aid, housing, early childhood education, and home visiting all have in common?
Home Visiting for Families Living in Poverty

- Research shows that home visiting is linked to improved outcomes in health and behavior for children growing up in poverty.
- Home visiting programs are also cost-effective in terms of public costs versus public benefits.
CalWORKs HVI Purpose

- Supporting positive health outcomes
- Improving parent-child connections and parent regulatory skills
- Increasing family stability
- Modeling and encouraging adult core capabilities
- Expanding educational and economic opportunities
- Exiting poverty
Funding

- 2019 Governor’s Budget May Revise: $89.6 million in FY 19/20
- Funding cycles
- HVI is not an entitlement
HVI Implementation

- Utilization of the National Implementation Research Network framework
- Purpose and Importance
- Implementation Stages
CalWORKs HVI All County Welfare Directors Letter

- Material Goods
- Automation
- Cultural Competency Training Requirements
- Informing Notice
CalWORKs HVI Training Requirements

- Minimum training standards (WIC 11330.7)
- Cultural Competency - Attachment B of ACWDL
CalWORKs HVI Training Requirements (Cont.)

WIC Section 11330.7(g)(1)

(A) CalWORKs, Medi-Cal, CalFresh, California Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), and other programs, with county-specific information about how the home visiting professionals can help a parent access additional services for which he or she may be eligible and troubleshoot problems with benefits or eligibility that would impact his or her access to services. (County responsible)

(B) Cultural competency and implicit bias. (Contractor Responsible)

(C) Strengths-based practices for working with families with unmet needs. (County or Contractor responsible)

Full Text can be found by clicking here: Welfare and Institution Code Section 11330.7(g)(1)
CalWORKs HVI Cultural Competency Minimum Training Requirements

- Self-Assessment
- Inter-Cultural Competence
- Trauma-Informed Care
- Disproportionality
County MOUs – Lessons Learned

- Lani Schiff-Ross, First 5 San Joaquin
- MOU Development
- Partnership/collaboration
FamilyWORKs Launch

• **Family Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (FamilyWORKs):** Created by DSS. Home Visitation Initiative funded by California Department of Social Services (CDSS) and offered to 44 counties across the State of California.

• **Collaboration:** First 5 San Joaquin applied in collaboration with the San Joaquin County Human Services Agency

• **Goal:** Support CalWORKs families with children ages 0 to 5 by:
  - supporting positive health, development, and well-being
  - expanding future educational, economic and financial opportunities
  - improving the likelihood that families will exit poverty

• **Program Implementation:** February 1, 2019
FamilyWORKs Launch

- Annual funding investment of approx. $1.6mil
- 238 families served annually
- Three partner agencies
- 14 Parent Educators
- Program length of two years
- Funded by California Department of Social Services
FamilyWORKs Partners

FamilyWORKs Service Providers

- Family Resource & Referral Center
  - We Care About Children and Families
- MARY Magdalene Community Services
- EL CONCILIO Fiftieth Anniversary

FamilyWORKs Layered Service Providers

- CAPC Child Abuse Prevention Council
  - Child Advocates/Parent Coaches
- Help Me Grow
  - San Joaquin County
CalWORKs HVI Timeline

Phase 1
HVI Launch
January 2019 – March 2019

• HVI Inbox
• All County Welfare Directors Letter (ACWDL) released April 25
• County Fiscal Letters (CFLs) released January 30
• HVI Data Tool (Stakeholder Review)
• TA Webinar (February 2019)
• FAQs (February 2019)
• County Phone Conferences
• HV Model Representatives – Phone Conferences

Phase 2
Service Implementation
April 2019 – July 2019

• FAQs (April 2019)
• Welfare to Work - All County Letter (Stakeholder Review)
• TA Webinar (May 2019)
• County Requested Conference Calls
• All County Letter (Child-only cases) - Forthcoming
• County implementation coaching calls
CalWORKs HVI Webpage and Ongoing Technical Assistance (TA)

- CalWORKs HVI Webpage
  - FAQ’s
  - Fact Sheet
  - Links to Letters and Notices
- Quarterly technical assistance webinars (TA)
- County conference calls
Discussion (Q and A)

- Prior Submitted Inquiries
- Current Questions
Wrap Up and Next Steps

- Next ACL for Program Implementation – July 2019
- Next webinar – August 2019
- Evaluation Workgroup Meetings
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Resources

- **Self-Assessment**
  - [https://nccc.georgetown.edu/assessments/](https://nccc.georgetown.edu/assessments/)

- **Inter-Cultural Competency**
  - [https://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/cb/capp_lean_in_lift_up_flyers.pdf](https://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/cb/capp_lean_in_lift_up_flyers.pdf)

- **Trauma-Informed Care**
  - [https://www.acf.hhs.gov/trauma-toolkit/early-childhood-programs](https://www.acf.hhs.gov/trauma-toolkit/early-childhood-programs)

- **Disproportionality**
  - [https://www.childwelfare.gov/pubpdfs/racial_disproportionality.pdf](https://www.childwelfare.gov/pubpdfs/racial_disproportionality.pdf)