

# Healthy Students Promising Futures

## February 2019 Newsletter

Happy New Year! We are thankful for the opportunity to work with you this year and we are excited to share the opportunities and resources below.

### **December 2018 Meeting Memo and Materials**

We have prepared a short memo that outlines the key policy and practice themes from the December 2018 meeting. Check out the attached memo and let us know what YOU heard at the meeting too!

As a reminder, the meeting materials and slides are available here: <http://bit.ly/December2018HSPF>. Scroll halfway down the page to the December 2018 Materials section to access to the materials and slides. We encourage those of you who were not able to attend to review each team's progress slides to learn about the great work occurring in your peer states. There are also slides from the presentations on managed care experiences in Tennessee and South Carolina, addressing social determinants of health, conducting behavioral health needs assessments, and more!

### **SAVE THE DATE: Understanding Medicaid Reimbursement in the School Setting**

Save the date for our next HSPF-exclusive webinar with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). Mary Cieslicki, Hamilton Johns and Richard Kimball from CMS will present content on Medicaid reimbursement methodology and help participants understand how Medicaid services provided in the school setting by school providers, school health centers, and other providers can be reimbursed. This will include a basic understanding of the Free Care policy, fee-for-service and other funding topics. As always, there will be plenty of time for Q&A.

February 14, 2:30-3:30 PM ET

Register here: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/741882672294144269>

### **EPSDT 101: Materials and Slides**

In early January, speakers from CMS presented an excellent 101 webinar on EPSDT. A recording of the webinar is available here: <https://youtu.be/u-JvfnjE-M>. The slides are available to download here: <http://bit.ly/EPSDTWebinar>

### **Upcoming Applications/Opportunities**

**Center for Law and Social Policy RFP for Supporting Transition-age Youth.** The Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP), a national non-partisan nonprofit organization committed to improving the lives of low-income people, invites states/localities to apply for [this request for proposals](#) (RFP). The initiative, Policy Advancing Transformation and Healing (PATH), offers state and local agencies and system leaders in mental health, health, human services, youth, and aligned sectors an opportunity to partner with experts around the country to advance policies that support transformation and healing for transition-age youth (ages 16-17) and young adults (ages 18-24) in low-income communities. Applications are due on Wednesday March 6, 2019 to [PATHRFP@clasp.org](mailto:PATHRFP@clasp.org).

If your state or county/municipality is intending to apply, please send [PATHRFP@clasp.org](mailto:PATHRFP@clasp.org) a brief, non-binding email by February 6, 2019 that provides contact information for the project lead and states your state/locality's intention to apply.

**Performance Partnership Pilots for Disconnected Youth.** Performance Partnerships allow States, localities, and Tribes to pilot better ways of improving outcomes for disconnected youth by giving them additional flexibility in using discretionary funds across multiple Federal programs. In order to more effectively serve disconnected youth, pilot sites may blend discretionary funds—formula and competitive grants—from the specified Federal agencies into one “pot” that is governed by a single set of reporting and other requirements. For P3, statute defines disconnected youth as individuals between the ages of 14 and 24 who are low income and either homeless, in foster care, involved in the juvenile justice system, unemployed, or not enrolled in or at risk of dropping out of an educational institution. The deadline for notice of intent to apply is March 14, 2019. Additional information is [available here](#).

### **CMS Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation Integrated Care for Kids (InCK) Model**

Last Fall, CMMI announced the new Integrated Care for Kids (InCK) Model, a child-centered local service delivery and state payment model that aims to reduce expenditures and improve the quality of care for children under 21 years of age covered by Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) through prevention, early identification, and treatment of behavioral and physical health needs. While the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) has yet to be released, CMMI advises potential applicants to use this time to “determine which entity would serve as the Lead Organization and which might be community partners delivering core child services.” If you are interested in receiving additional information about InCK, you can subscribe to [CMMI's InCK Model listserv](#).

### **National Partner Resources**

#### Association of State and Territorial Health Officials

- ASTHO has a number of great resources to help your team identify how to engage with your state public health department. The [2016 ASTHO Profile Survey: Top Findings](#) report identifies the key roles of public health and top priorities for state health agencies. ASTHO has also created [three infographics](#) depicting the report's key findings.
- ASTHO also has two podcasts related to child health:
  - [Podcast: Preventing Childhood Obesity Through Healthy Communities](#)
  - [Podcast: Making the Case for Early Childhood Brain Development](#)

#### Child Trends

- [Using State Policy to Create Healthy Schools](#) provides state-by-state and issue-specific analyses of how state laws address the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child (WSCC) model.
- [Responding to Trauma through Policies that Create Supportive Learning Environments](#) guides state officials towards policies needed to build learning environments that effectively support students with a history of trauma.

#### National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE)

- NASBE's [State Policy Database on School Health](#) was relaunched last week, featuring all of the policies analyzed for the Child Trends report listed above. It is a fantastic resource if you are interested in learning about the school health policies in place in your state and others states.
- The January 2019 edition of [The State Education Standard](#), NASBE's peer-reviewed journal, focuses on how state policymakers can advance student safety and wellness. Articles on social-

emotional learning, trauma-informed schools, health education standards, and more are included.

#### National Academy for State Health Policy (NASHP)

- NASHP has released a [new chart](#) and [map](#) on state strategies for promoting child health, including managed care performance measures and improvement projects, and other metrics and incentives in Medicaid.

#### **Federal Resources**

#### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Division of Adolescent and School Health (CDC DASH)

- CDC DASH's [Health Services for Teens website](#) includes a robust resources section with a concrete guide for developing a referral system for sexual health services.
- CDC DASH also has [new resources](#) on how the Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child (WSCC) model informs HIV, STD, and pregnancy prevention.

#### Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)

- SAMHSA's [School Mental Health Referrals Pathway Toolkit](#) provides best-practice guidance and practical tools and strategies to improve coordination and collaboration both within schools and between schools and other youth-serving agencies.
- The [Safe Schools/Healthy Students Framework Implementation Toolkit](#) is an online guide based on the experience of states and communities funded by the SS/HS grant program. It includes guides, tools, and resources to help you Plan, Implement, Sustain & Expand this unique approach in your community.

#### CMS

The Integrated Care for Kids (InCK) Model and Maternal Opioid Misuse (MOM) Model jointly released a [fact sheet](#) comparing approaches between the two recently-announced CMS Innovation Center models. The fact sheet will help stakeholders seeking to understand how the two models work together to support integrated and coordinated physical and behavioral health care for Medicaid and CHIP-covered children, youth, and their caregivers affected by the opioid crisis.

Thank you once again for your participation in the learning collaborative and we look forward to our continued work together in 2019.

Regards,

Trust for America's Health and Healthy Schools Campaign