

Healthy Students Promising Futures

April 2019 Newsletter

We hope everyone is doing well and enjoying spring. Below, please find news and resources for the *Healthy Students, Promising Futures* Learning Collaborative.

NEW FROM HSPF

July Symposium

Healthy Schools Campaign (HSC) and Trust for America's Health (TFAH) are excited to announce the dates of the next Healthy Students, Promising Futures Learning Collaborative symposium. The symposium will take place from **9:00am-6:30pm on July 16 and 9:00am-3:00pm on July 17** at the Kaiser Permanente Center for Total Health (700 2nd St NE, Washington, DC 20002).

Please RSVP here: <https://healthyschoolscampaign.org/hspf-meeting/>.

Brief and Call on State Activity to Implement CMS' Reversal of the Free Care Policy

In partnership with Community Catalyst, HSC and TFAH are proud to share with you a [new policy brief](#) that describes the myriad ways that states are making progress expanding access to school health services through "free care." An increasing number of states are taking steps to implement this opportunity, including many in the Learning Collaborative. The brief is available at <http://bit.ly/freecareupdate> and will be regularly updated. Congratulations to our many state partners who are working so hard on this issue.

Mark your calendars for **April 23 from 3:00pm-4:00pm ET**. We will host a facilitated call exclusively for members of the Learning Collaborative with updates on state activity around implementation of the free care policy reversal. The call in number is 773-231-8532 and a calendar invitation will be sent shortly.

ICYMI

Addressing Social Determinants of Health via Medicaid Managed Care Contracts and Section 1115 Demonstrations

Last month, the Association for Community Affiliated Plans and the Center for Health Care Strategies presented a webinar on state levers for improving coordination between plans and social service providers—including schools—to address social determinants of health. The webinar slides and recording are available here: <https://healthyschoolscampaign.org/hspf-webinar/>

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES AND EVENTS

Webinar: Implementing the WSCC Model: Five Years Later - Perspectives from CDC and ASCD

This webinar will provide participants with an update on the implementation of the Whole School Whole Community Whole Child (WSCC) model in states and districts across the country, including successes and challenges. Perspectives and examples will be shared from both CDC's Healthy Schools and ASCD's Whole Child initiatives. Presenters will also provide information on how each organization is promoting, supporting and encouraging the implementation independently and collaboratively. [Register here](#).

Update: Integrated Care for Kids (InCK) Model

The Notice of Funding Opportunity for the Integrated Care for Kids (InCK) Model is now available [on CMMI's website](#). As a reminder, it will offer \$120m to eight states over seven years for innovative Medicaid strategies for children's mental health and other health care needs - including a requirement for coordination with schools! The Georgetown Center for Children put together the attached summary titled "Schools and InCK NOFO" with an eye towards how schools/school districts are mentioned and why student health advocates will find this opportunity of interest. Want more information? Join CMS on Thursday, Thursday, April 18th 2:30pm ET for a webinar on the InCK NOFO. To register, [click here](#).

Advancing Health Equity Request for Applications

The Institute for Medicaid Innovation (IMI), the University of Chicago, and the Center for Health Care Strategies (CHCS) recently released a Request for Application (RFA) for participation in the Advancing Health Equity (AHE) learning collaborative, a two-year initiative funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. The RFA provides an opportunity to join a national learning collaborative that will identify best practices, innovative initiatives, and policy recommendations for integrating payment and healthcare delivery reforms that seek to eliminate health and healthcare disparities and achieve equity by partnering Medicaid managed care organizations directly with state Medicaid agencies and healthcare provider organizations. To learn more about the Advancing Health Equity project and to download the application [click here](#).

Notice: CMS Provides Opportunities for States to Provide Innovative Services to Children with a Serious Emotional Disturbance

In recognition that only about half of children with emotional or behavioral health difficulties receive mental health services and only 41% of the 3.1 million adolescents who experienced depression in 2016 received treatment, CMS has written to state Medicaid directors to outline strategies to improve access to quality services. [This guidance](#) specifically calls out "increased screening for mental health conditions and improved access to mental health services through schools" as key strategies and also notes that costs of developing or maintain a referral network, as well as costs of data-sharing, can be covered to connect schools with local mental health providers. The guidance reaffirms that "Providing behavioral health services in school settings has been shown to improve access to care, increase early problem identification, and overcome reticence to access care by providing services in a more mainstream and accessible setting. States interested in making school-based mental health screening and behavioral health counseling more widely available could do so under the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT) benefit", and the guidance specifically states that a State Plan Amendment would not be required to add screening and behavioral health services. The letter notes that states can also ensure that

managed care plans allow for reimbursement of school-based providers and that tele-health treatment services are allowed.

School-Based Practitioner's Summit

The Ohio School Health Services Association will be hosting their annual summit August 5-6, 2019 in Columbus, Ohio. To learn more, [click here](#). We encourage you to look for similar opportunities to enhance your team's learning in your own state.

WHAT WE'RE READING

Promoting Health and Cost Control in States (PHACCS)

Trust for America's Health

[First report](#) from an initiative to identify policies for good health that look beyond healthcare and foster cross-sector collaboration. The first goal in this report is to support the connections between health and learning.

Pain in the Nation Update

Trust for America's Health and Well Being Trust

[New analysis](#) on the number of alcohol and drug-induced fatalities and suicides in 2017. The brief includes state specific data and federal, state and local policy actions to prevent deaths from alcohol, drugs, and suicide.

Medicaid 101 for School Superintendents

AASA: the School Superintendents Association and Healthy Schools Campaign

This [brief](#) for school superintendents provides an overview of how school districts can leverage Medicaid to support children's educational and health outcomes.

Screening for Social Needs

Center for Consumer Engagement in Health Innovation

This [resource](#) provides an overview of incorporating screening for social needs into the fabric of the health system. In addition to highlighting state-level best practices, this resource focuses on the policy levers advocates should look to when seeking to incorporate social determinants screening into the health system, how to select a screening tool and how to use the data gathered from the tool.

Innovation and Opportunities to Address Social Determinants of Health in Medicaid Managed Care

Institute for Medicaid Innovation

The [report](#) and [fact sheet](#) outline the opportunities for managed care to address the social determinants of health, provides examples of state-led initiatives and health plan best practices, and reviews the barriers and challenges.

Adverse Childhood Experiences: Primary Prevention

Association of State and Territorial Health Officials

[This brief](#) highlights examples of primary prevention strategies, including building skills and promoting social norms for positive parenting, strengthening economic supports for families, and providing quality education and enrichment early in life.

Examining Chronic Absence through a Student Health Lens

National Association of State Boards of Education

[This policy update](#) highlights actions state education decision makers can take to address the health related causes of chronic absence.

Healthy Students and Thriving Schools: A Comprehensive Approach for Addressing Students' Trauma and Mental Health Needs

Child Health and Development Institute

The [IMPACT report](#) provides a blueprint and resources to guide state policymakers and school district leaders, including an overview of core components of the Comprehensive School Mental Health Systems (CSMHS) model structured around family-school-community partnerships and the delivery of evidence-based mental health services within a multi-tiered system of supports; examples of best practice strategies to develop, implement, and sustain CSMHS; a model for a trauma-informed multi-tiered system of supports for school mental health; creative approaches to advance policy and funding structures to sustain CSMHS; and recommendations for state-level policymakers, districts, and schools to advance a comprehensive statewide system of school mental health to improve outcomes for all students.

From a Nation at Risk to a Nation at Hope

Aspen Institute National Commission on Social, Emotional, and Academic Development

The [report](#) details the findings collected over two years under the National Commission and include policy and research recommendations for addressing social, emotion and academic development, as well as a roadmap for collective action.

Telehealth clinic links school with Ascension Indiana Hospital

Ascension

This [article](#) highlights a new partnership between Ascension Indiana and West Washington schools in Campbellsburg, Indiana, to open a telehealth clinic.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to this work and we look forward to seeing you in July!

With appreciation,

Trust for America's Health and Healthy Schools Campaign