

2014 Annual Report
Five-Year Prevention and Permanency Plan
Objective 2.3.1
Reporting Period: July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014

Five Protective Factors: By June 2014, Healthy Start will have formally incorporated the Five Protective Factors into the planning process and foundation of the Healthy Start system of services.

Summary of Plan Activities

Please provide a summary of activities for your five-year prevention and permanency plan objective. For each activity, please identify how they support/promote the Protective Factors

In July 2013, the Florida Department of Health included funding in the Healthy Start contracts for training on the Partners for a Healthy Baby Curriculum. Partners for a Healthy Baby is a nationally recognized research based, practice informed curriculum. At the programmatic level the curriculum provides a framework and set of tools to help any environment that supports young children and their families enhance their capacity to build protective factors that promote optimal development and prevent abuse and neglect.

Progress

Please describe the progress towards achieving your objective outlined in the five-year plan. (If your objective focuses on the calendar year, please report accordingly. If not, report information based on the 2013-2014 State Fiscal Year.)

By June 30, 2014, staff in all Healthy Start Coalitions were trained on the Partners for a Healthy Baby curriculum.

Please identify the percentage of achievement of your objective in the five-year prevention and permanency plan you think your team has achieved, and describe why.

Staff continue to be trained on evidence based curriculums.

Do you think your team is on target to accomplishing your objective by June 2015?

Yes, however, this will be a continual process as staff will turnover and training will continually be needed and as new evidence may arise, curriculums may be updated or changed.

Each region of the state has a Coalition/FAHSC representative who is a trained trainer on the Partners for a Healthy Baby curriculum to ensure that the model continues to be used to fidelity and to continue sustainability amongst direct service subcontracted provider staff.

Some individual coalitions have implemented additional parameters related to the Protective Factors framework and all have become familiar with the Protective Factors.

Highlights and Accomplishments

Please describe any highlights and accomplishments connected to your objective's five-year plan.

The success of having funding available to train Healthy Start staff and the collaboration with the Florida Association of Healthy Start Coalitions and Florida's Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting program to support staff training statewide.

Next Steps

Please identify what your objective's proposed next steps are for 2014-2015 related to the five-year plan.

To continue the implementation of Partners for a Healthy Baby curriculum and to begin the implementation of the evidence based Smoking Cessation Reduction in Pregnancy Treatment (SCRIPT) program within the Healthy Start program.

Please identify what your objective's proposed next steps are for the next five-year plan, to be launched in July 2015.

To continue to implement evidence based and best practices programs, for the highest risk pregnant women and infants, such as those that are substance-exposed, and those with risk indicators as determined by the Department of Health's Prenatal and Infant Risk Screening tools.

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Sustained and Increased Funding. By 30 June 2015, Healthy Start will have put processes in place to have sufficient funding to sustain the quality and increase the availability of Healthy Start services.

Summary of Plan Activities

Please provide a summary of activities for your five-year prevention and permanency plan objective. For each activity, please identify how they support/promote the Protective Factors

For FY 2015/2016 the Maternal and Child Health Section of the Florida Department of Health put forth a Budget Issue Proposal requesting to restore the Healthy Start general revenue allocation back to the FY 2010/2011 funding level. Healthy Start also continues to be funded by the 1115b waiver which allows for the expansion of the intensity and duration of Healthy Start services .

Progress

Please describe the progress towards achieving your objective outlined in the five-year plan. (If your objective focuses on the calendar year, please report accordingly. If not, report information based on the 2013-2014 State Fiscal Year.)

A process known as sequestration, took effect on Mar. 1, 2013, as stipulated by the *Budget Control Act of 2011* (P.L.112-25) and amended by the *American Taxpayer Relief Act* (P.L.112-240). The impact of sequestration on the Title V Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant (MCHBG) was approximately an 8.9% reduction from the 2013 grant award. The Department of Health was also advised to expect the same reduction for the FY 2014 grant award beginning October, 2014. As a result, the Healthy Start program experienced a similar reduction. MCHBG funding has since been restored by Congress to pre-sequestration levels.

Please identify the percentage of achievement of your objective in the five-year prevention and permanency plan you think your team has achieved, and describe why.

The Florida Department of Health in partnership with the Florida Association of Healthy Start Coalitions has worked to reduce administrative costs in an effort to provide more services to clients.

Do you think your team is on target to accomplishing your objective by June 2015?

It is unknown if general revenue funding levels will be restored to the 2010/11 funding level. Funding is dependent upon legislative appropriations.

Highlights and Accomplishments

Please describe any highlights and accomplishments connected to your objective's five-year plan.

In FY2013/14, the Florida Department of Health provided funding to the Healthy Start Coalitions to begin training staff on motivational interviewing and elements of the Partners for a Healthy Baby curriculum. Training has since been completed.

Next Steps

Please identify what your objective's proposed next steps are for 2014-2015 related to the five-year plan.

The 2014 General Appropriations Act (GAA) transferred budget authority in the Federal Grants Trust Fund (Medicaid) and the associated general revenue match for the Waiver/SOBRA programs to the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA). The Department worked cooperatively with FAHSC and AHCA to transition the Waiver/SOBRA program to AHCA beginning July 1, 2014.

Please identify what your objective's proposed next steps are for the next five-year plan, to be launched in July 2015.

With the balance of general revenue funds appropriated by the Legislature, the Department will continue to work with the Healthy Start Coalitions to address the health and care coordination needs of non-Medicaid

enrolled pregnant women and children from birth up to age 3 and to ensure that a Healthy Start system of care coordination is sustained in local communities.

The Florida Association of Healthy Start Coalitions has implemented the Healthy Start MomCare Network to operate as the Administrative Services entity to oversee Medicaid funded Healthy Start services.

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Fetal and Infant Mortality Review: By 30 June 2015, Healthy Start will have put processes in place to have sufficient funding to establish the Fetal and Infant Mortality Review process statewide and will continue to collaborate with the State Child Abuse Death Review Team regarding mutual strategies to reduce child deaths.

Summary of Plan Activities

Please provide a summary of activities for your five-year prevention and permanency plan objective. For each activity, please identify how they support/promote the Protective Factors

For FY 2014/2015 the Maternal and Child Health Section put forth a Budget Issue Proposal requesting to restore the Healthy Start general revenue allocation back to the FY 2010/2011 funding level. Included within that request was \$479,248 to enable all Healthy Start Coalitions to facilitate or conduct systematic reviews of fetal and infant deaths by providing funding for 22 additional FIMR teams throughout the state (\$21,784 for each additional FIMR team). During the 2014-15 Legislative Session, the Healthy Start Coalition of Hillsborough County, Inc. was provided \$50,000 in general revenue for an expanded FIMR project.

Progress

Please describe the progress towards achieving your objective outlined in the five-year plan. (If your objective focuses on the calendar year, please report accordingly. If not, report information based on the 2013-2014 State Fiscal Year.)

Increased funding for the overall Healthy Start FIMR projects has not changed with the exception of the \$50,000 in general revenue provided to the Healthy Start Coalition of Hillsborough County, Inc.

Please identify the percentage of achievement of your objective in the five-year prevention and permanency plan you think your team has achieved, and describe why.

During difficult economic times there may be funding obstacles that will not be able to be overcome. However, the Florida Association of Healthy Start Coalitions continues to advocate for expansion of the Fetal Infant Mortality Review funded Coalitions.

Do you think your team is on target to accomplishing your objective by June 2015?

During difficult economic times and potential funding cuts there may be funding obstacles that will not be able to be overcome. If the legislature approves expansion, then we will be closer to achieving our established objective.

Highlights and Accomplishments

Please describe any highlights and accomplishments connected to your objective's five-year plan.

The Florida Department of Health continues to collaborate with the Florida Association of Healthy Start Coalitions FIMR teams on how the state might best share common messaging and linkage between FIMR and CADR activities. All FIMR funded projects have a representative on their local CADR.

Next Steps

Please identify what your objective's proposed next steps are for 2014-2015 related to the five-year plan.

To continue to support FIMR and to assist FIMR teams to move recommendations to action. The Maternal and Child Health Section will continue to review funding options and if appropriate, put forth a Budget Issue Proposal requesting funding to enable all Healthy Start Coalitions to facilitate or conduct systematic reviews of fetal and infant deaths.

Please identify what your objective's proposed next steps are for the next five-year plan, to be launched in July 2015.

To continue to support FIMR and to assist FIMR teams to move recommendations to action.

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Parent Education and Support. By 30 June 2015, Healthy Start will have put processes in place to have sufficient funding to implement evidence-based parent education services for those who meet service criteria.

Summary of Plan Activities

Please provide a summary of activities for your five-year prevention and permanency plan objective. For each activity, please identify how they support/promote the Protective Factors

Funding to implement statewide training to the Healthy Start coalition leadership (directors, contract managers, quality assurance staff, etc.) and identified care coordinators on the prenatal section of Partners for a Healthy Baby and Motivational Interviewing was provided in the Healthy Start Coalition contracts for 2013-14.

Progress

Please describe the progress towards achieving your objective outlined in the five-year plan. (If your objective focuses on the calendar year, please report accordingly. If not, report information based on the 2013-2014 State Fiscal Year.)

Statewide training was completed by June 30, 2014.

Please identify the percentage of achievement of your objective in the five-year prevention and permanency plan you think your team has achieved, and describe why.

The Florida Department of Health and the Florida Association of Healthy Start Coalitions will continue to work on implementation of evidence-based interventions and the protective factors framework.

Do you think your team is on target to accomplishing your objective by June 2015?

Accomplishing the objective is in the process of being met.

Highlights and Accomplishments

Please describe any highlights and accomplishments connected to your objective's five-year plan.

The Florida Association of Healthy Start Coalitions (FAHSC) was awarded a Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) grant in March 2013. Funding from that grant helped fund evidence-based education services in Florida. Five counties were already implementing evidence-based programs from the original grant award and six additional counties were selected to implement in October 2013.

Next Steps

Please identify what your objective's proposed next steps are for 2014-2015 related to the five-year plan.

To train and implement the evidence-based curricula Smoking Cessation Reduction in Pregnancy Treatment (SCRIPT) program into the Healthy Start program.

Please identify what your objective's proposed next steps are for the next five-year plan, to be launched in July 2015.

To continue to implement evidence based interventions into the Healthy Start program and continue to work on CQI in order to develop recommendations about best practices.

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Quality Improvement. By June 30, 2015, Healthy Start will have continued ongoing quality improvement efforts to utilize evidence-based services and identify and integrate new promising practices to ensure the program is delivering effective services that improve child health and development.

Summary of Plan Activities

Please provide a summary of activities for your five-year prevention and permanency plan objective. For each activity, please identify how they support/promote the Protective Factors

In 2011, the Florida Department of Health and the Florida Association of Healthy Start Coalitions began a process implement evidence based curriculums into the Healthy Start core service components. The goal was to increase the delivery of evidence-based services where these services have been shown through a meta-analysis of rigorous evaluations to impact outcomes such as infant mortality, low birth weight babies, and pre-term babies.

Progress

Please describe the progress towards achieving your objective outlined in the five-year plan. (If your objective focuses on the calendar year, please report accordingly. If not, report information based on the 2013-2014 State Fiscal Year.)

Funding to implement statewide training on selected curricula was included in the Healthy Start Coalition contracts for FY 2013-14. Statewide training was completed by June 20, 2014. In addition, the Florida Association of Healthy Start Coalitions (FAHSC) was awarded a Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) grant in March 2013. Funding from that grant helped fund evidence based education services in Florida. Five counties were currently implementing evidence based programs and six additional counties were selected to implement in October 2013.

Please identify the percentage of achievement of your objective in the five-year prevention and permanency plan you think your team has achieved, and describe why.

Accomplishing the objective is in the process of being met. Each region in Florida has a FAHSC representative that is a trained trainer in the Partners for a Healthy Baby and a SCRIPT trainer. This supports sustainability of training as new staff are hired.

Do you think your team is on target to accomplishing your objective by June 2015?

Yes, however, this will be a continual process as staff will turnover and training will continually be needed and as new evidence may arise, curriculums may be updated or changed.

Highlights and Accomplishments

Please describe any highlights and accomplishments connected to your objective's five-year plan.

The Florida Department of Health, the Florida Association of Healthy Start Coalitions and interested partners and stakeholders continue to pursue emerging evidence is evaluated for potential inclusion in the Healthy Start program and to make recommendations regarding adherence to existing research. The overall goal is to improve the effectiveness of the Healthy Start model by identifying best practices and evidence based interventions to reduce preventable risks associated with infant mortality and morbidity for implementation.

Next Steps

Please identify what your objective's proposed next steps are for 2014-2015 related to the five-year plan.

To train and implement the evidence-based curricula Smoking Cessation Reduction in Pregnancy Treatment (SCRIPT) program into the Healthy Start program.

Please identify what your objective's proposed next steps are for the next five-year plan, to be launched in July 2015.

To continue to implement evidence based interventions into the Healthy Start program and continue to work on Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) initiatives in order to develop recommendations about best practices.