

## LICC Child Find Plan 2017-2018

### Plan:

1. The combined LICC will review demographic data to determine the ethnic groups with the area served by the programs. The data will then be used to determine how best the programs can serve these populations and to insure that programs are being culturally sensitive to families. The combined LICC will pursue presentations for program staff that will enhance their cultural awareness and sensitivity to the various ethnic groups within our area. The goal of these presentations is increased ability to connect and stay connected with families upon referral to the programs.
2. The combined LICC will identify activities/actions that will result in improved response rates when referrals originate from Children & Youth offices, medical professionals and Connect. Each agency involved with child find/child keep has reported that these referral sources have the highest rates of no response to contact.
  - Department of Health - The Pennsylvania Department of Health's Lead Surveillance Program tracks and monitors childhood lead activity through the Pennsylvania National Electronic Disease Surveillance System (PA-NEDSS). Over the past several years, funding issues has significantly

impacted this program. With the current situation in Flint, Michigan with children being poisoned by lead in the water, the DOH is looking to address lead through all possible sources of exposure. DOH has submitted several grant applications to assist in their efforts across the state. These following activities have been discussed/recommended at the State Interagency Coordinating Council and would apply to our local area:

- *Update lead education materials to advise people of the availability of Early Intervention services*
- *Addressing how to improve the referral system to Early Intervention when a child has a blood lead level of 5, rather than the current EBLL of 10 for a referral*
- *Working with our Bureau of Informatics and Information Technology to make changes in PA-NEDSS required to route cases of children with lead levels of 5 ug/deciliter of whole blood to the community health nurses for follow-up with the family. NEDSS is the National Electronic Data Surveillance System, which is used to report track reportable conditions.*

Also, DOH will be announcing in the coming months that birthing hospitals will be required to screen all newborns for withdrawal symptoms from prenatal substance exposure

3·Each program will continue with its outreach efforts.