SHIP Action Team Highlights

Healthy Connecticut 2020
State Health Improvement Plan

Maternal, Infant and Child Health
Environmental Health
Chronic Disease Prevention
Infectious Disease Prevention
Injury and Violence Prevention
Mental Health and Substance Health Systems

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Action Team: Maternal, Infant & Child Health

Maternal, Infant & Child Health Highlights

- Greatest Accomplishment
  - Serving as a vehicle for communicating, coordinating and integrating MCH services
  - Advocacy efforts led to passage of Paid Family Medical Leave Act
- Currently Working On
  - Community call to action to offer developmental screenings
  - Worked with legislative champions to promote screenings of the film “Resilience: The Biology of Stress & The Science of Hope”
- Highest Priority to Complete by Dec 2020
  - Develop a legislative agenda on toxic stress and trauma
Maternal, Infant & Child Health Strategies

- Support the provision of preconception/interconception health care throughout the childbearing years in community and clinical settings
- Collaborate across sectors to increase socioeconomic and health equity
- Support reproductive and sexual health services
- Increase dental care provided by pediatric primary care providers (PCPs)
- Encourage pediatric PCPs to include oral health in the well child visits
- Increase awareness on the importance of developmental screening
- Train community and healthcare providers to improve screening rates and coordination of referrals and linkage to services within the state
- Engage in cross system planning and coordination of activities around developmental screening
Action Team: Environmental Health

Environmental Health Highlights

- Greatest Accomplishment
  - Decreased the prevalence of lead poisoning ≥5µg/dL for children under the age of 6 years
    - In 2017, 2.3%; in 2016, 2.7%; in 2015, 2.9%; and in 2014, 3.0%

- Currently Working On
  - Air Quality Awareness – Distributed 75 sets of EPA’s Air NOW Flag Program in the Greater Bridgeport area

- Highest Priority to Complete by Dec 2020
  - Expand knowledge of the Healthy Homes Initiative and collaborate with partners to promote healthy housing
Environmental Health Strategies

- Encourage local, state, and other federal agencies to facilitate data-sharing between health and housing in a timely manner
- Educate the general public, families, service providers, advocates, and public officials on sources of lead in homes and other child-occupied facilities, so that lead hazards are eliminated before children are exposed
- Promote awareness of air quality among key stakeholders and at risk populations.
- Work with at-risk population care providers to develop a plan of action for forecasted unhealthy air quality days (especially day cares and summer day camps)
- Adopt a statewide property maintenance code
- Improve compliance with CT’s laws on health and safety
Action Team: Chronic Disease Prevention & Control

Chronic Disease Prevention Highlights

- **Greatest Accomplishment**
  - Use of a common asthma action plan across multiple settings
  - Effective network distribution of Healthy Food Donation List

- **Currently Working On**
  - Asthma education and delivery of services
  - Oral Health integration into School Based Health Centers
  - Collaborative implementation of federal physical activity guidelines
  - Limiting exposure and access to nicotine products through smoking & vaping

- **Highest Priority to Complete by Dec 2020**
  - Develop a communication strategy to circulate key information and identify opportunities for overlapping work with other SHIP Action Teams
Chronic Disease Prevention Strategies

- Promote utilization of asthma action plans (AAP) for children to increase AAP use in homes, schools and medical practices.
- Increase use of dental sealants and fluoride varnish in school-based programs and promote the effectiveness and efficiency of dental sealants to prevent decay, through education and awareness with culturally and linguistically appropriate campaigns.
- Improve the availability and access of healthy food options for children and families through the settings of community schools and worksites.
- Advocate for comprehensive tobacco control legislation including: Tax parity for all nicotine-based products; Raise age to purchase to 21; Removal of Pre-emption clauses that hinder local tobacco control authority; Advocate for appropriate and sustainable Tobacco Trust Fund allocations for education, prevention, and cessation on tobacco-based product use.
Infectious Disease Prevention Highlights

- Greatest Accomplishment
  - HPV vaccine included in state purchasing
  - Updating electronic platform for immunization reporting system

- Currently Working On
  - Continue on-boarding of clinics for electronic reporting of immunizations
  - Expanding HIV screening and follow up for newly diagnosed
  - Increasing vaccination rates for HPV

- Highest Priority to Complete by Dec 2020
  - Educate elected officials/policy makers on the science of immunization and vaccines
  - Advance the recommendations of Getting to Zero (G2Z) report
Infectious Disease Prevention & Control Strategies

- Educate parents/consumers about the importance and science of ACIP recommended vaccines for children
- Establish bi-directional electronic reporting of vaccination data; then increase utilization by providers.
- Develop new and diverse venues for influenza vaccine administration and culturally appropriate outreach to ensure access to all population groups.
- Educate parents and providers about the cancer prevention benefits of the HPV vaccine.
- Expand routine screening programs to increase early detection of HIV.
- Establish partner referral services throughout the state at healthcare facilities.
- Develop coordinated HIV surveillance, prevention and care data systems to monitor Connecticut trends in the HIV continuum and effectively target resources/interventions.
- Expand use of pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) as preventive measure for persons engaging in high-risk behaviors.
Action Team: Injury & Violence Prevention

Injury & Violence Prevention Highlights

- Greatest Accomplishment
  - Expanded partnerships and stakeholder engagement including local health departments, the Dept. of Aging and Disability Services (formerly DORS), Connecticut Community Care (CCC)/CT Healthy Living Collective (CHLC), and state university Physical Therapy/Occupational Therapy faculty

- Currently Working On
  - Prevention of sexual violence, suicide, and motor vehicle crashes.
  - CT Falls Compendium of evidence-based falls prevention programs

- Highest Priority to Complete by Dec 2020
  - Integration of overlapping priorities of the Injury and Mental Health and Substance Abuse Action Teams.
Injury & Violence Prevention Strategies

- Promote implementation of evidence-based multi-faceted programs for community dwelling older adults that integrate fall risk reduction strategies
- Education and statewide enforcement of laws regarding distracted driving, impaired driving, speeding, and unrestrained driving
- Coordinate and implement suicide prevention program and training around the state
- Disseminate best practices and effective primary prevention strategies of sexual violence to professionals around the state, including evidence-based services to victims
Mental Health & Substance Abuse Highlights

- **Greatest Accomplishments**
  - Increased MH awareness among first responders via MH First Aid training
  - Child Trauma Screening (CTS) tool developed collaboratively by CHDI, DCF and Yale
  - CT Medicaid administration endorsed development of a trauma screening billing code

- **Continuing to Work On**
  - Reducing by 5% the use of opioids including heroin for ages 12 and older
  - Increasing by 5% trauma screening by primary care and behavioral health providers
  - Decreasing by 5% the rate of Mental Health Emergency Department visits

- **Highest Priority to Complete by Dec 2020**
  - Identify appropriate data to track and report change related to objectives
Mental Health & Substance Abuse Strategies

- Increase knowledge and implementation of behavioral health screening by primary care providers for youth (age 12-17) and adults (age 18 and older)
- Increase mental health literacy of public safety officials
- Increase access to community-based mental health services offered on a sliding fee scale and/or at no cost by school based and community based health centers
- Implement strategies recommended by the ADPC and CORE Initiative to increase public education on overdose prevention
- Increase provider trauma screening training opportunities for medical and behavioral health providers across all settings (private offices, FQHCs, SBHCs)
- Create a billing code for primary care providers to bill for trauma screening
- Train Primary Care, OBGYNs, Dental and other professionals on alternatives to opiate use for pain management and reduction of stigma
Action Team: Health Systems

Health Systems Highlights

- Greatest Accomplishment
  - Local health departments received funding to pursue accreditation
  - Established a baseline of communities covered by a CHNA
  - Surveyed SHIP action teams co-leads to determine data gaps

- Currently Working On
  - Reviewing findings from data gaps assessment and identifying strategies
  - Making CLAS training available online and regional in-person sessions

- Highest Priority to Complete by Dec 2020
  - Implementing strategies to address identified needs and data gaps of SHIP Action Teams
Health Systems Strategies

- Provide financial incentives to health jurisdictions for accreditation and to those who are accredited
- Encourage regional health assessments
- Identify data needs/gaps across focus areas/action teams to support health improvement and quality and performance of health agencies
- Align Community Health Improvement Plans with goals and strategies in the State Health Improvement Plan
- Advocate for the utilization of Community Health Workers as part of the health system workforce