



MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Children's Services Agency Update

MAC Annual Conference

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MDHHS Merger

- MDHHS effective April 10, 2015
- Creation of Children's Service Agency
 - Includes Division of Mental Health Services to Children and Families
 - Includes Office of Family Advocate
 - Retains Child Welfare Licensing (CWL)
- Final organizational structure still being adjusted

Modified Settlement Agreement

- Last Monitor Report on Performance (MSA 6) and Status Hearing: April 13, 2015
- MSA 7 Period Ended: December 31, 2014
- MSA 8 Period Ended: June 30, 2015



Federal Court Update

MSA Period 6 Hearing on April 13, 2015

- Evidence of Sustained Progress:
 - Guardianships
 - Staff Qualifications and Training
 - Federal Permanency Outcomes
- Challenges/Areas of Focus
 - Better Protect Children from Harm
 - Stabilize New Child Welfare Data System – MiSACWIS



Moving Forward

- In December 2014 Michigan filed a motion to vacate or at a minimum, to significantly modify the MSA.
- Since May 2015, parties are meeting to negotiate modifications to MSA for more focused and prioritized areas of reporting.
- Continued focus on safety indicators, appropriate workloads for caseworkers, supports for foster care placements and improved functionality of MiSACWIS.



Moving Forward

- Enhancements to the MiTEAM case practice model.
- Pilot for performance-based contracting in Kent County.
- Contract with David Mandel (Safe and Together) allowing for DV casework enhancement.
- Statewide required trainings for staff on safety assessment and planning and safe sleep.
- Predictive Analytic Pilot



MiSACWIS

Michigan Statewide Automated Child Welfare Information System

- Comprehensive automated case management tool used by both State and private child welfare agencies
- Federal Requirement : a single system, consistent, uniform way of recording case activities and presents a comprehensive view of the family – the “official case record” for child welfare workers.
- Supports Michigan-specific child welfare business practices, policies, and processes.
- Our 6800 users, public and private



MiSACWIS System Data Interfaces

- * Substantial Collaboration between DHS, DTMB, Interface Partners, DCH, BCAL, Bridges, Private Agencies
- * Major Business Interfaces Provide
 - * Medicaid
 - * Assistance
 - * Child Support
 - * Birth Registry
 - * Health Immunizations
 - * Provider Placements
 - * Financials- Automation of Foster Care and Provider Payments
 - * All Private Agency End Users Secure Access

MiSACWIS Planned Enhancements

- Child Care Fund
- Future Opportunities
- MiSACWIS - Juvenile Justice



Juvenile Justice Updates

Michigan School-Justice Partnership (SJP) Initiative: Ending the School-to-Prison Pipeline

- * March 2013 - National Leadership Summit on School-Justice Partnerships.
- * September 2013 - MI Leadership Summit on School-Justice Partnerships.
- * May-June 2014 – Five Regional Forums on School-Justice Partnerships
- * May 2015 – Statewide Forum on School-Justice Partnerships



Juvenile Justice Updates

Michigan Committee on Juvenile Justice (MCJJ)

- * MCJJ – Federally funded, Governor-appointed group of juvenile justice stakeholders who implement programs and make recommendations for system improvement.
- * New focus of the MCJJ:
 - * Diversion
 - * Raise the Age



Defending Childhood State Policy Initiative

Background

- Initiated by Attorney General Eric Holder to address poor outcomes experienced by children who suffer trauma as a result of witnessing or experiencing violence.
- *Sponsored by the* Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP)
- *Coordinated by the* National Center for Mental Health and Juvenile Justice (NCMHJJ)
- 3 states selected – MI, MA, CA

Defending Childhood State Policy Initiative

Goals

- Develop strategic plan for *identifying, screening, assessing,* and *treating* children who suffer from trauma caused by witnessing or experiencing violence in their homes, schools, or communities.
- Implement *cross-systems, trauma-informed* approach that provides *evidence-based* services.
- Identify mechanisms to collaboratively blend funding sources to support screening, assessment, and treatment services
- Strategic plan -- more effective and sustainable policies and programs, increased coordination of trauma-informed service provision, and *better outcomes for children and youth.*

Thank You

