NH WMG Updates

The Bureau Special Medical Services, in collaboration with New Hampshire Family Voices, Maternal Child and Health and the National MCH Workforce Development Center hosted a Developmental Screening Stakeholder meeting, May 7, 2019, with 65 participants from diverse backgrounds to include family members, early childhood professionals, and health care representatives.

The goal was to define a comprehensive developmental screening system and defining the various components. The information gathered will be used by the Watch Me Grow Steering Committee to guide the action planning for New Hampshire’s system for developmental screening, education, referral, diagnosis, and treatment services.

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New Hampshire Family Voices (NHFV) is an amazing resource of information. If you are in need of any developmental screening materials to share with families such as the LTSAE booklets, brochures and more, check out the toolkits and order form available on the www.watchmegrownh.org website.

Learn The Signs Act Early (LTSAE) has developed a new Spanish-language video to promote the Milestone Tracker app to Spanish-speaking families. You can watch the Spanish testimonial video here https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H_ZTTri_FOg
The Milestones Matter Community is a new social-media project organized by the Act Early Ambassadors. Inspired by the “Learn the Signs. Act Early.” initiative, the ambassador-run Facebook page serves as a community of parents, grandparents, friends and professionals who care about supporting the developmental health of all children.

Understanding how children develop and acting early on developmental concerns is important in helping children achieve their full potential.

With the goal of educating and sharing information about early child development, the Milestones Matter page will provide tips, along with parent-friendly tools and resources, to support parents and other care providers in monitoring their young children’s early development. Like, follow and share the Milestones Matter Community Facebook page, because milestones matter when it comes to early child development.

WIC is proud to announce there will be two pilot sites that will incorporate Developmental Monitoring into their nutrition visits. The program is based on the CDC’s “Learn the Signs. Act Early.” (LTSAE) public health campaign, which is designed to educate parents about early child development (www.cdc.gov/ActEarly).

The campaign’s primary messages to parents are:
1. learn the signs of healthy child development;
2. act early if there is a concern; and
3. talk to your child’s doctor.

The goal is to implement this project statewide by the end of 2020. Jen Doris provided a training to 4 WIC provider sites (65 staff) to provide an overview of developmental monitoring and the LTSAE materials that can support all families.