

helping children soar



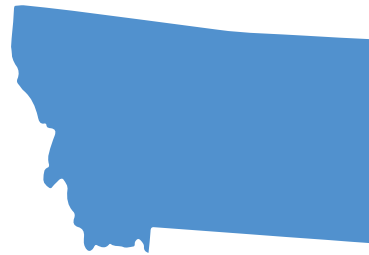
**PROJECT
LAUNCH**

Mission

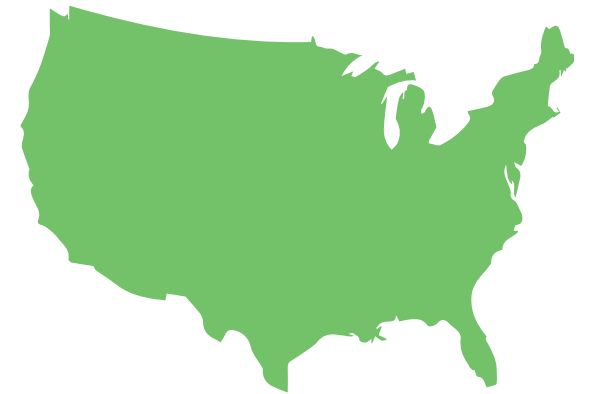
Montana Project LAUNCH is a collaboration of local, state, and federal partners working to improve early childhood services so that children have the opportunity to develop, learn and realize their full potential.



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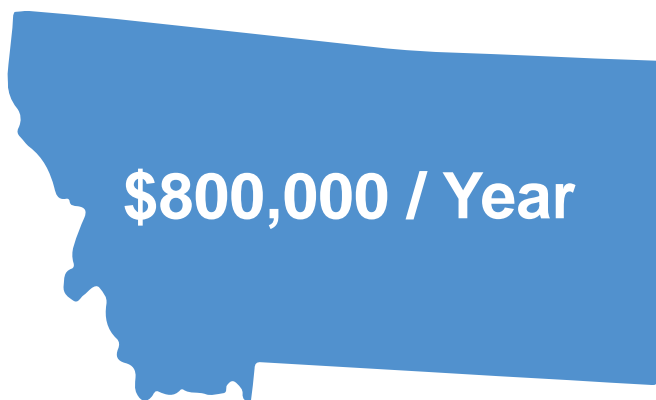
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Funding and Statewide Expansion

To make this work happen, the Project LAUNCH grant will receive \$800,000 from SAMHSA per year to the State of Montana, of which \$540,000 will be directly invested in the pilot communities of Gallatin and Park counties.



The goal is to take the ideas, lessons and innovations from this effort and expand what works in order to benefit all Montanans.



\$540,000



LAUNCH Partners

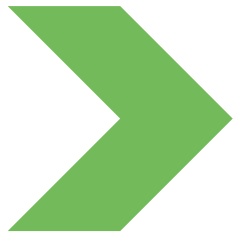


Gallatin & Park County

Mission & Vision



In Gallatin and Park counties, we are building systems to provide parents and caregivers access to high-quality prevention and wellness services and resources, with a focus on social-emotional development and early childhood mental health.



This means building connections and partnerships that empower medical clinics, child care centers, schools and parents to work together to prevent, identify and address social and emotional concerns early in a child's life.

Prevention Health Model

LAUNCH focuses on prevention versus intervention

Prevention Strategies:

Build a system of support for the holistic health of mothers and young children



Facilitate healthy environments and relationships for young children, so they can acquire the skills for social-emotional wellness



Arm professionals with the skills and developmental knowledge to serve families with children 0-8

System of Support

Social-Emotional Wellness

Children Ages 0-8

Outcomes

Through this work, we will create an early childhood system that connects children and their parents to mental health services and resources, leading to new opportunities for healthy, successful lives.

For example:

Mental health professionals will work side-by-side with pediatricians to identify and address social and emotional issues.

Obstetricians will work with public health nurses and home visitors who visit new and expectant mothers in their homes.

Early child care providers will get support needed to enhance the classroom experience and reduce challenging behaviors.

Parents in rural communities will have access to unique group classes to reinforce children's emotional control, social skills, problem solving and school readiness.

Public education and screening will be provided for all families, not just those with identified needs.

Success Story:

Gallatin City-County Health Department

1

Hired a labor and delivery nurse to do universal needs assessments in the home and refer expectant moms to community resources.

2

Partnered with OB providers who agreed to refer all expectant mothers who are first-time mothers, are using tobacco products, are teen mothers and/or have a history of mental health concerns.

3

All home visitors are being cross-trained on mental health topics: suicidal ideation, mental health first aid, perinatal/postnatal mood disorders and early childhood mental health and medication, social emotional development and attachment.

Success Story:

A Mom's Point of View

“As a Mom of 4 year old twins who are completely different from one another, Attentive Parenting gave me many positive strategies on how to coach each one of them into becoming great young adults. With everything from social and emotional coaching, to academic and persistence coaching, the topics covered gave me confidence in my parenting skills and I know my children will also gain confidence in themselves from me teaching them what I’ve learned.” – V.R., Attentive Parenting Mom



“One of the Aha! moments for me in the class came when she taught how to use play time as coaching opportunities. By using role playing with doll or puppets to play out different scenarios, I have already found this useful for different social and emotional issues my kids have encountered in preschool.”



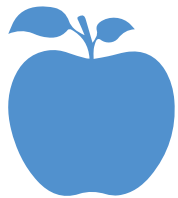
Self Awareness

“The calm down strategies that were discussed have also cut way down on tantrum time and my kids can better self-regulate. I can also say that it has given me a better outlook on my parenting behavior. How can I ask my children to calm down and listen when I myself am not calm, or I’m impatient or angry?”

Success Story:

Focus on Compassion Fatigue

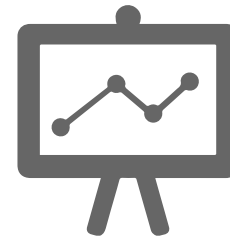
Community Health Partners-Learning Partners in Livingston is developing a comprehensive plan to support direct service workers and prevent compassion fatigue



Breakfast educational sessions on resilience building



One-on-one and group consultation with a mental health professional



Mindfulness Leadership Training



More flexibility with caseload requirements

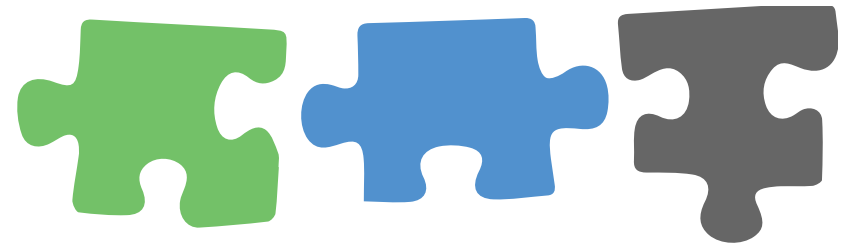
Success Story:

Child Care Provider Support



Best Practices

A local workgroup, comprised of Child Care Connections staff, Montana State University faculty, a preschool director, Bozeman School District staff and LAUNCH representatives, focuses on best practices for increasing screening in early childcare settings



Partnerships

Child Care Connections has partnered with ASQ and ASQ-SE trainers to provide training to interested childcare providers and will provide implementation training and support to ensure appropriate and constructive screening practices

Community Connection

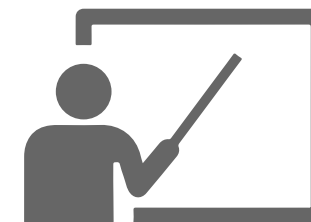
LAUNCH Partners have already connected with community members to improve the early childhood system



The W.W. Kellogg Foundation supported lactation education program coordinator in Gallatin will coordinate with LAUNCH Partners to create postpartum mental health materials



Higher education has expressed interest in exploring opportunities for a combined training in early education and childhood mental health



Trauma-informed and resilience trainings will be more organized and readily available to the community

Sustainability



Gallatin Early Childhood Community Council and Park County Early Childhood Coalition will shoulder the future of collaborative action in these communities

SAMHSA encourages development of funding partnerships through the grant cycle

State-level partners will harness ideas on policy and programmatic enhancements as suggested by Gallatin and Park LAUNCH work

Statewide Implementation Goals

Early Childhood Services Bureau:
Pyramid Model implementation in early care and improved connection to early childhood mental health referrals

Family & Child Health Bureau:
Earlier referral and improved access to pregnant mothers

Children's Mental Health Bureau:
Explore potential of integrated behavioral health models and the possibilities of payment options for mental health consultation services

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