

Montana Project LAUNCH



Montana Project LAUNCH (Linking Actions for Unmet Needs in Children's Health) is funded by a federal, SAMHSA, grant received by DPHHS in September 2014. The goal is to engage Montana's early childhood partners to improve systems and access to mental health services for young children and families in our rural state while piloting evidence-based practices in Gallatin and Park Counties. It is an \$800,000, per year, 5 year grant.

Mission

Strengthen the collaborative system that supports healthy children and families through:

- *Implementing the Pyramid Model framework to support the social, emotional and mental health needs of young children and families*
- *Increasing access to screening, assessment, and referral to appropriate services for young children and their families*
- *Improving service delivery through innovative approaches, such as primary care/behavioral health integration, mental health consultation in early care and education, enhanced home visiting, cross sector professional development, and increased access to parent skills training*
- *Improving coordination and collaboration within systems of care*
- *Reducing health disparities due to race, ethnicity, income, gender, and geography related to access, use, and outcomes from services through culturally relevant evidence-based prevention and wellness promotion practices*
- *Developing strategies and interventions to inform a model for statewide replication backed by local data showing positive child and family outcomes*

Together, the following DPHHS Bureaus are working collaboratively to implement this grant at the state level and oversee the local work:

- Children's Mental Health Bureau <http://dphhs.mt.gov/dsd/CMB.aspx>
- Early Childhood Services Bureau <http://dphhs.mt.gov/hcsd/childcare>
- Family and Community Health Bureau <http://dphhs.mt.gov/publichealth/mch.aspx>

Partners in Gallatin and Park Counties include:

1. Child Care Connections: <http://bozemanccc.org/>
2. Community Health Partners: <http://chphealthmt.org/>
3. Early Childhood Community Council: <http://ecccgallatin.org/>
4. Gallatin City-County Health Department: <http://healthygallatin.org/>
5. Gallatin Mental Health Center: <http://www.gallatinmentalhealth.org/>
6. Greater Gallatin United Way: <http://www.greatergallatinunitedway.org/>
7. Park County Early Childhood Coalition:
<http://www.parkcountyparent.org/EarlyChildhoodCoalition.htm>
8. Park County Health Department: <http://www.parkcounty.org/Government-Departments/Health-Department/>
9. Thrive: <https://allthrive.org/>

Project LAUNCH's Five Prevention and Promotion Strategies

- Screening and assessment in a range of child-serving settings
- Integration of behavioral health into primary care
- Mental health consultation in early care and education
- Enhanced home visiting with a focus on social and emotional well-being
- Family strengthening and parent skills training

Project LAUNCH's Objectives

- Increase access to screening, assessment, and referral to appropriate services for young children and families
- Expand use of culturally relevant, evidence-based prevention and wellness promotion practices in a range of child-serving settings
- Increase integration of behavioral health into primary care settings
- Improve coordination and collaboration across disciplines at the local, state, territorial, tribal, and federal levels
- Increase workforce knowledge of children's social and emotional development and skills to respond to behavioral health challenges of young children and families

THE PROJECT LAUNCH FRAMEWORK

HOLISTIC PERSPECTIVE | ECOLOGICAL FRAMEWORK | PUBLIC HEALTH APPROACH

FAMILY-CENTERED | CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY COMPETENT



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