Project Abstract

Project Title:	Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems: Building Health Through Integration
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Project Summary

The Oregon Health Authority, Public Health Division is requesting funds to: 1) coordinate statewide developmental screening activities for children 0-3 with a focus on early care and education settings; and 2) to expand screening for those children at highest risk for negative child outcomes based on socio-cultural determinants of health. Connections with pediatric and other child health leaders will be strengthened through training and referrals among medical homes, early intervention services, child care programs and families.

Statewide capacity building will be accomplished in phases leveraging resources from multiple funding sources including Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting formula grant, Project LAUNCH, and Race-to-the Top Early Learning Challenge grant. Stakeholders will be engaged in developing aspects of a developmental screening process to inform policy and enable statewide implementation over the three year period beginning with areas of the state deemed to have the greatest percentage of families and children with high needs.

Capacity building made possible through ECCS will connect and optimize the use of existing resources and initiatives to create a streamlined, comprehensive strategy for developmental screening. A key objective of the project will be to ensure children 0 to 3 with developmental delays are referred to and receive appropriate services as early as possible. This will include efforts to identify and train additional child care health consultants to serve in regions of the state with greater percentages of families with high needs in order to facilitate coordination between medical homes, early care and education providers, and community-based services.

ECCS will link developmental screening activities emerging from community-based structures for health and early learning including Coordinated Care Organizations (CCOs) and the Early Learning Council's future Community-Based Coordinators of Services (or Hubs) to activities within the Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) program, the state's Race to the Top- Early Challenge Grant, and child care quality improvement activities. Resources from other system capacity building efforts will be tapped including Help Me Grow, Project LAUNCH, the Oregon Pediatric Society's Screening Tools and Referral Training (START) program, and Oregon's Patient Centered Primary Care Home initiative.