

Something to Smile About!

Head Start and Dental Hygienists Liaison Project



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Design evidence-based resources and deliver innovative training and technical assistance (TTA) to Head Start grantees to help improve the health, behavioral health, and safety of Head Start children, families, and program staff.



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NCHBHS Priorities



Support programs **using trauma-informed care** to enhance the well-being of children, families, and staff

Address **social determinants of health** so children and families can be as healthy as possible

Promote strategies to **reduce the risk of infection from COVID-19** in Head Start Programs

Reduce the number of **child incidents** to ensure the safety and well-being of children in HS and EHS programs.

Trauma-Informed Care

Social Determinants of Health

COVID-19

Child Incidents

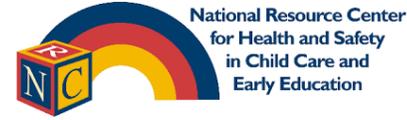


NCHBHS Key Areas of Focus





Our Partners





NCHBHS Year 1 Goals

Goal 1

Unify a multi-disciplinary group of national experts

Goal 2

Design, deliver, and promote timely, responsive, research-informed TTA

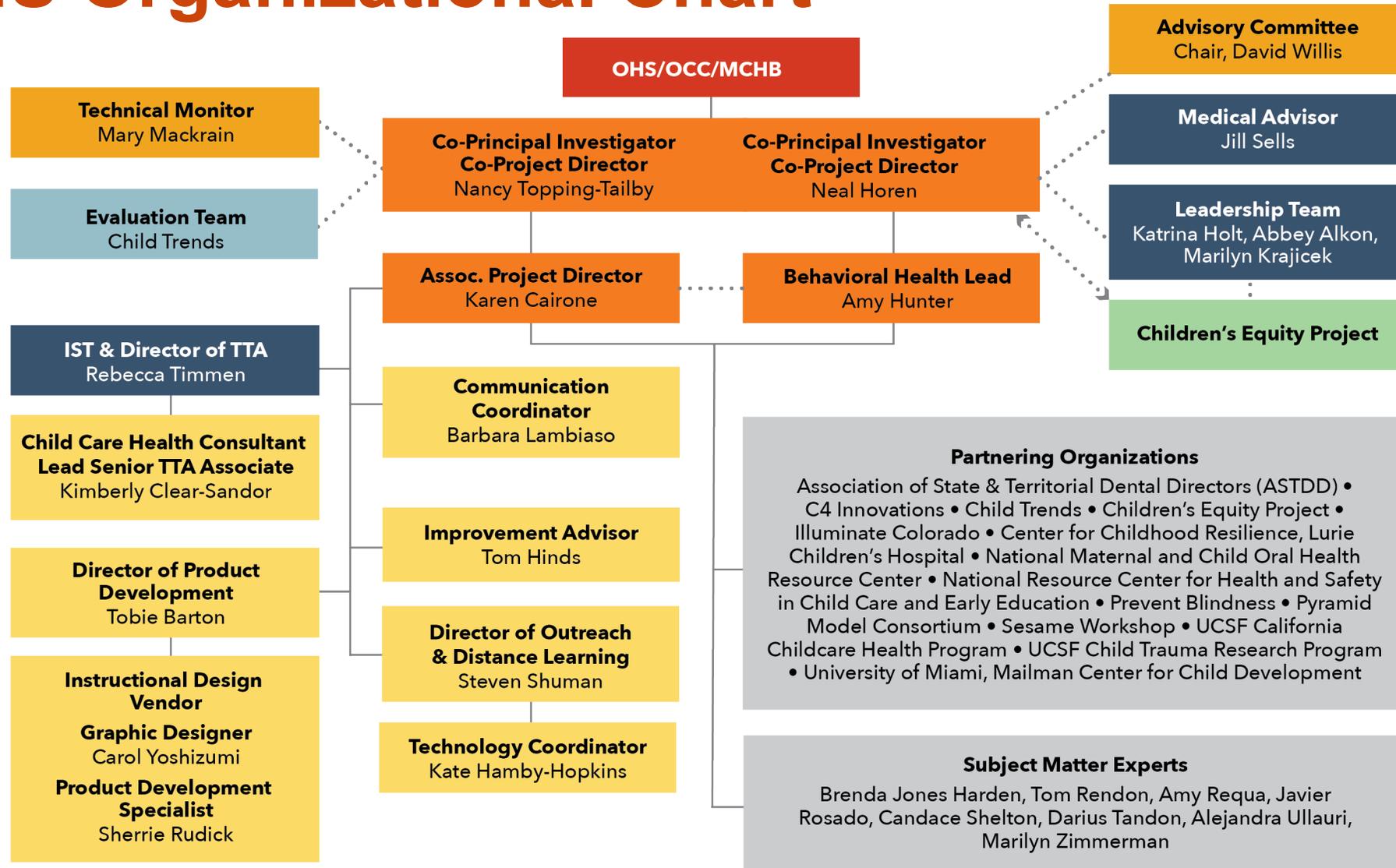
Goal 3

Maximize capacity-building with Regional TTA network staff

Goal 4

Design and plan performance evaluation and CQI

NCHBHS Organizational Chart



- Management Team
- Leadership Team
- Advisor & TTA Partner
- Advisors
- Evaluator
- Partners and Experts
- Project Staff



NCHBHS Dental Hygienist Liaison Project

- Partnership
 - National Oral Health Resource Center
 - Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors
 - American Dental Hygienist Association
- Framework
 - Disease prevention and management
 - Access to Care
 - Systems integration



Role of State DHLs

- Act as communication link
- Collaborate with state organizations
- Promote evidence-informed information and materials



Role of Regional DHL Coordinators

- Support state DHLs
- Make presentations
- Share NCHBHS-produced resources
- Participate in evaluation activities





Examples of State and Regional DHL Activities

Interprofessional Collaborative Practice



Michelle Martin Baxter

Utah DHL

Virtual Education



Deirdre Kane

Virginia DHL

Promoting NCHBHS Resources at Head Start Events



Julie Stage-Rosenberg

Nevada DHL and Region IX
DHL Coordinator



Region XI and XII DHL Coordinators



Juanita Simpson

Region XI

American Indian
and Alaska Native
Head Start



Mariela Leyba

Region XII

Migrant and
Seasonal Head
Start

- Collaborate with regional health specialists
- Make presentations
- Review NCHBHS oral health resources
- Share NCHBHS-produced resources

Collaboration Is the Key to Success

“DHLs play an important role, but they cannot do it alone. Assistance from oral health (and other health) professionals in the community is an important and necessary contribution to the ultimate goal of improving the oral health of pregnant women and children.”

Summary of Head Start Dental Hygienist Liaison Impact Assessment: Full Report (2015)





Questions?





Thank you!



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