Today’s agenda

Thank you to our host, Boston Children’s Museum and our partners from AMCHP!

• Welcome
  • Elaine Gabovitch, UMMS
  • Kate Taft, AMCHP
  • Shannon Haworth, AUCD
• State Autism Roadmap
  • Elaine Gabovitch, UMMS
  • Emily Lauer, UMMS
  • Courtney Dutra, UMMS
• Considering Culture—Part 1
  • Kass Braden, MD, UMMS
  • Elaine Gabovitch, UMMS
• Networking lunch
• Considering Culture—Part 2
• Outreach to Educate Families
  • Oanh Thi Thu Bui, FCSN
  • Ivys Fernandez-Pastrana, BMC
  • Mary Castro-Summer, Family TIES
• Breakout Tables
  – Brainstorming Cultural Barriers
• Reporting out & next steps
• Adjourn at 4:30
The basics.

• Restrooms
• Refreshments & breaks
• In your folders:
  • Left side: Agenda, MA Act Early brief, HRSA roadmap, pre-test, attendee list
  • Right side: Curriculum handout, post-test, evaluation
    Plenty of opportunities to network
• Good news to share? Want to get more involved? Let’s hear it!

MA Act Early state team

• Est. April 2010
• 40 - 60+ state team members represent parents, health care organizations, public health, early education, elementary and secondary education, disability agencies, family support agencies, advocacy groups, UCEDDs & LENDs, and research centers
• Made up of executive steering committee, 3 task forces, and 3 grant project teams to date
• Steering committee meets quarterly
• State team meets twice per year at bi-annual summit meetings
MA Act Early vision & mission

* Screening early * Screen often * Screen all *

• Vision
  The Massachusetts Act Early Coalition works to strengthen state and community systems for the early identification and intervention for children with signs of developmental disabilities, such as autism spectrum disorders. The coalition envisions a future that uses a family-centered model that overcomes geographic, socioeconomic, cultural, and linguistic barriers to assure equal access to developmental screening for all children in the Commonwealth.

• Mission
  Massachusetts Act Early aims to educate parents and professionals about healthy childhood development, early warning signs of developmental disorders including autism spectrum disorder, the importance of routine developmental screening, and timely early intervention whenever there is a concern.

MA Act Early goals

1. Conduct outreach to parents and providers to increase public awareness of healthy developmental milestones, as well as signs of developmental disorders including autism spectrum disorder
2. Increase training for health care, early childhood, and elementary educational professionals
3. Shorten the wait times between screening and diagnosis as well as diagnosis and intervention
4. Develop culturally competent autism screening materials and training curricula for early childhood and elementary educators, clinicians, community health centers and pediatric practices
Activities worth doing **now**!

- Distribute LTSAE materials to parents, providers, educators, anyone working with children & families
- Order LTSAE materials at CDC web site
- Share ACT training with providers
- Visit the MA Act Early web site
  - Submit a blog post or news related items
  - Download customized materials for dissemination
  - Spread the word about the “Considering Culture” products
- Invite your friends & colleagues to like us on Facebook!
- Stay tuned for updates via email distribution list
- *Share your news with the state team!*

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