

Healthy North Dakota Early Childhood Alliance (HNDECA)

Work Plans for 2010

Access to Health Insurance & Medical Home Subcommittee

Goal #1: To develop an information and referral process, identification and training program.

Performance Measures:

1. Increase the number of individuals using an alternative referral process for program benefits.
2. Increase the amount of information disseminated regarding benefits eligibility.

Goal #2: To clarify a needs assessment process and to identify screening needs.

Performance Measures:

1. Obtain consensus among HNDECA membership regarding essential elements of screening and priority needs for screening.

Goal #3: To sustain the Medical Home program.

Performance Measures

1. Increase the proportion of children in North Dakota with a medical home.
2. Increase policy efforts directed at expanding medical home concept.

Family Support Subcommittee

Goal #1: To enrich and enhance the goals and outcomes of HNDECA by including more parents in decision-making at all levels.

Performance Measures:

1. Increase participation of parents in HNDECA
2. Increase resources available to parents regarding family support

Goal #2: To analyze data from family support efforts and develop a white paper to share the results.

Performance Measures:

1. Expand knowledge base of parents regarding parenting education and family support.

Goal #3: To develop a plan for joint education and training for families, agencies that will develop more direct connections between families and legislators/policymakers.

Performance Measures:

1. Increase interaction among parents and policy makers regarding parent education issues and needs.

Mental Health and Social/Emotional Development Subcommittee

Goal #1: To develop a scope and sequence of all available mental health services including screening, assessment, treatment and follow-up.

Performance Measures:

1. Increase the awareness of available mental health services through the creation of a centralized database.

Goal #2: To explore development of training for nurses and other staff for mental health screenings in pre-service and on the job.

Performance Measures:

1. Increase support for mental health training activities among health care providers

Early Care and Education Subcommittee Meeting

Goal #1: . To teach and influence the leadership and membership of the North Dakota Early Childhood Education Advisory Council about early childhood care and education.

Performance Measures:

1. Increase knowledge and support for early learning among policy makers

Goal #2: To promote the principles of appropriate (good) early learning: directly to be used to enhance the others

Performance Measures:

1. Increase knowledge and support for early learning among the public and child care providers

Goal #3: To assure that childcare nurse consultants are part of the infrastructure of childcare settings.

Performance Measures:

1. Increase awareness and support for childcare nurse consultants

Parent Education Subcommittee

Goal #1: To increase the opportunities for parents to receive parenting education.

Performance Measures:

1. Expand infrastructure and networks that promote and sustain parent education in North Dakota.

Goal #2: Educate policy makers regarding the importance of Parent Education

Performance Measures:

1. Increase knowledge base of policy markers regarding parent education

Goal #3: . To increase the opportunities for Native American parents to receive parenting education.

Performance Measures:

1. Expand resources and opportunities available for Tribal Communities regarding parent education.