

National Network for Advancing Systems of Services for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs Year 1 Accomplishments



What We Did:

Conducted a needs assessment to determine key stakeholder priorities.

- Reviewed 10 Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Block Grants that identified a need for technical assistance in medical home, transition, and financing
- Led 2 focus groups and conducted a survey with 17 MCH Title V/Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs (CYSHCN) Directors and designees regarding preferences for initial Network project(s)
- Interviewed 12 family leaders and 1 youth leader about needs, gaps, and priorities for CYSHCN



What We Found:

71% of Title V/CYSHCN programs identified and 100% of families endorsed care coordination as a top priority.

- Title V/CYSHCN programs identified the need to:
 - Reduce silos and duplication among systems and programs
 - Increase access in rural areas and address health equity
 - Increase funding/reimbursement for care coordination
 - Increase family-centered care across services
- Family and youth leaders identified the need to:
 - Better define what care coordination means in practice
 - Improve measurement of care coordination
 - “Coordinate” the care coordinators among various services and programs
 - Integrate care coordination across systems



What Comes Next:

Identify innovative activities, best practices, and technical assistance strategies to support states in improving or enhancing their care coordination efforts for CYSHCN and their families.

We are here for you.

For technical assistance, training, education, or general questions, contact us at cyshcnnetwork@aap.org.