Advancing Systems of Services for CYSHCN Network

The Advancing Systems of Services for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs (CYSHCN) Network is a collaboration between Catalyst Center, Got Transition, and National Resource Center for Patient/Family-Centered Medical Home. The goal of the Network is to engage state Title V Maternal and Child Health/CYSHCN programs in technical assistance, training, education, and partnership building activities designed to demonstrate improvement in one or more of the following areas:

- Coordinated, ongoing comprehensive care within a medical home for CYSHCN
- Youth with and without special health care needs receive the services necessary to make transitions to adult health care
- Adequate public and/or private insurance to pay for needed services for families of CYSHCN

COVID-19 Response

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Network has been hosting regularly-scheduled virtual CYSHCN cafés for CYSHCN directors and staff to come together and discuss COVID-19 response for CYSHCN and their families. Cafés topics have included:

- Behavioral health and wellbeing
- Emergency preparedness
- Racial equity
- Returning to care
- School reopening
- Social determinants of health
- Title V/Medicaid partnership

The cafés provide a space for CYSHCN program staff to engage in peer-to-peer learning to share resources, problem-solve, and feel more connected to colleagues. Representatives from 44 out of 50 states, as well as Washington D.C. and Puerto Rico, have participated in at least one café since April 2020 and have consistently rated the cafés as “useful” or “very useful.”

The chart above shows some of the activities Title V/CYSHCN directors reported initiating as a result of attending the CYSHCN cafés.

In addition to hosting the monthly cafés, the Network is available for technical assistance and support to Title V/CYSHCN programs, families, public health organizations, and more.

Contact us at cyshcnetwork@aap.org for more information on how we can support your important initiatives to support CYSHCN and their families in your state.