Child Well-Being Coalition

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Learning Objectives:

1. Describe the history and current activities of the Child Well-Being Coalition
2. Identify activities of the Child Well-Being Coalition that could benefit CATCH attendees
3. Encourage CATCH attendees to join Coalition
South Carolina Child Well-Being Coalition

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Child Well-Being Coalition: Brief History

- **2015-2017:** Title V Needs Assessment noted need for helping groups working on child-wellbeing being issues to “find common ground” to work toward alleviation of disparities among children in SC. Five large domains were identified: community, health, education, economy, and family.

- **2018 – 2019:** Coalition established, led by Children’s Trust, Chaired by Dr. Christine Turley. Working groups and their projects included:
  - Health Workgroup: posters to inform parents about quality well child visits
  - Education Workgroup (Chair: Rebecca Williams-Agee): cultural competency training on implicit bias training for teachers to target disparities in preschool suspension and expulsion
  - Community-Economy Workgroup (Co-Chairs: Michael Shirley and Ayanna White): increase participation rates in WIC to target food insecurity (Oconee County in partnership with United Way)

- **2020:** Transitioned to SC DHEC under the leadership of MCH, Co-Chaired by Dr. Janice Key and Linda Brees
  - Changed to virtual meetings of Core Team with attendees specific to topic

- **2021:** 2021-2026 Strategic Plan and reorganization: “a group of local and state agencies, community members and organizations committed to improving well-being outcomes of all SC children”
VALUES THAT STRENGTHEN OUR WORK

Cultural Competence
Strengthening Families
Prevention
Equity
AREAS OF IMPACT

Using research and data to identify and measure what works.

- Developmental Screening
- Child Safety
- Childhood Obesity
Current Activities

• Webinars: “How Are The Children” lunch-and-learn webinars initiated 8/2020
• Monthly Newsletters
• Support of relevant grant applications
• Targeted efforts to address specific needs
  – Developmental Screening
  – Child Safety
  – Childhood Obesity
“How Are The Children”

Lunch and Learn Series designed to bring relevant information on the state of child well-being in SC to stakeholders regarding various topics

8/14/20  Back to School Choices During COVID-19
11/12/21  The State of Childhood Behavioral & Mental Health Part 1
2/11/22  The State of Childhood Behavioral & Mental Health Part 2
5/13/22  100 Deadliest Days of Summer
9/9/22  Adolescent Suicide Prevention
Child Well-Being Coalition Newsletter

• Initiated 10/2021
• Published monthly
• Contents:
  – Coalition activities
  – Upcoming events related to Child Well-being in SC
  – Invitation to “How Are The Children” lunch and learn webinars
  – Information about grant opportunities
Developmental Screening

• Key partners invited to Core Team meetings to share their expertise and insight
• Developmental Screening Gap Analysis currently out for bids
• Expansion and implementation of the CDC Milestone Tracker tools
• Partnering with other Developmental Screening organizations to assist with the development of a statewide registry
Child Safety

KIDS COUNT RANKINGS FOR SC

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SC Health variables that worsened in 2020:

- Child and teen deaths/100,000: 2010 = 32 (US = 26) vs 2018 = 33 (US = 25)
- Child and teen overweight and obesity (%): 2016 = 33% (US = 31%) vs 2018 = 36% (US = 31%)
Child Safety

Injury Prevention, Firearm safety

• Key partners invited to Core Team meetings to share their expertise and insight
  – Analysis of SC injury data
• Gun lock distribution in support of health care provider education
  – > 1,500 locks distributed
    • SCMA with BeSmart presentation 2022
    • SC AAP with CWBC display 2022
    • CATCH 2023
  – Outcome evaluation
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**VALUES THAT STRENGTHEN OUR WORK**

- **Cultural Competence**
  We will ensure our work meets the social, cultural, linguistic, and geographic needs of children.

- **Strengthening Families**
  We will work to create learning opportunities and improve the quality and availability of existing multi-generational services to help families build protective factors that mitigate and eliminate risk and enhance well-being.

- **Prevention**
  We will use a multidisciplinary systematic approach to help leverage resources and services to improve child well-being across South Carolina.

- **Equity**
  We recognize that disparities exist and thus will target strategies to achieve universal goals for all children.

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Thank you!