

Attachment 4
Partnerships, Collaboration, and Coordination

Table 1. External MCH Partners

External MCH Partners	Description of Partnership Activities	Level of Cooperation
Medicaid (MassHealth)	Joint efforts to assure quality Medicaid services to MCH populations, such as reimbursement for services (e.g. Early Intervention, PPD screening) and collaboration on interagency groups and initiatives (e.g. MCH Workforce Development Center; Young Children’s Council; Infant Mortality CoIIN; BFHN on committee to review behavioral health screening tools).	Collaboration
Department of Elementary and Secondary Education / Local Educational Authorities	Program implementation collaboration (e.g. PREP TPP, CSEFEL); collaboration on interagency groups and initiatives (e.g. Young Children’s Council, Bullying Prevention Working Group); data sharing agreements (e.g. SASID).	Collaboration
Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS)	Policies and programs affecting human services across state agencies including CHIA, DTA, DMH, DCF, MA Commission for the Blind, MA Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. Regional collaboration meetings for CYSHCN.	Networking, Linkages, Collaboration
Executive Office on Energy and Environmental Affairs	MA Climate Change Adaptation Subcommittee; Indoor Air Quality interagency initiative; Department of Environmental Protection/MDPH Bureau of Environmental Health workgroup.	Linkages
Department of Transitional Assistance (DTA)	Policies and programs for pregnant teens; collaboration on interagency groups and initiatives (e.g. Race to the Top Steering Committee); collaboration on SNAP program; Letters of Agreement and referrals with WIC.	Collaboration
Department of Housing and Community Development	ISA with MDPH to provide home visiting and referral services for homeless families living in motels (FOR Families program); collaboration on interagency groups and initiatives (e.g. Race to the Top Steering Committee).	Collaboration
Department of Mental Health	Children’s Behavioral Health Initiative; collaboration on interagency groups and initiatives (e.g. Young Children’s Council, Race to the Top Steering Committee).	Collaboration

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Center for Health Information and Analysis (CHIA)	Establishment of and renegotiation of rates under Chapter 257 (Chapter 257 places authority for determination of reimbursement rates for human and social services with the Secretary of EOHHS); assessments of insurance status; claims data as a result of PPD screening regulations.	Collaboration
Division of Insurance	Sustainability efforts affecting Title V activities.	Networking, Linkages, Collaboration
Department of Children and Families	Collaboration on interagency groups and initiatives (e.g. CSEFEL State Leadership Team, Young Children’s Council; MIECHV Leadership Team); Essentials for Childhood; data sharing; safe sleep initiative.	Collaboration
Department of Youth Services	Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative Advisory Group; Defending Childhood State Policy Initiative.	Networking
Department of Early Education and Care (EEC)	Collaboration on interagency groups and initiatives (e.g. MIECHV Leadership Team, Safe Sleep Task Force); MOU to promote collaboration in provision of services to infants, toddler, and pre-school children with disabilities; data-sharing; Race to the Top ISA.	Collaboration
Department of Developmental Services (DDS)	Families Organizing for Change – Family Support; Acquired Brain Injury Committee; Autism Center; Joint MDPH/DDS planning group on healthy sexuality/healthy relationships, and sexual assault prevention.	Collaboration
Executive Office of Public Safety	Office of the Chief Medical Examiner – State Child Fatality Review Team; Maternal Mortality; Highway Safety Division; MA Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kit Advisory Group; Department of Fire Services.	Networking, Linkages
Massachusetts Office of Refugees and Immigrants (MORI)	Race to the Top Steering Committee and cross-training; Care Coordination program for CYSHCN coordination and collaboration.	Collaboration, Networking, Linkages
Massachusetts Department of Transportation (DOT)	Participation on Transportation Compact; Junior Operators License Advisory Board and; Strategic Highway Safety Planning Groups; Co-Chair MA Traffic Safety Coalition.	Collaboration
Office of the Child Advocate	Young Children’s Council member	Networking, Linkages

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Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission (MRC)	Disability Determination Services (DDS) Advisory Committee; Partnership for Passenger Safety; Statewide Head Injury Program; Vocational and Independent Living; Home Modification for Disabled Loan Program (MRC in collaboration with Community Economic Development Assistance Corp); MA Assistive Technology Loan Program – joint project of MRC, Easter Seals, and Sovereign Bank.	Networking
Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (MCDHH)	MOU with MDPH Universal Newborn Hearing Screening Program.	Collaboration
Children's Trust	Collaboration on interagency groups and initiatives (e.g. MIECHV Leadership Team, MA Pregnant and Parenting Teens Initiative, CDC Essentials for Childhood Grant, and Young Children's Council).	Collaboration
The Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief Fund Commission	Oversees the Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief Fund, staffed by the Title V CYSHCN Program. Comprised of Secretary of EOHHS, Commissioner of the Division of Insurance, MDPH Commissioner, State Treasurer, and 7 public members.	Collaboration
Governor's Statewide Youth Council	MDPH Adolescent Health program collaborates with the Council on its mission to give meaningful voice and action to the Governor's adolescent-centered policy priorities.	Networking
Governor's Council to Address Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence	Member organizations participate in Statewide Prevention Team re: healthy sexuality and disabilities and other joint initiatives including focus testing of Emergency Contraception in the Emergency Room fact sheets.	Collaboration
Boston Public Health Commission	Boston Healthy Start Initiative; Young Children's Council (member); Project LAUNCH (intervention site); Welcome Family Program (pilot site); Community Health Education Center; City/State HIV Data System Project; Teen Dating Violence Prevention Project (Start Strong); Partnership to Eliminate Disparities in Infant Mortality – Action Learning Collaborative; Defending Childhood Initiative; School Wellness Committee; Infant Mortality CoIIN.	Collaboration, Integration
Boston Police Department	Defending Childhood Policy Academy	Networking
Springfield Maternal and Child Health Commission	Participation in safe sleep, MECCS, local MCH initiatives.	Networking

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Massachusetts Health Quality Partnership (MHQP)	This partnership, which includes MHA, MCOs, and others, is working to improve hospital-based and physician group services and quality improvement efforts. MDPH funds many activities through CDC grant. MA CYSHCN Systems Integration Project (MCHB-funded D70 grant)	Integration Collaboration
Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs (AMCHP)	Life Course Metrics Project; Best Practices Committee; Maternal Mortality Initiative.	Networking, Linkages
Education Development Center	Child and Adolescent Injury and Violence Prevention Resource Center.	Networking, Linkages
Health Care for All (HCFA)	Participation in Children’s Health Access Coalition, ACT (Affordable Care Today) Coalition, and Healthy Food, Healthy Home, Healthy Children (HHH) Coalition.	Networking
Massachusetts Chapter of the March of Dimes	March of Dimes Collaborative Group – Folic Acid Awareness; Perinatal Quality Collaborative; Maternal Hemorrhage Best Practices; Infant Mortality CoIIN.	Collaboration
Massachusetts Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics	MA CYSHCN Systems Integration Project – MCAAP President on Project Steering Committee, Infant Mortality CoIIN	Linkage
MCPAP and MCPAP for Moms	Project to provide psychiatric consultation and case management services to any provider working with a mom with PPD. MCPAP Coordination Meeting includes MDPH early childhood and BSAS representatives.	Networking, Linkages, Collaboration
University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities Education, Research and Services	UMass Medical School/E.K. Shriver Center; Children’s Hospital; Boston/UMass Boston Institute for Community Inclusion.	Networking
Boston University School of Public Health	The Catalyst Center, the MCHB-funded Health Insurance and Financing National Center for CYSHCN; PELL; MassCARE Project CAATCH HIV clinical intervention.	Networking, Collaboration
Boston Children’s Hospital	LEND (Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities) Program; LEAH (Leadership Training in Adolescent Health) Program; Pediatric and Adult Congenital Heart Defects programs; Pediatric Advanced Care Team (PACT) – joint project with Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.	Networking
Massachusetts General Hospital	Center for Child & Adolescent Health Research and Policy (CAHRP); MGH / Harvard Catalyst (MIECHV and Welcome Family evaluations); Pediatric and Adult Congenital Heart Defects programs; MGH Institute of Health Professions; MGH Global Health – Human Trafficking.	Collaboration

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University of Massachusetts Medical School	New England Newborn Screening Program; LEND (Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities) Program.	Collaboration
Massachusetts Family Planning Association	Advocacy organization that promotes access to family planning services throughout MA.	Networking
Women in Health Reform Coalition	Advocacy organization that seeks to share information needed to understand and reduce barriers to health insurance data and covered services for women throughout MA.	Networking, Linkages, Collaboration
Massachusetts Developmental Disabilities Council (MDDC)	Participation on Advisory Council	Networking
MIRA (Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy) Coalition	Care Coordination and Community Support Programs for CYSHCN, cross-training and collaboration.	Networking, Linkage, Collaboration
SPARK Center, Boston Medical Center	MassCARE youth transition collaboration, training.	Networking, Collaboration
Health Law Advocates	Care Coordination for CYSHN, cross training and collaboration on guardianship/transition.	Networking, Collaboration
Medical Home for Special Needs Children in Western MA	Care Coordination program participation; training and collaboration.	Networking, Collaboration

Table 2. Other MCH Programs within MDPH (programs within BFHN, the Title V agency, are highlighted in **bold**)

Other MDPH MCH Programs (funding source)	Program description	Level of Cooperation
MIECHV (HRSA/MCHB)	Provides evidence-based home visiting services in 17 high need communities to help pregnant and parenting families attain and maintain optimal health and well-being for all family members, including raising children who are physically, socially and emotionally healthy and ready to learn.	Integration
FOR Families (ISA-Department of Housing and Community Development)	Home visiting program for homeless families temporarily residing in shelters or motels.	Integration
MECCS (HRSA/MCHB)	Coordinate services for young children from birth to age 5 to reduce toxic stress.	Integration
Project LAUNCH (SAMHSA)	SAMHSA-funded initiative to promote the wellness of young children from birth to 8 years of age by addressing the physical, emotional, social, cognitive and behavioral aspects of their development.	Integration
Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief Fund (State Trust Fund)	Trust fund program established by state legislature to assist families with significant financial burdens resulting from the medical condition of a child under age 22.	Integration
Early Intervention (State and other federal)	Comprehensive developmental evaluations, multidisciplinary therapeutic and education services for children ages 0-3 who are at established, biological or environmental risk for development delay, including the autism spectrum.	Integration
Pediatric Palliative Care (State)	A range of services are individualized to the family and child under age 19 living with life-limiting illness to improve their quality of life by meeting the physical, emotional and spiritual needs experienced during the course of illness, death, and bereavement.	Integration
Massachusetts Community AIDS Resource Enhancement (Other federal)	Provides HIV-related specialty medical care, medical care management, peer services, support services for women, infants, children and adolescents with HIV/AIDS in community-based health centers.	Collaboration

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Massachusetts Children & Youth with Special Health Care Needs Systems Integration Project (HRSA/MCHB)	Three-year grant to enhance the system of services for CYSHCN and their families through systems integration. Focus is on aims and strategies related to cross-systems care coordination, integration, and development/enhancement of a shared resource.	Integration
Congenital Heart Defect Surveillance among Adolescents and Adults (Other federal)	Collaboration involving the Birth Defects Monitoring Program, an active birth defects surveillance program, two adult CHD programs, and the longest-running hospital-based malformation surveillance program in the US. Develop and implement complete and accurate surveillance of CHDs among adolescents and adults to determine the prevalence of CHDs in adolescents and adults, the healthcare resources used, and morbidity and mortality in this population, including disparities among various demographic and socioeconomic subpopulations.	Integration
Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) (State, Other Federal, & ISA – Department of Agricultural Resources)	Nutrition education and counseling and access to nutritious foods for low-to-moderate income pregnant and postpartum women, infants, and children up to age five, who are at risk of developing nutrition-related health problems.	Integration
Breastfeeding Initiative (State and other federal)	Collaborative efforts between BFHN and other programs to increase statewide breastfeeding initiation and duration rates.	Integration
Growth and Nutrition Program (State)	Multidisciplinary outpatient evaluation and treatment for children birth to age 6 with nutritional growth delay (commonly known as Failure to Thrive).	Integration
PKU Metabolic Food and Formula Program (Other Federal & ISA – MassHealth)	Provision of medically prescribed formulas and special low-protein foods for children and adults with a diagnosis of PKU or other related metabolic disorders who lack insurance coverage for these items or are MassHealth recipients.	Integration
Folic Acid Initiative (State)	Statewide initiative to increase awareness about adequate folic acid intake, targeting all women to reduce the risk of neural tube defects and the entire population to protect against heart disease and certain cancers.	Integration
Office of Nutrition (State and ISA)	Serves as the liaison to health, education and human services programs responsible for the nutritional needs of Massachusetts residents across the lifespan.	Integration

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Office of Oral Health (State, other federal, and private funds)	Enhancement of oral health in MA through developing and supporting organized systems of dental disease prevention, treatment, research, education and access to care.	Integration
Office of Oral Health/MDPH SEAL (Other federal)	A school-based oral health prevention program targeting high-risk school-aged children.	Integration
Emergency Medical Services for Children (Other federal)	Support and enhancement of emergency medical services for children, including training and curriculum development, comprehensive injury prevention initiatives, innovative planning and policy development, and the development of pediatric care standards and protocols.	Integration
Suicide Prevention Program (Other federal)	Provides statewide suicide prevention, intervention and surveillance activities to implement the statewide suicide prevention plan. Funds community-based agencies to address high-risk populations.	Integration
SANE (Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner) Program, Adolescent / Adult Services (State and ISAs – Executive Office of Public Safety)	Development of protocols and standard of care for treatment of sexual assault victims; specialized training and certification of Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners; coordinated medical and forensic care to adult and adolescent patients in the immediate aftermath of sexual assault and to children under the age of 12 who are victims of either acute or chronic sexual abuse.	Collaboration
Sexual Assault Prevention and Survivor Services (State and other federal)	Statewide network of 17 rape crisis centers provides comprehensive sexual assault prevention and survivor services.	Collaboration
Llamanos: Statewide Spanish Language Sexual Assault Helpline (State)	Provides 24/7 crisis intervention and referral to Spanish-speaking adults and adolescent survivors of sexual assault.	Collaboration
Schools Based Health Centers (State)	Comprehensive primary health care centers in elementary, middle, and high schools.	Integration
School Health Services – Core (State)	Systems development and technical assistance available to all public school systems and private schools.	Integration
Essential School Health Services (State)	Funding to school districts to enhance school health service programs, coordinated with comprehensive school health education programs, using a nurse-managed model.	Integration

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Personal Responsibility and Education Program (Other federal)	HHS grant, in partnership with the MA Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, expands on teen pregnancy prevention work already underway in Massachusetts, including replication of evidence-based models and incorporating adulthood preparation subjects into teen pregnancy prevention programming among youth populations that are the most high-risk or vulnerable for pregnancies. Approximately 2,600 middle school and marginalized older youth are served by PREP each year.	Integration
Massachusetts Pregnant and Parenting Teen Initiative (Other federal)	Three-year HHS Office of Adolescent Health (OAH) grant to create and train multidisciplinary support teams in the communities of Chelsea, Holyoke, Lawrence, New Bedford, and Springfield to address the needs of pregnant and parenting teens. Approximately 400 youth served annually.	Integration
Science-Based Teen Pregnancy Prevention Projects (State)	Primary teen pregnancy prevention services in targeted communities with high teen birth rates to prevent teen pregnancy, sexually transmitted infections including HIV/AIDS, and too-early sexual activity among youth ages 10-19.	Integration
Sexual Assault Prevention Coalition and Capacity Building (State and other federal)	Supports Jane Doe, Inc: Massachusetts Coalition against Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence; provides curriculum and prevention education materials development and dissemination, training, conferences, and consultation to rape crisis centers.	Collaboration
Sexual and Reproductive Health Program (State and other federal)	Seeks to decrease unintended pregnancy and decrease incidence of sexually transmitted infections through the provision of clinical family planning services (including but not limited to pregnancy testing, STI testing and treatment, provision of birth control, and clinical education and counseling), education and technical assistance on family planning topics, outreach to promote utilization of family planning services, and supportive services to assist highest-need populations in accessing clinical family planning services.	Integration

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Safe Spaces for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) Youth (State)	Provision of community-based youth development programs for GLBT youth and statewide education on GLBT youth, risk/resiliency, and homo- and trans-phobia	Integration
Primary Violence Prevention Through Positive Youth Development (State)	Supports youth violence prevention programs statewide. Focuses on younger at risk youth (ages 10-16) in communities affected by violence. Utilizes a Positive Youth Development approach that crosses multiple public health domains of violence and their shared risk and protective factors.	Integration
Youth at Risk Grant Program (State)	Collaborate with the Youth Violence Prevention Program and other programs from the Executive Office of Public Safety and the Executive Office of Health and Human Services. Supports community based providers across the Commonwealth to provide services and supports to high risk youth ages 17 to 24.	Integration
Rural Domestic and Sexual Violence Project (Other federal)	Provides advocacy and services to adult and adolescent survivors of domestic and sexual violence and their children in five rural western Massachusetts counties.	Integration
Statewide Capacity Building for Children's Advocacy Centers (Other federal)	Supports Massachusetts Children's Alliance, a membership organization which provides an integrated, multidisciplinary team response to child sexual, physical and emotional abuse in eleven of the states' Child Advocacy Centers.	Integration
Massachusetts Asthma Prevention and Control Program (Other federal)	CDC-funded interventions, in collaboration with the MA Asthma Advocacy Partnership, to reduce asthma hospitalizations, reduce disparities, and improve asthma self-management activities.	Integration
Wellness Unit (State and other federal)	Provides leadership and works with internal and external partners to promote, develop and implement evidenced-based policies, practices, and programs that support healthy lifestyles across the lifespan, e.g. Mass in Motion.	Integration
Office of HIV/AIDS (OHA) (State and other federal)	OHA, a program of the Bureau of Infectious Disease, works with clinical and non-clinical community programs, people living with HIV/AIDS, and other stakeholders to advance HIV prevention and care services, including HIV perinatal health.	Integration

Table 3. Family/Consumer Partnerships

Family/Consumer Partnership	Nature and substance of the partnership	Members of partnership (incl. number, compensation, training)	Issues being addressed	Impact of the partnership
Federation for Children with Special Needs (FCSN)	MA's parent training and information center, the site of the MA Family Voices chapter, and home to the MCH-funded Family-to-Family Health Information Center.	Senior leadership of the FCSN and Title V program.	Best practices in recruiting, training and mentoring families/ consumers. Information gathering in compliance with HIPAA and FERPA.	Broad collaboration in multiple areas including Needs Assessment and State Systems Integration Grant. Strong Title V investment in FCSN activities.
Family-to-Family Health Information Center	Title V CYSHCN program works in close collaboration with F-2-F. F-2-F director is completing a year as an AMCHP Family Scholar & working with Director of Family Initiatives on a number of projects.	F-2-F staff, Director of Family Initiatives, Title V statewide public benefits specialist.	Eligibility for public benefits, assistance for families to access benefits; raising awareness of supports for families; information about the medical home approach to care.	Collaborative training; Title V sponsorship of annual family conference; Shared information about financing and public benefits issues; Collaborative strategies developed.
Family TIES (Together in Enhancing Support)	Statewide information, referral and Parent-to-Parent network for families and their providers at the FCSN.	Family TIES coordinators are parents of CYSHCN and are sited in MDPH regional offices. Coordinators share information about emerging issues and help recruit families of CYSCHN as advisors to MPDH.	Identify local and community resources and build relationships with families of CYSHCN and the organizations serving them.	Coordinators participate in policy/program development and assist in funding announcement and materials design/review. They build trusting relationships that allow them to share culturally appropriate information about Title V and other health related resources. Development & maintenance of large resource directory.

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Early Intervention Parent Leadership Project (EIPLP)	A project of MDPH's Office of Family Initiatives that assists in the development and delivery of a variety of training opportunities for families of CYSHCN that grow and enhance their skills to take on leadership/partnership roles.	MDPH Office of Family Initiatives; Parent Leadership Project staff.	Best practices in engaging families early in their EI journey to take on roles across the early childhood system of care. Identifying and addressing skill building needs.	Connect with families in the community, offer information, skill building and access to opportunities to get involved as partners in systems improvement and change. Disseminate an annual newsletter to over 12,000 parents who are current and past recipients of EI services. Collaborate to develop and implement Leadership Training for emerging family leaders.
Universal Newborn Hearing Screening	Family participation on UNHSP Advisory Committee and a Parent Outreach Specialist employed by MDPH.	Four parents of children and youth with hearing loss/deafness are members of the UNHSP Advisory Committee.	Parent Outreach Specialist connects with all families after diagnosis to share information, options and resources from the parent perspective and encourage families to access EI. Address lack of opportunities for learning and networking among families of older children with hearing loss.	Strong emphasis on family engagement and development of opportunities for families of children/youth with hearing loss.

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MassCARE	Family Advisory and Peer Leader Networks.	Title V MassCARE staff, FCSN, Next Steps & community partners.	Development of leadership skills for families and youth infected/affected by HIV/AIDS.	Family Advisory Council and trained Peer Mentors support others infected/affected by HIV/AIDS.
Project LAUNCH and MYCHILD	Parents and youth serve on interagency Young Children's Council (with state agency and community organizations leaders) as well as the Parent Council.	Four parents on YCC, including two who represent parent leadership organizations, and one youth member. Ten active members of the Parent Council who participate in leadership trainings. Travel reimbursement and stipends provided.	Support clinicians and family partners at community health centers to work on integrating behavioral and mental health into the medical home approach to care. Advocate for preventive mental health and related services for young children.	Families provide feedback and guidance to improve the program and promote mental health integration into primary care. Parents assume more leadership opportunities, including participation on other councils and training to become certified family partners.
National MCH Workforce Development Center	Family representation on the Advisory Council, which plays a critical role in refining MA's project and providing on-going support, guidance, and leadership.	Family representative is one of 25 volunteer Advisory Council members. Participates in trainings and webinars supported by the Center, e.g. on health reform and medical home.	Identify elements/components that are critical to the successful integration of behavioral health into pediatric primary care settings.	Improved integration of behavioral health into pediatric medical home in MA to promote emotional wellness for children 0-5 and their families.
Perinatal Advisory Group	Jointly convenes group with Health Care Quality and Safety (HQCS) – legislatively required as part of perinatal regulations of Birth Hospitals.	Members appointed by HQCS.	Establishes quality standards and appropriate neonatal and maternal levels of care in MA Birth Hospitals.	Improved care and perinatal outcomes in MA.

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Postpartum Depression Commission	Legislatively appointed to review best practices and establish recommendations for implementing PPD legislation.	Members appointed by Governor. MDPH is a full member.	Postpartum depression and maternal mental health.	Established regulations for reporting rates and outcomes of PPD screening among providers serving perinatal women.