



# Numbered Advisory Memorandum

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**Title:** Early Childhood Mental Health/Child Welfare Demonstration Project

As mentioned in the Numbered Advisory Memorandum 11-FY11-1 dated November 1, 2010, this communication outlines the process for distribution of the remaining \$2.0 million of FMAP funds designated to fund programs that specifically benefit children with mental health issues.

Following a series of discussions with stakeholders, including other state agency partners, we have determined that with these targeted funds, we will realize the most profound impact through providing Early Childhood Mental Health (ECMH) Consultation and Treatment Services to children birth to age 6 including their families (either birth, custodial, adoptive or foster) involved with the child welfare (CW) system.

Due to the limited time available to expend these funds, twelve ADAMH/CMH Boards that participated and met all RFP implementation requirements for the SFY 2008-2009 ECMH Treatment Program and those currently participating in Project Launch were invited to participate in this demonstration project.

\$1.9 million will be allocated to support direct ECMH Consultation and Treatment services in the following ADAMH/CMH Board/County areas: Athens, Allen/Auglaize/Hardin, Clark, Clermont, Cuyahoga, Franklin, Hancock, Lake, Montgomery, Portage, Stark and Union. Attached is a spreadsheet that shows the distribution of funds to the participating boards. The remaining funds will support training; data collection, evaluation and reporting; and the purchase of materials for the CW and ECMH providers. Also attached are the Guidelines for this project.

Questions regarding the project may be directed to Marla Himmeger, ODMH, [marla.himmeger@mh.ohio.gov](mailto:marla.himmeger@mh.ohio.gov) 614-466-1984.

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**Concept:** Provide Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation and Treatment Services to children birth to age 6 including their families (either birth, custodial, adoptive or foster) involved with the child welfare system

**Target Population: Children birth to 6 and their families**

Children identified through initial and/or ongoing assessment as being in need of ECMH services including children:

1. with substantiated cases of abuse/neglect as determined by the Public Children Services Agency (PCSA);
2. identified through the PCSA “Alternative Response System”;
3. at risk of removal from their custodial home;
4. entering foster care; or
5. at risk of being moved to another foster care placement due to behavioral issues.

**Roles and Responsibilities: ECMH Providers**

1. Attend cross-system training of child welfare caseworkers and ECMH professionals on screening, assessment and social and emotional development of young children and childhood trauma.
2. Provide ongoing general ECMH consultation services to child welfare caseworkers.
3. Make referrals to other services and supports as appropriate
4. Provide ECMH consultation services to identified children and families and refer for treatment services, as appropriate
5. Jointly develop action plans in conjunction with the family and child welfare caseworker for children receiving ongoing ECMH consultation services. This plan is to be integrated with the family’s child welfare Case Plan to increase protective factors and provide positive guidance for behavioral concerns
6. Refer children who have been identified through the ECMH consultation services as being in need of further assessment, diagnosis and treatment to appropriate intervention services. The resulting treatment plan is to be included in the child welfare Case Plan to facilitate improved service coordination.
7. Provide ECMH Consultation and Treatment services in the child’s home or other natural environment to the extent possible.
8. Participate in peer support team meetings on an ongoing basis and encourage attendance of PCSA caseworkers and others involved in this project. Frequency of these meetings will be determined by the team members.
9. Collect data required for the ECMH/CW Demonstration Project and report to the web-based data collection system on at least a quarterly basis
10. *Complete final demonstration project program and fiscal reports.*

**Roles and Responsibilities: PCSA**

1. Attend cross-system training of child welfare caseworkers and ECMH professionals on screening, assessment and social and emotional development of young children and childhood trauma. It is anticipated that the attendance at training will be from one to 3 days.

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2. Identify children in the target population who may require ECMH services utilizing assessment tools (i.e., Devereux Early Childhood Assessment (DECA), Child Trust Events Survey (trauma)).
3. Make referrals to other services and supports as needed.
4. Ensure all identified children receive developmental assessments through either referrals to the local Help Me Grow system as required by CAPTA, Healthchek, or other system as age appropriate.
5. Participate in the joint development of an action plan with the ECMH consultant and family for those children identified as being in need of ongoing consultation services. Include the action plan activities in the Case Plan to increase protective factors and provide positive guidance for behavioral concerns.
6. Participate in the joint development of a treatment plan for those children identified through the ECMH consultation services as being in need of further assessment, diagnosis and treatment,. Include treatment plan activities in the case plan to ensure greater coordination of service delivery.
7. Attend peer support team meetings on an ongoing basis with the ECMH professional and others involved in this project. Frequency of these meetings will be determined by the team members.

\* Note: Participation in this Demonstration Project does not require additional PCSA collection other than normal required SACWIS data entry.

**Expected Outcomes:**

- Increased access to ECMH consultation and treatment services;
- Increased protective factors and decreased behavioral concerns;
- Increased number of children who are able to safely remain in their own homes;
- Decreased number of children removed from foster homes and early care and education settings due to behavioral health concerns; and
- Decreased recidivism for abuse/neglect.

**Allocations:**

\$1.9 million will be allocated to support direct ECMH Consultation and Treatment services. Allocations will be made to the participating mental health boards to contract with identified mental health providers. The remaining funds will support training; data collection, evaluation and reporting; and the purchase of DECA materials for the PCSA and ECMH providers.

ODMH will cover costs for the delivery of cross-system training. Training will be provided in partnership with Institute for Human Services, the Ohio Child Welfare Training Program (OCWTP) and the Regional Training Centers, and ECMH Master Trainers. It is anticipated that all training will be approved for CEUs. Training will include:

- Effects of trauma on young children;
- Social/emotional development;
- Assessment of social and emotional issues; assessment of protective factors strengths and behavioral concerns (DECA);
- Assessment of traumatic events (Childhood Trust Events Survey); and
- Other training as needed

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It is anticipated that these requirements will be completed in no more than 2 days of training. Attendance will be required unless verification of previous attendance for specific training is provided.

Projected allocations are based on the following:

- Total number of children ages birth to six who were a subject of a child abuse/neglect report during FY 2009 in the twelve MH board areas that are being invited to participate; and
- Percent of the total reports for each of the twelve board areas divided into the \$1.9 million.

Allocations will be dependent on a signed agreement with executive directors of the local mental health board, identified ECMH provider agency(ies) and the PCSA(s).

Per data collected for the FY 2008-09 ECMH Treatment Pilot, the projected average cost for treatment per child is \$1280. Using this amount, it is anticipated that at least 1484 children and their families will receive ECMH services through this demonstration project.

**Allowable costs:**

Services and activities must be targeted to children in the target population. Allowable services include:

- ECMH consultation to PCSA and identified children and their families, including mentoring, coaching, and observation; and
- ECMH Treatment services to identified children and families.

**Funds may be used for:**

- Salaries, Wages and fringe benefits (for those providing direct services);
- Travel: Mileage/Lodging/Per Diem (subject to the limitations set forth in OAC 126-1-02);
- Only those activities directly associated with the ECMH/CW Demonstration Project process.

**Funds may NOT be used for:**

- Administrative costs;
- Equipment purchases;
- Rent, utilities, etc.;
- Capital improvements (e.g., construction, renovation);
- Public awareness activities or materials; or
- Professional development expenses.

All ECMH/CW Demonstration Project funds are intended to be spent by June 30, 2011.

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FY 11 ECMH/CW Demonstration Project

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Board Area	\$	1,900,000
Allen	\$	110,020
Athens	\$	63,620
Clark Greene Madison		
	\$	78,927
Clermont	\$	106,193
Cuyahoga	\$	352,544
Franklin	\$	573,313
Hancock	\$	40,660
Lake	\$	31,093
Montgomery	\$	248,741
Portage	\$	71,274
Stark	\$	248,263
Union	\$	25,352
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,900,000</b>