

*Moving Forward - A Next Steps Checklist Resource  
Implementing Early Childhood Systems for MCH Programming*

**Focusing Your Work**

Identify the area of focus for your MCH objective(s):

1. Wisconsin Healthiest Families (Networks of Early Childhood Services)
  - Family supports
  - Child development
  - Mental health
  - Safety and injury prevention
2. Keeping Kids Alive
  - Child Death Review (CDR) and Fetal Infant Mortality Review (FIMR)
  - Injury and mortality prevention interventions based on recommendations from CDR/FIMR

**Using Existing Collaborative Groups**

List existing partnerships, workgroups, committees, or other collaborations that are in place to achieve outcomes for the work of the Health Department. (Consider: Primary health providers, hospitals, WIC program, child care programs, home visiting program, Birth to Three, Safe Kids Coalitions, Family Resource Centers, etc.).

**Connecting to Related Efforts**

Which of these existing partnerships or collaborations support the tasks of assessment and/or planning for your MCH priority area focus?

Who else is doing work around your MCH priority area focus, even if you are not currently partnering with them?

**Aligning the Efforts**

List *new or additional* partnerships that may be needed to move the work to implement an Early Childhood System in your jurisdiction.

**Framing the Message.**

Refer to information and resources on the Early Childhood Systems website, focusing on *Framing the Message* <http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/health/mch/EarlyChildhoodSystems/FramingMessage.htm>.

**Outreaching on Complementary Goals**

Use the “Frame the Message” as outreach to engage coalitions or collaborative groups and new or additional partnerships in the initial steps to assess the MCH priority area that will serve as the framework of your work.

**Providing Technical Assistance and Feedback**

As all health departments are at different stages in building the Early Childhood System, from this initial work develop a list of what supports, resources, training, or information that you may need to move your work forward and share that with your Regional and State DPH/MCH partners.