

WHAT WORKS? A Series on Effective Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation - Q& A follow-up

Unanswered questions, due to time limitations during the webinar, are listed below; identified by webinar, initials of the participant posting the question, and name of the responding presenter.

Webinar 3:

Preparing and Supporting the Workforce, Part 2: Training and Supervision of ECMH Consultants

Presenters: Kadija Johnston, Mary Mackrain, and Deborah Hirshland

KS(to Mary): What are the number of early childhood care and education providers served by each consultant?

*I can answer this in two ways:
Contact me directly to discuss or:*

*It varies a bit each year, in 2008-
When the evaluation was done and we were at full capacity with 16 projects, we served 360 child care centers, 60 family child care homes, and 10 informal providers (relative and day care aides). We also provided training on social/emotional topics to 3,109 ECE providers.*

[As per the What Works? study (2009), each consultant had a caseload of 15-20 child care programs per year and an active caseload of 8-15 children and families at any one time (and see below).KSH]

KS(to Mary): What is the average cost per child to provide Michigan's MH consultation?

A formal cost analysis has not been done. It is approximately \$75,000-80,000 to fund an FTE ECMHC (e.g. includes admin cost, reflective supervision, travel, salary, etc.) and on average one FTE in a year serves 30 children through child and family centered consultation, approximately 25 child care sites through child and family as well as programmatic consultation, indirectly impacting 250-500 additional children.

J.(to Mary): Is the orientation held for a number of consultants at once, or individually as consultants are hired.

Either way depending on the need.

KS(to Mary): Could the Survey Monkey Quarterly Report format be posted?

I posted it on the website - <http://sites.google.com/site/michiganecmh/home>

J.(to Mary): Are there any private MHC programs that are not associated with the state program.

There are several that are not funded through the same federal funds yet we work very hard at the state level to include these programs in our training and TA efforts (E.g. quarterly meetings, e-mail correspondence, training, etc.).