

Welcome!

We are so glad you are here!

We will get started shortly.
In the meantime, we invite you to intentionally enter this space.



Silence your cell phone



Stretch



Close the door



Take a few deep breaths



Close browser windows



Emotionally release your to-do list



Check your audio and video



Take a bio break

Networking Café

Community Action Networks (CANs)

Monday, March 7, 2022 || 12:00pm – 1:00pm ET

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Agenda

Housekeeping

Lisa Hong
Healthy Start TA &
Support Center (TASC)

**Welcome &
Introduction**

Nikki Maffei
TASC

Discussion about CANs

Westat

Wrap-up

Lisa Hong





This session is being recorded.



All participants are muted upon entry. We ask that you remain muted to limit background noise.



Participants are encouraged to share comments and ask questions using the chat box.



Welcome & Introduction

Nikki Maffei

Healthy Start TA & Support Center

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A logo graphic for Healthy Start, consisting of four red squares arranged in a 2x2 grid, with a green sprout growing from the top right corner.

Café Purpose



To provide a designated time and space for grantees to:

- Connect with each other and reflect on a specific topic
- Practice intentional conversation
- Share and hear the expertise among the 101 grantees
- Discuss strategies to address challenges and barriers

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Café Goal



To bring together Healthy Start programs **to share information about how their CANs are organized and function in different Healthy Start communities** to ensure surveys for the national Healthy Start evaluation is **relevant** and **appropriate**.

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Café Guidelines



- **Listen** to understand
- **Focus** on what matters
- **Contribute** your thinking
- **Link & Connect** ideas
- **Have fun!**

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NETWORKING CAFÉ: COMMUNITY ACTION NETWORKS

Introductions

In the chat box, please share your

- Name
- Healthy Start Project name and location
- Role or title

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National Healthy Start Evaluation: Discussion with CAN Coordinators for Input on Network Survey

Healthy Start TA & Support Center Networking Cafe

March 7, 2022

Presented by Westat

Background

- Westat is conducting the national evaluation for HRSA's Healthy Start program
- Evaluation has several data collection components
 - Data that Healthy Start grantees send to HRSA
 - New surveys and interviews
 - Program Survey for all grantees
 - **Network Survey for CAN coordinators and members**
 - Participant Survey for current participants
 - Semi-structured interview guide for key stakeholders (directors, program staff, members of CANs)



Pilot Test of Network Survey

- We pilot tested the Network Survey with 9 CAN members from one Healthy Start program.
 - Some respondents were confused about what Healthy Start is.
 - Some respondents expressed a lack of understanding of the CAN.
- We are revising the survey to incorporate pilot test feedback.
 - We need your input to better understand how CANs are organized and function in different Healthy Start communities.



Discussion

- HRSA provided a definition of a CAN in the notice of funding opportunity for Healthy Start projects:

“An existing, formally organized partnership, advisory board, coalition or consortia of organizations and individuals representing consumers, appropriate agencies at the State, Tribal, county, city government levels, public and private providers, churches, local civic/community action groups, and local businesses which identify themselves with the project’s target project area, and who unite in an effort to collectively apply their resources to the implementation of one or more common strategies for the achievement of a common goal within that project area.”

- To what extent do the CANs operate according to the definition?

Discussion

- How do you define membership to the CAN?
- On average, how many members are part of the CAN during the year?
- What defines being an active member of your CAN?
 - How many of your members meet that definition?
- How often do you update your membership lists based on participation (e.g., take inactive members off the lists or add new members)?
- How do you onboard new members?

Discussion

- How do participating CAN members refer to their CAN? Do any of the CANs have names that do not identify them as CANs?
- Are all CAN members aware of other organizations that are also members of their CAN? Do the CANs maintain and share their membership lists with their members?
- Is/are there community member(s) who lead the CAN? Does leadership change based on the topic being addressed?

Discussion

- How often does a CAN usually meet?
- In what activities do CAN members typically engage with other members in their CAN?
- How do CANs assess their activities?



Thank You

Reach us at: HSEvalSupport@Westat.com

Satisfaction Survey

Your feedback is extremely valuable and will help ensure our offerings meet your support needs!

Upcoming Deadlines & Events

Document can be found on the EPIC website or
at bit.ly/hs-deadlines-and-events

March 2022

Deadlines:

Mar 15 HSMED-II Report (CSV or XML) Due

Events:

- Mar 2 Recruitment & Retention Cohort Meeting #3- *R&R cohort members only*
- Mar 3 CAN Cohort Meeting #3 - *CAN cohort members only*
- Mar 16 Fatherhood Cohort Meeting #3 - *Fatherhood cohort members only*
- Mar 17 Evaluation Cohort Meeting #3 - *Evaluation cohort members only*



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