



**Project LAUNCH New Grantee Conference
November 13 & 14, 2008
SAMHSA**

Meeting Objectives

Participants will:

1. Understand the goals of and vision for the Project LAUNCH initiative
2. Learn about federal requirements for Project LAUNCH grantees
3. Participate in the development of a cross-site evaluation plan and learn how the cross-site evaluation team will support local evaluation efforts
4. Learn about the range of training and technical assistance supports available to Project LAUNCH grantees
5. Commit to participating in a Learning Community designed to promote peer-to-peer sharing, problem-solving, and exploration of best practices and lessons learned

AGENDA

Thursday, November 13, 2008

8:30 – 9:00

Registration and Networking with Launch Partners

9:00 – 10:00

Introductions & Overview

- Introduction of Technical Assistance Team, Cross-site Evaluation Team, Steering Committee members, and Federal Staff
- Meeting overview and logistics
- Initiative overview/conceptual framework

David DeVoursney and Jennifer Oppenheim

10:00 – 10:15

Official Federal Welcome

Rear Admiral Broderick

Acting Administrator, SAMHSA

10:15 - 11:15

Opening Presentation

Building Systems to Support Healthy Child Development: Where LAUNCH fits into the field

Susan Keys and Roxane Kaufmann



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11:15– 11:30

Break

11:30 – 12:30

Grantee Presentations: A Vision for Project LAUNCH in Three Communities

- Maine
- New Mexico
- Washington State

12:30 – 2:00

Working Lunch

Presentation: Project LAUNCH Technical Assistance, an Introduction & Overview

Deborah Haber

Table Discussions with your TA Specialist w/ discussion topics to be announced

LAUNCH Website Demonstration and Discussion

Peter Bergh and Diane Barry

2:00 – 3:00

Grantee Presentations: A Vision for Project LAUNCH in Three Communities

- Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewas
- Rhode Island
- Arizona

3:00-3:15

Break

3:15 – 5:30

Project LAUNCH as a Learning Community

Presentation: What is a Learning Community?

Sandra Keenan

Group Discussion: The LAUNCH Learning Community in Practice

Part 1: Exploring our strengths, ideas, and challenges related to the core concepts of Project LAUNCH

Facilitators: Jennifer Oppenheim & David DeVoursney

Part 2: Building on What We Know about Environmental Scans

Facilitator: Patricia Fahey

5:30 Closing Remarks

Anne Mathews-Younes, Director, Division of Prevention, Traumatic Stress and Special Programs



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9:00 - 9:10

Project LAUNCH, the View from Congress and the Importance of Demonstrated Results

Joe Faha, SAMHSA Legislative Liaison

9:15 – 12:00

Project LAUNCH Evaluation

Andrea Brand and the Cross-site Evaluation Team

9:15 – 10:15 Overview/developing the cross-site evaluation

10:15 – 11:15 Individual meetings with grantees and evaluation liaisons to discuss planned activities

11:15 – 12:00 Regroup to share ideas about common measures for the cross-site evaluation

12:00 – 1:00

Working Lunch: Grants Management Presentation

Gwendolyn Simpson, Grants Management Specialist, SAMHSA

- Grants management overview
- Questions and Answers

1:00 – 1:50 Wrapping Up

Next steps/timeline

Meeting feedback

1:50 – 2:00 Thank You

Kathryn Power, Director, CMHS, SAMHSA