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Foster Care Committee Update

Joe Evans as Chairman of the Department of Pediatrics at Marshall has graciously approved financial support for our WV Initiative for Foster Care Improvement (WVIFCI) for 2015-16.

The project will implement and evaluate the new screening form for children entering foster care currently in a pilot study in Dr Tomsho's office. It will educate residents at all 3 medical schools as well as participating pediatricians about screening for toxic stress reactions, provide anticipatory guidance for foster care parents and monitor effectiveness from parent reports.

We will continue to partner with foster care parents for the evaluation component. The WV DHHR will help us collect and analyze the data. The information may enable us to develop a MOC program for improving health care for children in foster care.