

2015 Transit Time Progress

January

1. Office of Newborn Screening staff invited to speak to a multi-state group of public health laboratory grant recipients at the Association of Public Health Labs (APHL) on the AZ strategies that earned the first ever March of Dimes award for timeliness.
2. As a result of the success of the presentation in highlighting the strategies, Celia and Sondi were invited to participate in their 15 month ColIN (*Collaborative Improvement & Innovation Network*) project serving as trainers for six other state labs (CO, TX, IA, CA, WY, NH). Attend monthly workgroup calls.

February/March (winter 2015, issue 1)

1. Article Published in *Lab Matters*, the APHL magazine

April-May

1. Developed QI project related to developing sustainability within small community based hospitals, most of which are not meeting the goal of 95% of 1st screens received to the lab within 3 days. Goal is to have this group of hospitals in compliance by the end of 2015.

June

1. Presented on the model of improvement to the multistate ColIN group

October

1. Conducted data analysis for Level I sites
Between April-August, the percentage of specimens received within 3 days for this group of 13 hospitals improved from 90% to 94%.

November – December

1. Although for September their averages dipped slightly, the Level I peer group of hospitals did achieve the transit time goal, which has been sustained for two months. Individual reports were generated and reviewed with each site along with tangible suggestions for improvement from the Office of Newborn Screening.
 - a. September data—91.2%
 - b. October data—95.9%
 - c. November data—96.0%