



Program Update

February 2012

ESIT staffing changes: ESIT is in the process of recruiting for a Program Consultant position. Until a replacement for Wayne Vrona is hired, Kathy Grant-Davis is assuming Wayne's Program Consultant duties. Kathy will also staff the EI Professional Development, FRC Training, and Sound Options statewide contracts, as well as the revived Personnel and Training committee. Kathy can be contacted at kathryn.grant-davis@del.wa.gov or 360-725-3519.

Juliet Jack has been hired as the new ESIT fiscal program manager. Tina Beckmann and Diana Diaz are no longer with DEL. For fiscal questions, Juliet can be reached at Juliet.jack@del.wa.gov, or 360-725-3512.

Annual Performance Report (APR), State Performance Plan (SPP) and 618 Data: The APR, SPP and 618 data was submitted on time. APR data continues to reflect a high level of compliance with all compliance indicators. Annual compliance monitoring is now underway. Compliance census data is collected from the ESIT Data Management System for January, February, and March of 2012 (approximately 10,000 IFSPs). This data will be used to establish each Local Lead Agency's (LLA) annual determination status in meeting the requirements of IDEA, Part C. Local Lead Agency determination status notification will be made by the end of June, 2012.

Annual Federal Application for Funding: ESIT will apply for FFY 2012 funding in April, 2012. As part of the application process, ESIT is required to hold a public comment period prior to each year's application submission. The 60 day public comment and hearing will occur during February and March of 2012. State Interagency Agreement is in process of being reviewed by state agency partners responsible for providing, paying for or coordinating early intervention services.

New Part C Regulations: ESIT continues to revise program policies and procedures based on the new regulations. ESIT will conduct training on the new federal regulations and revised state policies and procedures in spring 2012. Important timelines include the following:

- ✓ July 1, 2012 - states must be fully compliant with the new regulations.
- ✓ June 30, 2013 - all written policies, procedures, regulations, statutes, etc. must be fully compliant.
- ✓ April 16, 2012 - System of Payments policy must be submitted to the federal Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) with the state's application for federal assistance.
- ✓ April 16, 2012 - Department of Early Learning and Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction Transition Agreement (IAA)/Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) must be submitted with this year's application. It will serve as a source document for training and technical assistance.

ARRA Funded System Improvement Project (SIP) projects have been completed. New ESIT products and resources developed as part of SIP have been distributed to the field. They are available for download on the ESIT website at <http://www.del.wa.gov/publications/esit/Default.aspx>. ESIT continues to identify ongoing supports and training needed in order to implement new products, processes and practices.

The New ESIT Data Management System went live October 26, 2012. ESIT IT staff continues to work with the LLAs, FRCs and data entry staff as the transition from the legacy to the new DMS systems occurs. Ongoing technical assistance and training occurs on an individual basis. Terri Jenks-Brown is the primary lead for responding to Help Desk questions. Her email address is Terri.Jenks-Brown@del.wa.gov and phone number is (360) 725-3513. Large group training opportunities will be scheduled based on identified needs.

Early Intervention Cost Study. Berk and Associates submitted its final Early Intervention Cost Study Report on September 30, 2011. ESIT is working to address the recommendations with DEL senior leadership. ESIT has contracted with Maureen Greer, National Part C finance consultant, to assist in addressing funding recommendations starting with Medicaid.

Training and Technical Assistance and Comprehensive System of Personnel Development.

The Washington Technical Assistance and Training Cadre for Part C (WATTAC) is developing a statewide training plan to address core training needs for early intervention providers, LLAs, and FRCs. The Cadre is comprised of training projects supported by ESIT that includes:

- ✓ **General Early Intervention Training** (ESD 112). Family Resources Coordination and Early Intervention Training Modules.
- ✓ **Specialized Early Intervention Training** (PSESD) and (ESD 189). Washington Sensory Disabilities Services and Autism Outreach Project.
- ✓ **Parent Participation Training.** (Washington PAVE) Encourages and supports active parent involvement throughout the early intervention system.
- ✓ **FRC Year II Training.** (ESD 112 and Sound Options). Facilitating effective Individualized Family Service Plans and Meetings.
- ✓ **Early Intervention Technical Assistance** (ESD 123). Effective early intervention practices to increase compliance and improve performance.
- ✓ **Infant Mental Health** (Sherri Hill, PhD Consultant). To integrate an infant mental health perspective into early intervention services.

Our Next Steps (Transition) and Families are Important (Overview of Part C) training curriculums, developed by the Family Leadership and Involvement Committee are now available in English and Spanish. They were distributed to local lead agencies in November. The materials are available to download at the PAVE website: <http://www.wapave.org/iteip/webinars.asp>. For more information, contact Debbie Jackson at PAVE at djackson@wapave.org or 253-565-2266.

Early Intervention Online Training Modules. A self-paced introduction to early intervention (a) *foundations*, (b) *functional assessment*, and (c) *IFSP Process*. To learn more about the ESIT online training modules, contact Connie Salzman at ESD 112, (360) 750-7500, Ext. 236, or connie.salzman@esd112.org

FRC Training - Year 1 and 2. Introduction to Family Resources Coordination (service coordination), family centered practices, and the Individualized Family Service Plan and process. For more information about FRC training, contact Connie Salzman at ESD 112, (360) 750-7500, Ext. 236, or connie.salzman@esd112.org. The next Year 1 Basic FRC Training will be held April 17-18, 2012 and the next Year 2 training will be held on June 7, 2012, via the K-20 system.

Autism Guidelines. The Autism Guidelines are intended to be a basis for programs and communities to think and talk about how to deliver evidence-based services and supports to very young children on the spectrum and their families. The Guidelines are not intended to promote a particular program, setting or specific amount or type of services. The Guidelines suggest “we try to match the amount, type and location of services with the needs and progress of children.” If questions or concerns arise, please contact

ESIT. http://www.del.wa.gov/publications/esit/docs/ESIT_Autism_Guidelines.pdf

ESIT Web Resources.

- ✓ **ESIT Home Page** <http://www.del.wa.gov/development/esit/Default.aspx>
- ✓ **Publications and Documents** <http://www.del.wa.gov/publications/esit/Default.aspx>
- ✓ **“Please Ask” Video for Parents** <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JoaFNGmSU5U>
- ✓ **ESIT Guiding Concepts** <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yGqAOZrvQQU&feature=youtu.be>

STATE INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL (SICC): For information about the SICC contact Linda Jennings at (360) 725-3514 or email Linda.Jennings@del.wa.gov for more information. SICC Committees meet at various times and locations throughout the state. If you are interested in joining a SICC committee, please contact Linda or the following staff:

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