



## **Washington State Part C System Improvement Project**

### **February 2011 Update**

#### **Continued Progress on all Fronts**

February saw continued progress on all fronts. The Washington training and technical assistance cadre (WATTAC) and system improvement project (SIP) partners extended dialogue and planning around integrated training plans initiated at the January meeting. This included review and discussion of the three online modules being developed as well as ongoing work to provide key trainings at quarterly local lead agency (LLA) meetings. This month's LLA meetings featured training on "[Early Intervention for Infants & Toddlers with Autism](#)". The handout is posted on the SIP website: [www.del.wa.gov/development/esit/system.aspx](http://www.del.wa.gov/development/esit/system.aspx).

WATTAC also participated in the development of plans for conducting a limited scope field pilot assessment of the implementation of several key features of the SIP. Between April and August WATTAC and our SIP partners will engage with two sites as they field test integrated use of the training modules, the new Individualized Family Service Plan – Process Document (IFSP-PD) and related guidance, and the revised and updated procedural safeguards materials. The pilot sites will share their experiences using the SIP materials in an integrated fashion with a broad set of stakeholders at a wrap-up meeting currently being planned for August 16 and 17.

The build contractor for the new Data Management System (DMS) was identified in February and work initiated immediately. It is anticipated that the new DMS will launch to the field in late August, so this spring and summer will be busy with testing and training.

Work also continued with the new IFSP-PD technical assistance guide as well as final reviewing and decision making around integrating both local and national feedback on the IFSP-PD in the context of regulatory requirements.

Throughout February, LLAs continued to submit data and information to inform the cost study. Analysis of this first round of data acquisition has begun and a second data request was developed and is under review.

Finally, a technical assistance guide was developed for ESIT's Guiding Concepts document. Both documents and a Guiding Concepts poster will be released to the field in March.