



Washington State Part C System Improvement Project

March 2011 Update

Pilot Sites Selected, Cost Study and Data System Collaborations, Guiding Concepts Posted and Wrap-Up Planning

In March, Yakima and Island County local lead agencies (LLAs) agreed to serve as the two pilot sites to field test integrated use of key products from the System Improvement Project (SIP). March focused on planning and scheduling pilot activities to initiate in April.

The new Data Management System (DMS) project was fully launched in March. There is now a website (similar to the SIP website) designed to keep you up to date on how that project is progressing. Please see that website for details: www.del.wa.gov/development/esit/data.aspx

Work continued on the Individualized Family Service Plan – Process Document (IFSP-PD) technical assistance (TA) guide. When completed, the IFSP-PD TA guide will be used to link DMS users to guidance for increased quality of IFSPs.

Round two of data collection for the cost study went out to school districts and providers in March. Cost study contractors conducted interviews with other states regarding their Part C financing structures. The cost study will combine local data with effective ideas from other locations to generate key recommendations. The SIP will use this information to assist in developing suggestions for ESIT on fiscal policies and procedures.

In March, work continued on development of training materials by both the SIP partners and the Washington training and technical assistance cadre (WATTAC). SIP partners continue to move forward production of the three online modules. The initial interactive online version of module 1 is in production currently and is expected to be released to pilot sites and beta testers in May.

March's WATTAC conference call focused on two areas. First, WATTAC began brainstorming on how to ensure the planned August stakeholder meeting empowered LLAs to share their ARRA funded work with the community and integrate that work with the larger SIP efforts. Second, WATTAC continued conversation about engaging parents and parent voice most effectively in future trainings.

There is great excitement about the large parent participation anticipated in the Infant and Early Childhood Conference (IECC) in May due to the increased scholarship opportunities. The IECC will be a great opportunity to hear from many of the WATTAC local trainers as well as our SIP partners. If you are not yet registered, please consider joining us: www.ieccwa.org

Finally, a TA guide was completed for ESIT's Guiding Concepts document. Both the [TA Guide](#) and the [Guiding Concepts](#) were posted to the ESIT website. A Guiding Concepts poster will be released to the field in April.