



Early Support
for Infants
and Toddlers



System Improvement Project

March 2010 Update

March saw this work off to a strong start with ITEIP putting into place a team of local and national consultants to assist with this effort.

National expertise and consultation is being provided by the [Frank Porter Graham Child Development Institute](#) at the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill. FPG is a nationally recognized early childhood research institute that houses the [National Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center](#) a nationally recognized early technical assistance Center for state Part C and preschool special education programs. FPG brings with them a team of experts including representatives from North Carolina's [Family Infant and Preschool Program](#), the [Early Childhood Outcomes Center](#) and the [Western Regional Resource Center](#).

Washington State Early Childhood Policy Specialist services and consultation is being provided by [Sheri L. Hill, PhD](#). Dr. Hill will provide project coordination for ITEIP's work with FPG at UNC. Additionally, she will help us identify the many ways in which we can fold a relationship-based approach into our system to better meet the social-emotional and mental health needs of the children we serve. Finally, she will assist us as we collaborate with other early childhood serving systems in our state to improve outcomes for all infants and toddlers in Washington State.