



Washington State Part C System Improvement Project May 2011 Update

Conference Participation, Cost Study Work, and Pilots

May began with extensive representation of the System Improvement Project (SIP) at the Infant and Early Childhood Conference (IECC). Workshops presented information on variety of topics including: integrating outcomes measurement in the Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) process, using a family-centered IFSP process for developing functional IFSP outcomes, moving from expert to consultant to coach, an introduction to the incoming new data management system (DMS), and addressing infant mental health on a daily basis for both providers and parents.

Work with the pilot sites continued with initiation of technical assistance in multiple formats such as large group conference calls, online question and answer, and direct support contact from statewide technical assistance providers Dr. Kris Slentz and Kellie Horn. The pilot sites worked hard to both identify families to work with using new processes and procedures, and begin reviewing the first of the three online training modules as soon as it was posted. The pilot sites also came together for a face-to-face gathering with our University of North Carolina partners during the IECC.

In May, round two of data gathering from school districts and individual providers was completed for the cost study. Additionally, cost study contractors completed follow up interviews to round one data collection, finalized an interview based review of fiscal policies in comparable states, and obtained data from ESIT partner agencies – Department of Health, Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, and the Department of Social and Health Services Division of Developmental Disabilities. ESIT would again like to express its appreciation to all.

The Washington training and technical assistance cadre (WATTAC) came together again in person to continue development of cohesive statewide training plans. This meeting was held in conjunction with the local lead agency (LLA) meeting in Everett. This also allowed cadre members to participate in a workshop on the new DMS.

Finally, the SIP coordinator participated in the launch of workgroups for the universal developmental screening project. More details on that work can be found at:

http://medicalhome.org/leadership/wg_devscreen.cfm