



Improving the Quality of Child Care for Infants and Toddlers: Infant-Toddler Consultation

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History of I/T Consultation

- ⦿ National concern around quality of child care for Infants and Toddlers
- ⦿ Partners: Thrive Washington, Health Dept., ESIT, DEL, Early Learning Coalitions
- ⦿ Infant-toddler consultation was created as a multi-disciplinary model in 2010
- ⦿ Infant-toddler consultation became integrated with Early Achievers in 2014
- ⦿ In 2015, a pilot for Filming Interactions to Nurture Development (FIND) was conducted as a strategy to advance child and caregiver outcomes

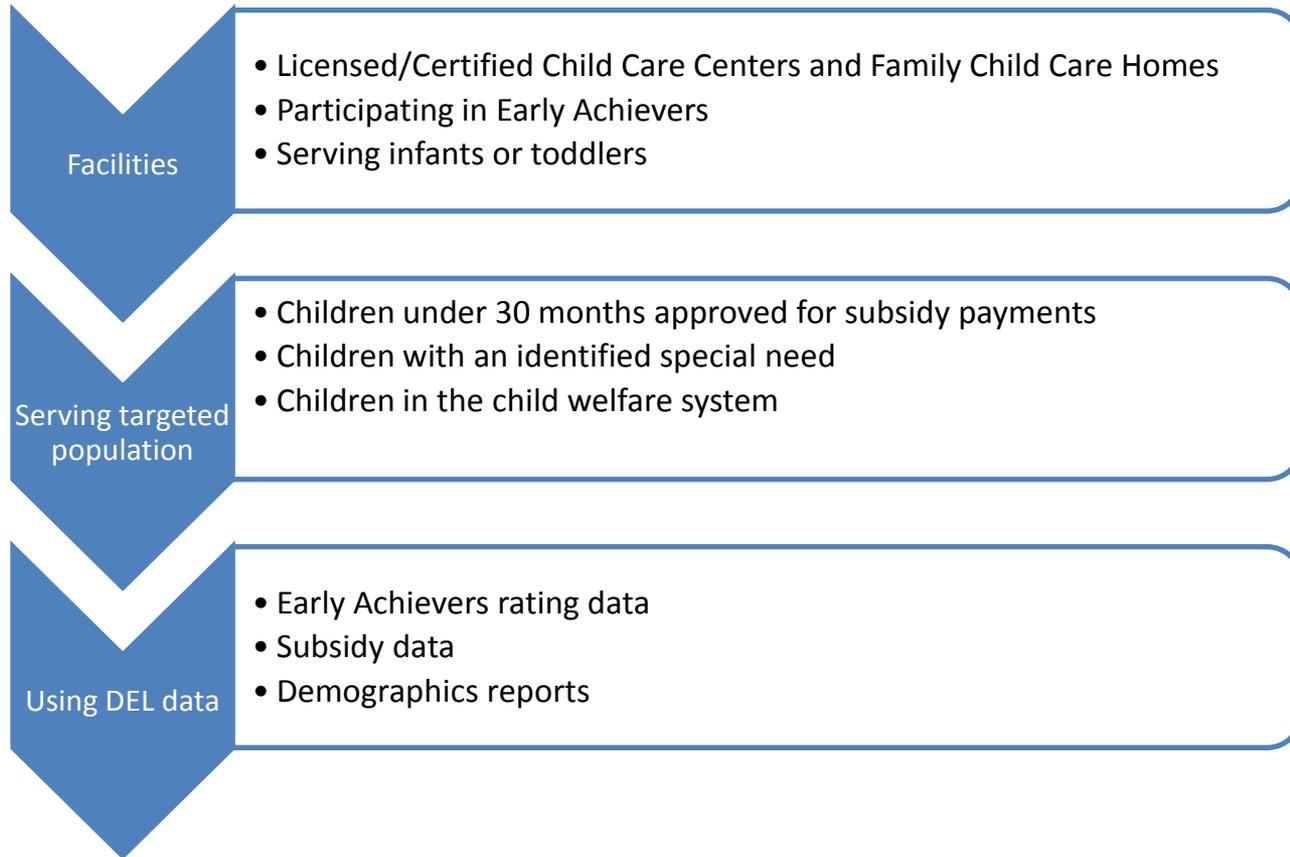
Infant-Toddler Regions

Washington State Department of Early Learning
Infant-Toddler Regional Map



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Eligibility



Interdisciplinary Coaching Team

- ⊙ Two coaches certified in Filming Interactions to Nurture Development (FIND)
- ⊙ An early learning coach
- ⊙ One Infant mental health consultant
- ⊙ Health consultant(s)

Coaches may hold multiple roles depending on qualifications

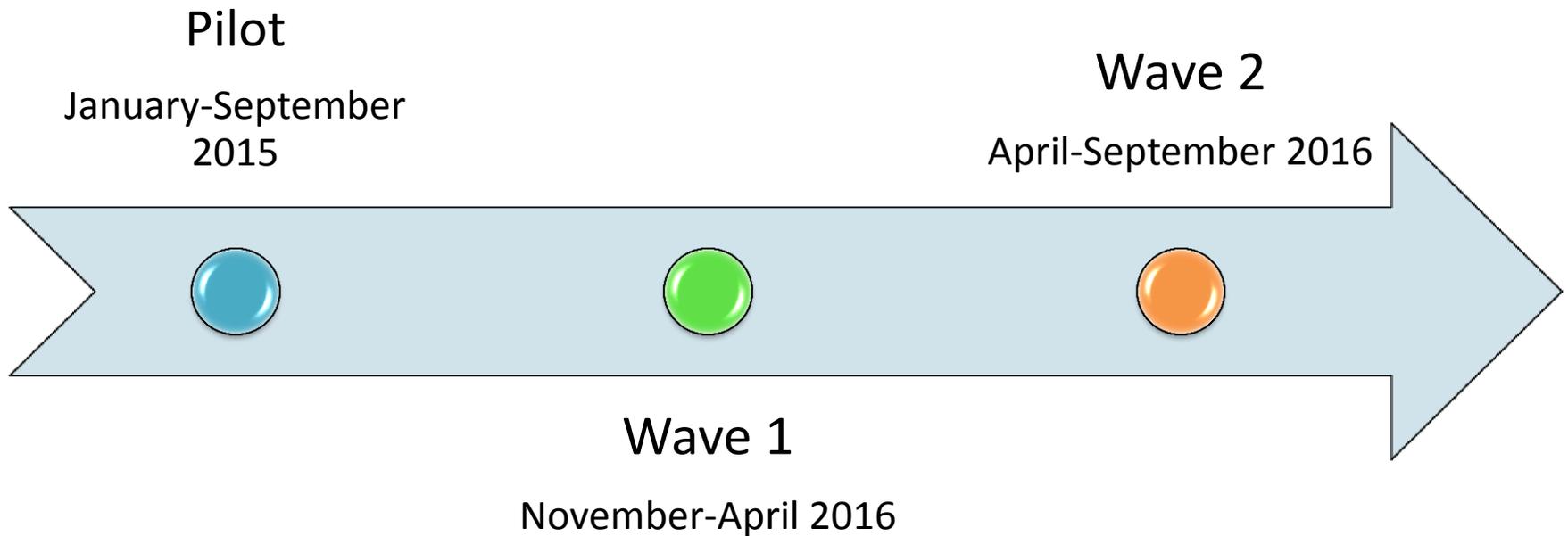
Filming Interactions to Nurture Development (FIND)

- ⦿ FIND is a research informed social/emotional intervention that focuses on positive caregiver/child interactions
- ⦿ Partners
 - ⦿ Center on the Developing Child at Harvard University
 - ⦿ University of Oregon
 - ⦿ Oregon Social Learning Center
 - ⦿ Children's Home Society of Washington (CHSW)

Filming Interactions to Nurture Development (FIND)

- ⦿ Parents and caregivers give consent for filming
- ⦿ Coaches are certified to film caregivers during “serve and return” interactions based on the 5 FIND Elements
- ⦿ Editors from CHSW will create short video clips for coaches to share with caregivers, highlighting the micro-social interactions

FIND Scale Up Timeline



Early Learning Coach

- ⦿ Coordinated coaching with Early Achievers coaching at the local Child Care Aware agency
- ⦿ Infant-Toddler Environment Rating Scale (ITERS)
- ⦿ Toddler Classroom Observation and Assessment Scale (CLASS)

*Note: The Infant CLASS tool is not being used at this time in Early Achievers

Infant Mental Health Consultant

- ⦿ Expertise in Infant Mental Health and endorsed with the Washington Association for Infant Mental Health (WA-AIMH)
- ⦿ Regular on site visits to facilities
- ⦿ Providing supports to staff and families, but not direct services to children

Health Consultant

- ⦿ A health professional with expertise in pediatric care or nursing and child care environments
- ⦿ Enhancing currently prescribed monthly infant health visits to include toddler classrooms as needed
- ⦿ Creating a support for Family Home Child Care providers that have no health consultation occurring

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Questions and Feedback?

