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

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Washington State Department of Early Learning
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
Eligibility

- Licensed/Certified Child Care Centers and Family Child Care Homes
- Participating in Early Achievers
- Serving infants or toddlers

Serving targeted population
- Children under 30 months approved for subsidy payments
- Children with an identified special need
- Children in the child welfare system

Using DEL data
- Early Achievers rating data
- Subsidy data
- Demographics reports
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

Pilot
January-September 2015

Wave 1
November-April 2016

Wave 2
April-September 2016
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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