



EIPA Meeting
May 13, 2022



Updates in Early Intervention Leadership

Inclusion in Early Childhood Education

OCDEL-certified childcare programs all participate in the STARS QRIS. Therefore, all these early learning settings are considered quality ECE programs and the first general educational environment for all children, ***including children with disabilities.***



Clarification on COVID-19 Restrictions

- Pennsylvania has no COVID-19 related restrictions for the delivery of (EI) services.
- EI programs should be returning to normal operations.
- Engage families throughout EI services to identify strategies that work for them.



Clarifications on COVID-19 Restrictions

- Stay current on and follow the CDC COVID-19 guidance
- Be sensitive to families' concerns
- Be sensitive to concerns of our early learning partners.
- Child care regulations require child care programs to make reasonable accommodations to include children with disabilities and IFSP/IEP and other behavioral support team members into child care programs

[Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\) | CDC.](#)

[55 Pa. Code § 3270.17. Service to a child with special needs. \(pacodeandbulletin.gov\).](#)

Update on Head Start & Vaccines

Q: Does the vaccine requirement apply to Part B/C providers (special education and related service providers for preschooler and infants and toddlers)?

A: No. These providers are not covered by the vaccine requirement. Part B/C providers are not considered staff of the Head Start program and there is no contractual relationship.

[Top FAQs from the Enrollment Forward Series \(hhs.gov\)](#)

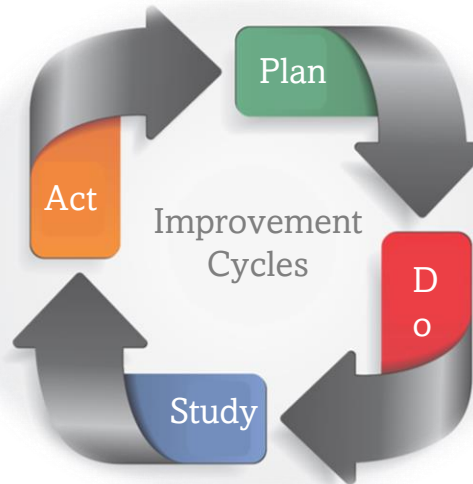
Implementation Science

Act

- ❖ Make changes to the next iteration of the plan to improve implementation

Study

- ❖ Use measures identified and collected during the 'do' phase to assess and track progress



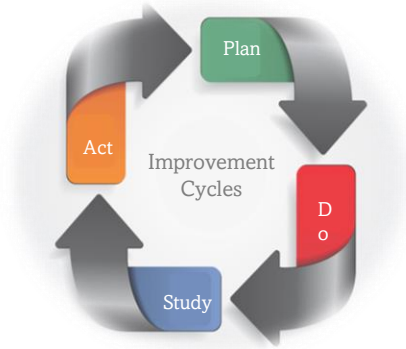
Plan

- ❖ Identify barriers or challenges
- ❖ Specify the plan to move programs or interventions forward

Do

- ❖ Carry out strategies or plan as specified

Some things we have learned



- ❖ Give more support to Core Leadership Teams
- ❖ Give information to Provider Agencies
- ❖ Get input from Provider Agencies to help make implementation sustainable





Policy Forum

Infant Toddler EI Service Delivery: Coaching Across Settings

September 15 – 16, 2022
Penn Stater Hotel
State College



Take Advantage of Opportunities

Find resources here:

www.eita-pa.org



Access the Service Delivery Course

Access the FGRBI Course

Professional Development Resources

Early Intervention Service Delivery:
Coaching Across Settings

Family Guided Routines Based
Intervention (FGRBI)

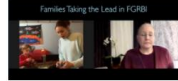
Pennsylvania Videos



Providers' Perspective
on Coaching Families
and FGRBI



Why FGRBI?



Families Taking the
Lead on FGRBI

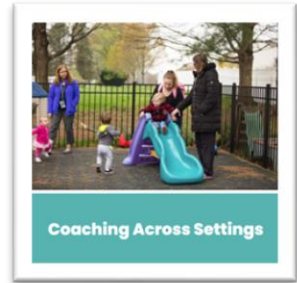
Web Resources

Family Guided Routines Based Interventions: Resources for EI providers that promote their ability to coach caregivers to engage their children in learning as they participate in everyday routines and activities.

Early Intervention Strategies for Success: Resources for Service Coordinators including tips, insights, and practical strategies to incorporate coaching in their work.

Anita Zucker Center for Excellence in Early Childhood Studies: Resources for practitioners supporting early care and education programs on topics including embedded instruction.

Announcement EI-20-03, Early Intervention Service Delivery: Coaching Across Settings: Establishes the vision and expectations for how EI services are to be delivered in PA.



Coaching Corner

Coaching Corner Newsletter

Supporting Families and Caregivers
(February 2022)



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Organization *

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I work in: *

Infant/Toddler Early Intervention

My current role is: *

Audiologist

Send

Archived Coaching Corner Newsletters

- Power of Observation (October 2021)
- A Pocketful of Intervention Strategies (November 2021)
- Identifying and Utilizing Routines for Learning: The Child's Perspective (December 2021)
- Everything FGRBI (January 2022)

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Early Intervention Service Delivery: Coaching Across Settings



Additional Agenda items

- IT EI Advocacy Agenda/ Policy Meetings
- EI Rates/Budget
- PD Registry
- Telemedicine/Tele-intervention
- Primary Election Day, May 17th

