

Florida Interagency Coordinating Council for Infants and Toddlers



Early Steps State Office
Quarterly Meeting Report
July 8, 2014

Medicaid Fee For Service Therapy Services

- Rate increase effective 7/1/14
- Amount increase approximately 5%
- Early Steps taxonomy rate increase
- Implementation of rate changes pending

Statewide Medicaid Managed Care (SMMC) program

- Early Steps Challenges related to SMMC

- Inadequate Provider Network

- Enrollment Issues

- Authorization Issues

Statewide Medicaid Managed Care (SMMC) program

- Concerns expressed by Local Early Steps
 - Inadequate Provider Network to serve Early Steps children
 - Authorization of services by SMMC Plans not consistent with IFSP service authorization
 - Increase costs to Part C funds
 - Loss of Early Steps providers

Senate Bill 591

- Effective July 1, 2014 -- Florida Statute 383.146 amended to require that DOH post a list of approved Early Steps providers who specialize in serving children with hearing loss
- Providers must notify DOH of their interest to provide direct communication to families about the services they provide
- Families must indicate that they wish to receive information and provide consent to have their contact information shared with providers

Florida 2014 Part C Application

- Full approval from OSEP - effective July 1, 2014
- Grant Award -- \$22,141,390.00
- Florida has approved policies covering all required components of EI system
 - Will submit some minor revisions re: transition process for approval

Florida Part C Determination

- Florida identified as Meets Requirements for 2014
- Factors influencing Determination are slippage in Timely Services, Notification
- Performance Indicators included for Part B Determination, but not Part C

SPP/APR

SSIP Activity by Phase

Year 1 - FFY 2013 Delivered by April 2015	Year 2 - FFY 2014 Delivered by Feb 2016	Years 3-6 FFY 2015-18 Feb 2017- Feb 2020
Phase I Analysis	Phase II Plan	Phase III Evaluation
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Data Analysis;• Identification of the Focus for Improvement;• Infrastructure to Support Improvement and Build Capacity;• Theory of Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Infrastructure Development;• Support for EIS Program/LEA in Implementing Evidence-Based Practices;• Evaluation Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Results of Ongoing Evaluation• Extent of Progress• Revisions to the SPP

Phase I – Data and Infrastructure Analysis

- Data and infrastructure analyses includes use of quantitative and qualitative data :
- Broad data analysis
- In-depth or root cause analysis



Phase I - Infrastructure Analysis



- Determine current system capacity to:
 - Support improvement
 - Build capacity in LEAs/EIS programs and providers to implement, scale up, and sustain evidence-based practices to improve results

Phase I - Infrastructure Analysis

○ Address State system components including:

- Governance
- Fiscal
- Quality standards
- Professional development
- Data
- Technical assistance, and
- Accountability



Phase I – State Identified Measurable Results

- Select focus for improvement

“What identified area, which when implemented or resolved, has the potential to generate the highest leverage for improving outcomes/results for children with disabilities?”



Phase I - Theory of Action

- Identify results/outcomes to be accomplished including changes in:
 - System
 - Practices
- Identify general improvement strategies
- Consider developing graphic reflecting relationship between activities and outcomes



Questions about the Big Picture?

Begin Broad Data Analysis