

# Early Intervention Committee Work Plan for 2014-2015

## Governor’s Council on Disabilities and Special Education

**Early Intervention Long Term Goal: Advocate for a minimum of 5 new or amended state or public programs, policies or practices per year that improve quality early intervention.**

- 6.1.1 Research ways for tele-practice as a way to increase Early Intervention services in Alaska.
- 6.1.2 Research understanding by parents and providers of parent rights and procedural safeguards under IDEA.
- 6.1.3 Increase partnerships, communication and collaboration between parents, partners and stakeholders involved in Early Intervention.
- 6.1.4 Research inclusive childcare opportunities state wide.
- 6.1.5 Meet federally mandated requirements as Alaska’s Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC) for Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

**6.1.1 Research ways for the use of tele-practice and distance delivery to improve Infant Learning services in Alaska**

Tele-practice Short Term Goal Activities	Who	Target Date	Completed?
1) Research current tele-practice in state	EIC, Sheila Soule (UAA), VA, Tribal Health, technical consultant, full Council		
2) Research barriers in terms of infrastructure; bandwidth, equipment, technical support, funding, access in Native and non-Native health care systems	EIC, EI/ILP, Tribal Health, Headstart, Christie		
3) Research barriers in terms of personnel; professional guidelines, training; staff preparation, licensing (SLP, OT, PT)	EIC, EI/ILP. Sheila Soule (UAA),Erin Kinavey		
4) Make recommendations to the Council Subcommittee on Telepractice	Amy Simpson, Karli, Christie		

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5) Make recommendations to ILP on improving telepractice	EIC, ILP, Karli, Christie		
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**6.1.2 Research understanding by parents and providers of parent rights and procedural safeguards under IDEA.**

<b>Parent Rights Goal Activities</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>Target Date</b>	<b>Completed?</b>
1) Collect data on number and scope of statewide administrative complaints, due process hearings, resolution agreements and mediations in the past 5 years.	Christie		
2) Review simplified and accessible procedural safeguard info and training in multiple forms; paper, YouTube	EIC, EI/ILP, EED, SSG		
3) Make recommendations on increasing parent understanding of ILP procedural safeguards	EIC, ILP, SSG, Karli, Christie		

**6.1.3 Increase partnerships, communication and collaboration between parents, partners and stakeholders involved in Early Intervention.**

<b>Collaboration Short Term Goal Activities</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>Target Date</b>	<b>Completed?</b>
1) Review the 5 year plans of Early Intervention Partners	ILP, AILPA, EIC, Maternal and Child Health, SSG, Headstart, RuralCap, Best Beginnings, private Child Care, OCS, Children's Mental Health		
2) Make recommendations to ILP based on the review of the plans	EIC, Karli, Christie		
3) Participate in the Infant Learning Program State Performance Plan and State Systemic Improvement Plan	Laurie Thomas, Karli, Christie		
4) Participate in the ILP Directors Conference	ILP Directors, Karli, Christie		

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**6.1.6 Research inclusive childcare opportunities state wide.**

<b>Childcare Short Term Goal Activities</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>Target Date</b>	<b>Completed?</b>
1) Research number, scope and barriers to childcare opportunities for children infants and toddlers with disabilities	thread, Christie		
2) Research disability specific trainings for childcare providers statewide	thread, Christie		
3) Make recommendations to thread on improvement of childcare opportunities for infants and toddlers	EIC, Karli, Christie		

**6.1.7 Meet federally mandated requirements as Alaska’s Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC) for Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.**

<b>ICC Goal Activities</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>Target Date</b>	<b>Completed?</b>
1) Work with ILP and AILPA to identify gaps and barriers in the EI/ILP financial/funding system	EIC, AILPA, ILP		
2) Look at development of financial guidelines, including funding for a Medicaid/insurance handbook or guide	EIC, AILPA, ILP, Mental Health Trust		
3) Look at development of financial technical assistance tools; one on one, training modules, mentoring	EIC, AILPA, ILP		
4) Participate in the Council FASD Workgroup to expand DD eligibility and services to infants and toddlers with an FASD	Christie, Susan		

<b>ICC Goal Activities</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>Target Date</b>	<b>Completed?</b>
Provide comment on ILP state/federal regulations	EIC committee, Karli, Christie	ongoing	
Provide comment on ILP state/federal policies and procedures	EIC committee, Karli, Christie	ongoing	

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ILP Annual Report to Governor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review, comment, sign and forward report to Governor</li> </ul>	Christie, Karli, EIC committee		
Recruit parents to become members of the Council and the Early Intervention Committee.	Karli, EIC		
Participate in planning of Parent Conference and advocate for training for parents of young children and infants with disabilities.	Christie, Stone Soup Group, LFAC, ACRF		
Post best practice information, trainings and articles on the Early Childhood Special Education listserv.	Christie, EIC members	ongoing	
Participate on the leadership team for the Alaska Pyramid Project, which is Technical Assistance Center for implementing the pyramid model to address the social and emotional needs of children under the age of 5.	Laurie, Christie	ongoing	
Continue membership in EHDI	Christie, Mandy, Beth	ongoing	
Continue membership in DEB	Christie, Mandy, Laurie, Dean	ongoing	
Participate in the Infant Learning Program Coordinators conference.	Christie, Karli, Laurie, various EIC members	October	