



Infant & Toddler Connection of Virginia October 2013 Update

October 2013

Note about This Update:

This Update is prepared by the Infant & Toddler Connection of Virginia State Team at the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services as a means of sharing current information from the Part C Office.

Enrollment of Children in the Medicaid Data System (VAMMIS)

Please note the following contact information for questions about enrollment of children in the Medicaid Data System (VAMMIS).

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Early Intervention Certification

For questions about certification of practitioners, contact Irene Scott 804-786-4868 irene.scott@dbhds.virginia.gov.
For questions related to completing the online application, contact David Mills 804-371-6593 david.mills@dbhds.virginia.gov

Did You know?

Did you know that when a child with a current IFSP moves from one local system to another within Virginia, it is not necessary to develop a new IFSP? In this situation, the following procedures are used:

- Communication and coordination should occur between the sending local system and the receiving local system in advance of the move, whenever possible, to enable supports and services to be in place in the receiving local system based on the current IFSP.
- The sending local system should not record an end date for services in Section V of the IFSP simply because the child is moving to another local system in Virginia.
- The family's new service coordinator will schedule an IFSP review soon after the family moves in order for the new IFSP team to review the existing IFSP and make any necessary modifications. Complete Section IX (IFSP Review) and make any necessary updates in Section IV (Outcomes), Section V (Services), and the Addendum.
- Since there will be new information in several parts of Section I, it may be easiest to create a new Section I for the IFSP. In this case, maintain the old Section I in the child's early intervention record.

For more information, see the bottom of page 14 in Chapter 7 of the Practice Manual.

Statewide Early Childhood Screening Initiative

Agency or project representatives that have already identified the ASQ-3 and/or the ASQ-SE as a screening tool or plan to use these tools for screening children within the birth to 5 age range were invited to participate in a meeting on October 11th. The purpose of the meeting was to explore ways to work together to share efforts and resources to facilitate a more coordinated approach to developmental screening including:

- assuring that developmental screening is available/implemented consistently across the state
- reducing/eliminating unnecessary duplication of efforts
- supporting training in the use of the developmental screening tools

Many local systems are already coordinating screening efforts (including providing trainings for child care workers, using screening results that accompany referrals, etc.). The work of this committee is intended to enhance this collaboration statewide.

Practitioner Certification

We continue to have difficulties with our practitioner certification database. If you have applied for the renewal of your certification but are not able to access your certificate or have questions about the dates on your certificate, please contact:

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To access your certificate, please log onto the certification application which can be found here:

<https://www.eicert.dbhds.virginia.gov/Logon.aspx>

and go to certificate management, at the bottom left of the screen, you can access your certificates and print them.

Should you wish to save an electronic copy, Near the last step in the printing process the certificate will be open as an Adobe file on your computer. When you reach that point click on 'File' and then 'Save As' and you can save the PDF anywhere on your computer.

Central Directory

After many years of outstanding dedicated service, Cora Dickerson, who has had been the face and voice of our Central Directory has decided to retire. We wish her well. Replacing her, please welcome Allison Powers. Please contact her at powersa@yourunitedway.org, (800) 234-1448 or (804) 771-5863 should you need to update her as to your central point of entry contact person or numbers. Allison will contact you from time to time to confirm your contact information. You may also contact her to request supplies of these brochures:

- *After the NICU: Promoting Your Premature Baby's Development at Home*
- Parents Are Often the First to Know When Their Baby Needs a Helping Hand (Developmental Checklist)
- What is Early Intervention?

Monitoring and Supervision

Each local system will receive a memo from the Commissioner at the end of this month providing updated information on its status on the federally-required compliance and results indicators for the FFY12/SFY13 year (July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013). The final memo from the Commissioner for that monitoring year will be sent by the end of November and will include local system determinations.

Beginning July 1, 2013, we moved into a new State Performance Plan/Annual Performance Plan cycle. Most of the monitoring requirements for this new cycle have not changed. There is an additional indicator, however, called the State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP). We will provide specific information about this new indicator as soon as the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) finalizes the new SPP/APR requirements.

The Decision Tree

Child Indicator Seeds for Success



How Does Virginia Rate?

This year's Child Indicator data is hot off the press. Statewide, Virginia reported results on 4007 children who received services during the FFY13 (July 1, 2012-June 30, 2013). So how did we do?

OSEP, the Office of Special Education Programs requires states to set targets for each of the three Child Indicators. When the results come in, we compare our statewide data and each local system's data to the targets that were set for Virginia. The table below shows the statewide results for each indicator for the two required summary statements.

Virginia's Child Indicator Summary Statement Results			
	A. Positive Social Emotional Skills	B. Acquisition & Use of Knowledge and Skills	C. Use of Appropriate Behaviors to Meet Needs
1. Of those children who entered or exited the program below age expectations in (outcome), the percent who substantially increased their rate of growth by the time they exited the program.	73.3% (State Target: 73.6%)	79.0% (State Target: 78.5%)	80.8% (State Target: 81.4%)
2. Percent of children who were functioning within age expectations in (outcome), by the time they exited the program.	67.4% (State Target: 69.7%)	57.3% (State Target: 60.9%)	58.2% (State Target: 59.9%)



Child Indicator Data Needs Translation to Interpret

Entry (1-7) + Exit (1-7) + Progress
= Summary Statements (Categories a-e)



Tips for Answering the Progress Question at Exit:

- Progress is defined as “the acquisition of at least one new skill or behavior related to the outcome”
- Progress question compares child to her/himself over time (not to same-age peers, as with the 1-7 ratings)
- HINT: The answer should almost always be YES, unless the child has a degenerative or extremely disabling condition
- “Impossible” – 1-7 ratings indicate growth but ‘no progress’ indicated

Did you know that there were 6183 children who were eligible for exit ratings in Virginia last year even though we only reported on 4007 children?

Check back next month for tips to increase the percentage of children represented in your system.

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Part C Staff

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Please note the changes below.*

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Noteworthy Quote

All human beings should try to learn before they die what they are running from, and to, and why...James Thurber (1894 - 1961)