



Come Grow with Us!

WV State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP) Implementation Team Overview

Implementation Team: Family Assessment

Background: Through family assessment, we have the opportunity to learn who the important people in the child’s life are, the routines that make up the day, and the resources that the family already has in place. We discover what the child enjoys, and does well and where the family is experiencing challenges. This creates a partnership that will serve as the building blocks for early intervention services. The information gathered as part of the family assessment assists the evaluation/assessment team in understanding the family’s priorities and concerns and provides the foundation for IFSP development.

The Family Assessment Implementation Team is charged with supporting the successful implementation the family assessment/intake process. The Family Assessment shall set the foundation for the family’s involvement with WV Birth to Three by establishing a trusting and respectful partnership that focuses on the unique needs of the child and is responsive to the family’s priorities and concerns.

Implementation activities include:

- 1) Reviewing research relative to focus area.
- 2) Providing input into the revisions of the WV Birth to Three Family Assessment document.
- 3) Assisting in the design of the Family Assessment Practice Profile (what it looks like and does not look like).
- 4) Assisting in the design of self-assessment checklists to increase implementation fidelity.
- 5) Providing recommendations for the training curriculum and Community of Practice on Family Assessment.
- 6) Reviewing data collected including: 1) pre-post test scores, 2) training evaluations, and provider survey results to evaluate practice change and the effectiveness of the professional development activities.
- 7) Providing on-going updates to state SSIP Leadership Team on the successes and potential barriers in the implementation of the improvement strategies.

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