

WV Birth to Three Communications to the Field

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This email contains 2 important pieces of information for all practitioners and service coordinators across the state!

1) We are very excited to announce that WV Birth to Three will be expanding the Child Outcomes measurement process statewide - to all counties - effective January 1, 2008. Please see the BTT website for a TA Bulletin, information on Child Outcomes Summary Tool (COST) trainings, etc. The TA Bulletin and the revised version of the COST brochure are now posted under the Child Outcomes tab: <http://www.wvdhhr.org/birth23/childoutcomes.asp>

If you have any questions, please contact your State Regional Technical Assistance Specialist.

2) We are also beginning to conduct quality reviews of the Child Outcomes measurement process that has been implemented in some counties since March, 2007. It is very important that all newly entering children have a measurement completed during their initial IFSP meeting. **IT IS ALSO VERY IMPORTANT THAT CHILDREN WHO HAD AN ENTRY MEASUREMENT DURING 2006 OR 2007 (some children may have had measurements during the initial pilot phase), ALSO HAVE AN EXIT MEASUREMENT PRIOR TO LEAVING THE BTT SYSTEM.** We need both of these measurements in order to be able to report the child progress data as required by the U.S. Department of Education. If you are in the regions/counties where the COST is already being implemented, and you have questions, please call your State Regional TA Specialist or email us at dhhrwvbt@wv.gov.

Thank you to everyone for your assistance in this important component of our WV Birth to Three System.

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