



Technical Assistance Bulletin

TO: WV Birth to Three Practitioners

FROM: WV Birth to Three

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ISSUE: **Initial and Annual Credential Requirements for Direct Service Practitioners Enrolling AFTER February 15, 2025.**

The purpose of this Technical Assistance Bulletin is to clarify the initial and annual credential requirements and the process for documenting contact hours for maintaining enrollment in the WV Birth Three System as a Direct Service Practitioner.

Enrollment Period	Credential/Enrollments Update Requirements
Initial Enrollment	<p>Meet entry level Personnel Standards</p> <p>Prior to enrolling, attend the following WV Birth to Three training(s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Orientation to WV Birth to Three” • Developmental Specialist ONLY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ “WV Birth to Three Child Outcome Summary Form (COSF)”
1st Annual Enrollment Update	<p>Within the first year of practice, attend the following WV Birth to Three trainings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Creating Meaningful Child and Family IFSP Outcomes” • “Family Guided Routines Based Interventions (FGRBI)” • “WV Birth to Three Child Outcome Summary Form” • “Supporting the Transition from WV Birth to Three” • “Motivational Interviewing: Transforming Conversations, Strengthening Families” • “Determining Eligibility for WV Birth to Three – The Good, The Bad and The Not Really Eligible”
2nd Annual Enrollment Update for All Direct Service Practitioners	<p>Within the second year of practice, attend the following WV Birth to Three trainings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FGRBI – Community of Practice 1- “Family Centered, Culturally Responsive Services and Supports” • FGRBI – Community of Practice 2 – “Functional Participation Based Outcomes” • FGRBI – Community of Practice 3 - “Everyday Routines, Activities and Places” • FGRBI – Community of Practice 4 - “Embedded Evidenced- Based Instruction” • FGRBI – Community of Practice 5 - “Family & Caregiver Coaching”

Ongoing Enrollment Updates for All Direct Service Practitioners	Each year after the 2nd annual update, obtain 15 contact hours related to WV Birth to Three core competencies.
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Contact hours related to the WV Core Knowledge and Core Competencies for Early Childhood Professionals are acceptable if issued through any of the following organizations: Institutions of Higher Education who are accredited through the Higher Learning Commission (a credit hour will equal 10 contact hours); State or National Professional Associations; WV Department of Education; Early Head Start/Head Start, Local County Boards of Education, WV STARS, Regional Administrative Units (RAU); WV Birth to Three; or the WV Department for Health.

It will be each individual direct service provider's responsibility to submit a WV STARS Professional Development Record (Training Transcript) and/or complete the "Documentation of Annual Professional Development Hours" to be submitted with the required annual enrollment update packet. The following supporting documentation of training attendance must be maintained by the individual practitioner and made available for audit:

- A. Course description and/or agenda
- B. Number of hours in attendance
- C. Certificate of attendance, or verification from presenter

Knowingly falsifying records **will** result in disciplinary action including possible dis-enrollment from the WV Birth to Three System.

In the event a direct service provider must take a leave of absence for personal reasons (illness, birth of a baby, or other family circumstances), the direct service provider remains responsible for completing all annual credential requirements by the annual due date. If the individual is not able to meet the annual credential requirements due to the leave of absence, an extension may be requested in writing via email at Kristy.M.Stout@wv.gov. Extensions may be awarded in limited situations.

Any questions concerning these, or other enrollment requirements may be forwarded to the HELP desk at Gainwell Technologies or your WV Birth to Three Regional Technical Assistance Specialist.

HELP Desk Gainwell Technologies - <http://www.eikids.com/wv/matrix/contact/index.asp>
 BTT TA Specialist Map - http://www.wvdhhr.org/birth23/files/TA_Coordinator_Map.pdf

WV Birth to Three reserves the right to require specific training when the WV Birth to Three System, through continuous quality assurance and monitoring activities, identifies areas for improvement within the system or when Federal or State regulation changes require additional training.