


**EICC EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM
SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL GUIDANCE DOCUMENT
DISSEMINATION WORKGROUP**

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TODAY'S AGENDA

- Overview of Guidance Document
- Workgroup Purpose and Goals
- Projects Progress
- Next Steps



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MEETING THE SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT NEEDS OF INFANTS AND TODDLERS:

GUIDANCE FOR EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM PROVIDERS
AND OTHER EARLY CHILDHOOD PROFESSIONALS

- Guidance Document developed by ECAC and SEICC Joint Task Force
- Guidance Document Purpose:
 - Provide guidance to professionals, programs, and organizations involved with infants and toddlers and their families including Local Early Intervention Programs

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GUIDANCE DOCUMENT OBJECTIVES

1. Ensure that all young children receive routine and ongoing developmental screening, including screening for social-emotional development (SED).
2. Promote identification of children at risk of experiencing a SED delay or disability and ensure that their families receive the assistance they need from early childhood programs and services.
3. Improve the early identification of children who may already be experiencing delays in SED.
4. Ensure:
 - Evaluations and assessments for all children in the EIP adequately address SED.
 - EI Service Coordinators, evaluators, and providers understand the importance of SED.

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SEICC SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL GUIDANCE DOCUMENT DISSEMINATION WORKGROUP

- Workgroup Purpose
 - Facilitate the dissemination and promote the use of the Guidance Document in the Early Intervention Program.
- Workgroup Goal
 - Develop a strategic dissemination plan for local Early Intervention Program staff, providers, and families.
 - Identify 1-3 priorities that could be implemented
 - Kickoff meeting 11/17/17
 - Project Workgroups Commenced 1/18

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CURRENT WORKGROUP MEMBERS

- Rochelle Macer – Workgroup Chair
- Lucianna Celotti (Essex EIO)
- Amy DeVito (EICC/Parent)
- Steve Held (EICC Vice chair/Provider)
- Talina Jones (EICC Chair/Parent)
- Leah Esther Lax (EICC/Parent)
- Elina Tsenter (EICC/NYS Dept. Educ. Designee)
- Angela Furci (Family Initiative Coord. Just Kids)

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PRIORITY PROJECTS 1/18-8/19

○ Project workgroups

- **Reference Guide:** Supplement to Guidance Document for EIP Workforce - Submitted 4/19
- **E-Learning:** Use of Guidance Document for EIP Workforce - Initial Modules Submitted 8/20/19
- **Webpage for Families:** Submitted 11/28/18, SDOH announced and went live 11/30/18

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E-LEARNING

- The Workgroup completed in five modules in PowerPoint, with narration text in notes sections
- SDOH BEI Approved Modules
- BEI released all modules to Measurement Inc. in February 2020 for conversion and production in an eLearning format
- On 8/2/20 BEI announced the Social-Emotional Live Online training which included 5 sessions in August
 - This training was filled to capacity (50) within hours of being announced
 - 16 participants completed this training
- On 9/14/20 BEI announced the Social-Emotional Self-Paced training was now available
 - Since release, 171 have completed the course
 - Feedback from providers who have completed:
 - “The course was very informative. It helped me become a better therapist.”
 - “I really enjoyed listening to this course. The lecture was easily understood.”
 - “I think all of the areas were covered well.”
 - “All information covered was extremely helpful.”
 - “I found all information very useful for the center that we run.”
 - “It was good and refreshing to see this training.”

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DESK GUIDES/AIDS AND INFORMATIONAL DOCUMENTS

- SDOH BEI Request 7/19
- Eight complements to the EIP guidance document
- Background Document and a Family Information document:
 - to help team members and families speak about and address social-emotional development throughout the EIP life cycle.
- Six Desk Guides/Aids to help assist anyone connected to the EIP to incorporate social-emotional development at each point:
 - At referral/in discussions with the Initial Service Coordinator
 - At evaluation (whether the child is found eligible or not)
 - At the initial IFSP meeting
 - During service delivery
 - At IFSP reviews (6 month) and IFSP evaluations (1 year)
 - At transition
- ❖ DOH BEI will add EIP regulatory citations

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DESK GUIDES/AIDS WORKGROUP LEADS

- Assigned Desk Guide/Aid Leads:
 - Background Information - Rochelle Macer, Leah Esther Lax
 - Families Information - Angela Furci, Amy DeVito
 - Referral/Initial Service Coordination - Lucianna Celotti
 - Evaluation (whether the child is found eligible or not) - Rochelle Macer, Jennifer Geskie
 - Initial IFSP meeting - Lucianna Celotti
 - Service delivery - Jennifer Geskie
 - IFSP reviews (6 month) and IFSP evaluations - (1 year) Lucianna, Leah Esther Lax
 - Transition - Elina Tsenter

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DESK AIDS WORKGROUP PROGRESS AND NEXT STEPS

- Referral/Initial Service Coordination submitted to SDOH for review
 - Feedback received
 - Edits being completed
 - Will submit final guide to SDOH
- Other desk aids are under development
- Meeting weekly on Tuesdays at 10:00 via Zoom
- Additional EIP expert volunteers are needed.

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