

Early Learning Council/Direct Services Sub-Committee  
Infant/Toddler Focus Group  
June 2, 2011  
Haseko Center

Meeting Notes

*Welcome & Introductions*

Attendees were asked to introduce themselves by stating their name, agency, role and their vision for infants and toddlers in the Early Childhood system. (Responses are paraphrased)

- Chris: Develop I/T-focused work plan aligned with the Early Learning Council's framework
- Kaina: increase availability for direct services under 1 year, especially in rural areas
- Jayne: increase awareness of I/T programs and training opportunities for staff
- Rebecca: create system more responsive to social-emotional needs of I/T
- Mike: increase access to services for children with special needs, birth to 5
- Lora: increase compensation for practitioners
- Cindy B: increase availability/access for I/T care; increase quality improvement through training
- Todd: increase quality services, especially around early identification
- Melodie: increase quality of services through staff qualifications; formalize recommendations for licensing requirements revisions
- Sharon: access to family-centered medical home (integrated system of services); develop/implement inter-professional curriculum; increase awareness of ECE providers around impact of maternal depression; increase EC oral health
- Cindy H: establish home visitation as part of continuum of services for early learning; re-establish early identification program as gateway for seamless system for comprehensive services
- Robin: Healthy Start services re-instated, statewide
- Malia: Collaborative, multi-system team working with families as they transition from programs; support gains children make from their experiences; use of technology to increase access to easy to read educational materials for families
- Gail B: reinstate Healthy Start & early identification; develop system of screening and early intervention for substance abuse
- Grace: realization of our goals (concrete actions)
- Marja:
- Charlene: ensure gap children are served (due to change in EIS eligibility); create more EIS and Healthy Start partnerships
- Pokwan: comprehensive and integrated services within the system as demonstrated by direct services providers

- Keiko: develop a vision compatible with communities needs to ensure relevant services and approaches

*Review of February 24, 2011 Meeting*

*ZTT State Summit De-briefing*

- Team members Marja, Grace, and Chris shared their experience in Portland, including reviewing Hawaii's power point presentation around current status & opportunities (handout); discussing possible next steps based on post-summit planning notes generated by the team (handout); and sharing ZTT menu of technical assistance available (handout)

*ZTT Infant/Toddler Self Assessment Checklist Tool*

Tool was distributed to the group. Discussion followed as to how we might be able to use this to help us identify our priorities and goals for action planning. Discussion points:

- Lora: see how tool was used by other states and its effectiveness
- Grace: we could take several passes at this. 1) Do we have this info or not? 2) If not, which ones are we interested in getting data on?
- Quantifying what we have is important
- Rebecca: How get Neighbor Island input? Should we reframe the questions with more specificity?
- Melodie: HCYC Workforce Study will target I/T professionals
- Use tool to help us prioritize
- Identify communities to target
- Identify at next meeting how else to get input from others not present at table

*Proposed plan of action:*

- Every one reviews hard copy of tool
- Respond to questions on checklist via survey monkey (Malia to send out to group)
- Consolidate responses by next meeting to review
- Identify priorities as focus group
- Take to community groups to get their input and to compare community priorities
- Get family input in select areas
- Others needed at the table: RTTT DOE Coordinator; P-3 representative; DOE; more direct service providers

*Next meeting*

- Scheduled for July 20 (9:00 a.m. to noon)
- Chris to find location & send meeting notes, agenda and location out
- Mike volunteered to co-facilitate next meeting's discussion