Integrated Outcomes - Individual Education Planning (IEP) Process

Child in Early Intervention - Transition

- Provide notification to LEA of child potentially eligible for Part B service (near age 2)
- With parental consent, schedule transition planning conference for child potentially eligible for Part B
- Ensure transfer of records occurs; if not effort must be made to get the info needed.
 - o IFSP
 - assessment reports
 - exit COSF (+ related info)
- Ensure Part C exit COSF is considered in entry to Part B
- Family and team attend transition planning conference;
- Part B rights, eligibility, IEP process and possible service options explained to family
- Coordinate development of transition plan
- Determine family's interest in accessing Part B services

Identification and Referral

- Receive referral or parental request for evaluation. Infuse information about 3 global outcomes into the processes of information gathering throughout child identification and referral.
- Provide a written copy of procedural safeguards to parents
- Conduct screening, if appropriate (may proceed directly to evaluation)
- Explain program in detail. Describe process and purpose of the three outcomes. Clarify the difference between/among other uses of the term 'outcomes' (e.g. IFSP/ IEP outcomes).
- Determine with family if they wish to have child evaluated for eligibility and services
- Gather/ use existing assessment information from multiple sources, multiple settings (including preschool classrooms)
- Ensure information gathered at this stage is made available for team to use for COSF rating (e.g. Part C info, parent referral to 619, prereferral info, screening, etc)

Child Evaluation and Assessment

- Request and review existing developmental & medical information, including Part C exit COSF
- Gather parent concerns. Probe for information on concerns in the three outcome areas.
- Determine evaluations and information needed to establish if child is a child with a disability
- Determine academic, developmental and functional needs of the child
- Schedule evaluation at mutually agreeable time & place with family
- Provide prior notice & procedural safeguards upon request

Family provides consent for evaluation (which generally begins evaluation timeline)

- Team conducts evaluation/assessment. Embed functional authentic assessment into conversations with families.
- Probe family for functional information on child.
 Describe present levels of functioning in functional ways so it can be used for IEP development and the COSF rating.
- Document supporting evidence for COSF throughout assessment and evaluation process. Consider populating COSF as you go.
- Determine eligibility
- Provide prior notice/rights on eligibility decision
- Ensure COSF is not completed too long after entry to preschool classroom.

IEP Development

Provide family prior notice & procedural safeguards upon request for initial IEP meeting

IEP team, including family, meets to develop IEP including:

- Documenting child's strengths and Present Levels of Educational Performance (PLEP)
- Finalize COSF as IEP team discusses PLEP, adjusting as needed from earlier in process.
- Determine age-anchoring for norm referenced tools; link to early learning standards [age-reference tools]
- Parents' priorities & concerns
- Establishing functional and measurable goals
- Identifying strategies
- Determining necessary services

Family provides consent for IEP services

Implement timely services for which consent was provided.

Service Delivery

Ensure that IEP is implemented in a timely manner

- Provide IEP services
- Monitor progress
- Document and share child's progress on the IEP goals and in the three global outcome areas with family regularly
- Ensure timely annual IEP meeting (or when requested by family or LEA) to review and modify IEP
- Procedural safeguards notice provided annually

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^{*}The three outcomes to be measured for federal reporting purposes will be referred to as the "3 global outcomes" throughout, to distinguish them from an individual child's IFSP outcomes.