

State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP)

State Leadership Team

November 15, 2021

Meeting Notes

Participants: Jessica Pagans, Robin Church, Jessica Monaco, Elizabeth Blair Trent, Leslie Pakula, Liz Lyon, Bernita Sykes, Kelly Hill, Kate Marchese, Emily Amerson, Brandie Kendrick, Lisa Terry, Tracy Walters, Catherine Hancock, Kyla Patterson

Introductions: Group members introduced themselves and their connection to early intervention

Orientation to the SSIP and our task: Kyla provided background on the SSIP and our task

- The U.S. Department of Education requires all states to have a State Systemic Improvement Plan, which is a 6-year plan intended to improve outcomes for children and families
- This year, Virginia is wrapping up its original SSIP and developing a new 6-year plan
- The focus area for the new SSIP will be improving positive social-emotional skills and social relationships
- The State Leadership Team's task is to develop the plan, which we'll do over the course of this meeting and the December meeting, and then to monitor implementation of the plan by reviewing progress and data and then revising the plan as needed along the way.

Identify priority activities under each broad improvement strategy:

- The State office solicited and received extensive input over the last few months on ways to improve social-emotional skills and social relationships for infants and toddlers in early intervention. Those ideas fell into 4 broad improvement strategies, as indicated on the handout for today's meeting.
- The group discussed priority activities under each broad improvement strategy. The original handout was updated to reflect this discussion as well as new ideas shared.

Wrap-Up:

- Between meetings ... Kyla will take the information and priorities discussed today and put it in a work plan format. The draft work plan will be sent to group members prior to the December 6th meeting, where we'll discuss and revise as needed
- Next Meeting – December 6, 1:00 – 2:30