



ADVANCING INTEGRATED HEALTHCARE

Nurse Care Manager/Care Coordinator Best Practice Sharing Meeting

OCTOBER 20, 2020

Agenda

Topic <i>Presenter(s)</i>	Duration
Welcome <i>Susanne Campbell RN MS CTC/PCMH Kids Senior Project Director</i>	5 minutes
Early Intervention Update: Accessing Care during COVID-19 <i>Jennifer Kaufman M.ED Chief, Family Health Systems , EOHHS</i>	25 minutes
RI DOH Call Center and Contact Tracing: Voices from the field on what patients need <i>Kayland Arrington MPH Epidemiologist COVID 19 Operations</i>	30 minutes
Understanding and responding: Working with parents/children/families in stressful times <i>Liz Cantor PhD Pediatric IBH PF</i>	25 minutes
World Diabetes Day	5 minutes



RI Early Intervention Update

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JENN KAUFMAN, PART C COORDINATOR

A COVID update on RI's Early Intervention System



Referrals

STATUS

- Statewide average: 60% of typical referrals as compared to last year at this time (August). This is an improvement from 35% of typical referrals in April/May.
- Families are beginning to self-refer via pediatrician recommendation again (since August).

STRATEGIES

- Intensive outreach plan in progress – RI
- New flyers developed and being distributed
- Update websites (i.e. Kids.Ri.Gov) with a message that EI is OPEN!

Service Delivery

CURRENT STATUS

- Most services provided via telehealth, and a majority are completed using cell phones either just audio, or both visual/audio via a virtual platform.
- In-person visits have begun on a case by case basis
- Technology access issues both families and staff
- Families sometimes struggle with balancing home, work, distance learning, and EI

STRATEGIES

- Programs able to access Part C funding to help implement telehealth, including technology needs at the program level
- Updating In-person visiting guidance as more visits occur
- Family Engagement in EI workgroup to begin soon (focus on technology as well as other family needs)
- Training for families about telehealth in EI

Staffing

CURRENT STATUS

- As a state system, EI is currently operating at about 85% staffing compared to pre-COVID
- Most staff are teleworking is still in place with limited in-office time.
- Overall anxiety about job security, in-person visits, and managing work/home responsibilities.
- Staff have done an exceptional job with learning new technology, electronic forms, and new processes during COVID.
- Improved coaching practices

STRATEGIES

- Staff recruitment and retention funds in FY21 Contract
- PD around maximizing telehealth visits, using technology, how to conduct in-person visits, PPE, and self-care.
- Programs providing more flexibility for staff with schedules, and productivity requirements, etc.
- Continue to seek funding

Fiscal Impact

CURRENT STATUS

- The EI state system has experienced a 4.2m loss in revenue during the months of January – June 2020
- Most programs able to access funding to help support, but still not enough
- Currently, the EI system is operating with about 40% less billable activity than last year due to a decrease in referrals, and a decrease in the frequency and duration of service delivery.
- Led to lay-offs, furloughs, and/or reduced hours for staff

STRATEGIES

- Allowed flexibility with Part C funding in FY20/21 contracts.
- Advocacy within Medicaid to provide awareness
- Advocacy at the federal level for IDEA relief package
- Intensive outreach plan - RIPIN

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Immediate Outreach – In Progress

- Phone call to pediatric offices/health centers followed by email with information to provide to families
- Message: EI is open, accepting referrals, mostly telehealth, limited in-person
- PCs working with their EI agencies to procure a list of historic referral sources.

Longer-term:

- Outreach to other community programs
- Video – What is EI like now? (social media, Kids.RI.gov, etc.)

RI DOH Call Center and Contact Tracing: Voices from the field on what patients need

- Overview of Epi Ops Programs
- Quarantine and Isolation
- Quality Improvement Support Team
 - Data
 - Closing the gaps
- Working Together
- Discussion

Early Intervention Resources

[Early Intervention Flyer 1](#)

[Early Intervention Flyer 2](#)

[Early Intervention Flyer 3](#)

[Early Intervention Provider Coverage Areas](#)

[Early Intervention Provider Contact Information](#)

Understanding and responding: Working with parents/children/families in stressful times

- What are you seeing / hearing are the needs of families/children/parents?
- Discussion

[Mental Health Resources](#)

Some Resources

- [Pediatric Resource Guide](#), which includes:
 - The American Psychological Association has a variety of [resources for quarantined parents](#), including a COVID-19 picture book, A Kid's Guide to Coronavirus, and a "Something Strange Happened to My City" video.
 - [CDC Parental Resource Kit](#)
- RI DOH World Diabetes Day
 - [Information](#)
 - [Sponsorship](#)
 - [Challenge](#)
 - [Calendar](#)



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Thank you Stay Healthy and Safe

NEXT MEETING: NOVEMBER 17, 2020