

Global Outcomes for Infants and Toddlers (GO 4 IT)



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Early Intervention (EI) Colorado is continuing to pilot the initiative **Global Outcomes for Infants and Toddlers (GO 4 IT)**; the integration of the Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) and Child Outcomes Summary (COS) processes. The Child Outcomes Summary process measures the three global outcomes that are reported to the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) annually. These global outcomes are: The child will: 1) have positive social emotional skills, 2) acquire and use knowledge and skills, and 3) use appropriate behaviors to meet his or her needs. Integrating these two processes is one of the key components identified by the EI Colorado team as an improvement activity within Colorado's State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP) to positively impact quality early intervention practices.

The Program Initiatives Unit of Early Intervention Colorado has developed a Universal GO 4 IT training which includes the following topics: talking to families about the three global outcomes; how information collected at evaluation and assessment informs the three global outcomes and eligibility determination; family assessment; child development and the identification of age expected behaviors and skills; global outcomes; the IFSP plan of action and developing functional, measurable IFSP outcomes; billing scenarios for provider participation; and how the global outcomes are addressed during periodic, annual reviews, and transition procedures.

The five early implementation communities (Mountain Valley, North Metro Community Services, Southern, Inspiration Field, and Imagine!) participated in the one-day Universal GO 4 IT training. All communities had representation from their program managers and service coordinators. Most had representation from providers, child find evaluators, and local assessment teams. Some had representatives from the community such as Head Start and Early Childhood Councils.

These communities are beginning to implement the integrated process (GO 4 IT). Initial implementation strategies include: implementing an integrated process throughout the Community Centered Board area for all referred children and families; targeting specific communities or families served within the CCBs service area to initiate implementation; or a variety of other flexible options in order to meet the needs of that community. Some early implementation communities will engage in additional training for providers or other community members who were not able to attend the day-long training prior to undertaking the integrated process. The full day-long training including facilitator notes and handouts has also been posted to the EI Colorado website for use by the communities. Early implementation teams are continuing to meet to determine next steps. The integrated GO 4 IT IFSP form, which is aligned with the EI data system, is available on the EI website. The Program Initiatives Unit state team members are available as questions or concerns arise.

Feedback from these communities, including family members, will be vital to evaluate the effectiveness of the training, technical assistance, and resources that are being provided to these early implementation sites as we move toward implementation state-wide.