

Global Outcomes for Infants and Toddlers (GO 4 IT)



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Early Intervention (EI) Colorado is launching the early implementation phase of the integration of the Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) and Child Outcomes Summary (COS) processes.

This initiative has been named: **Global Outcomes for Infants and Toddlers (GO 4 IT)**.

GO 4 IT will begin in July 2015 with five early implementation communities (CCBs and identified partners that are willing to participate in this initiative). The **entire process**, from referral to transition, will be impacted by this change and will include **new opportunities, new training, and new forms** to make a positive impact in the lives of children and families.

What is the difference between IFSP outcomes and 3 global outcomes?

IFSP outcomes

- are based on the concerns and priorities of the family that are unique to the child
- outcomes are individualized for each child and family
- progress is measured every six months and refined based on the family's priorities

3 global outcomes

- are the three child outcome measurements that are reported to the federal Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP)
- are the same for all children receiving EI services
- the 3 global outcomes are:
 - Children will have positive social emotional skills (including social relationships),
 - Children will acquire and use knowledge and skills (including communication skills), and
 - Children will use appropriate behaviors to meet their needs

Why integrate the COS with the IFSP process?

When the 3 global outcomes are introduced from the beginning of the EI process and infused throughout, they can be used as a guiding framework to support:

- meaningful discussion with families
- how IFSP outcomes are written on the family's plan
- the child's functioning in everyday routines and activities, and
- the ongoing assessment of progress

GO 4 IT will support EI Colorado's overarching goal that a child's and family's involvement in EI services will enhance the development of the child and support effective participation in daily routines that have been identified by the family.

GO 4 IT will be refined based on feedback and experiences of the early implementation communities throughout the 2015-2016 fiscal year and this initiative will roll out statewide July 1, 2016. Updates will be sent periodically throughout the year and posted on the EI Colorado website www.eicolorado.org.

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