# ENGAGING FAMILIES WITH DATA: HELPING FAMILIES PARTICIPATE IN CONVERSATIONS ABOUT DATA AT VARIOUS LEVELS WITHIN THE SYSTEM

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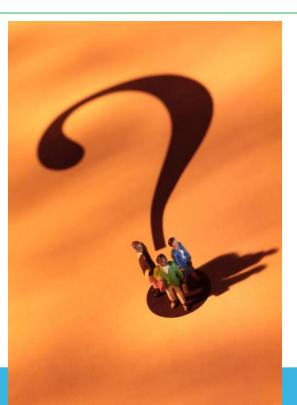
## **PURPOSE OF THE SESSION**

Highlight the importance of family involvement in data discussions at all levels within the system

Discuss ways to inform and engage families in conversations about local program and state level data

Share and brainstorm strategies for sharing data with families

# WHO'S IN THE ROOM TODAY?



# **STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT OVERVIEW**



# STAKEHOLDERS AND STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

#### Who are stakeholders?

- Can be internal *or* external to an organization/agency
- Are affected by the outcomes of a project or initiative
- Provide guidance on the progression of a defined scope of work
- Examples include: families, ICC members, legislators, others?

#### What is stakeholder engagement?

- Using individual and group participation in a collaborative process that guides the creation and execution of a defined scope of work
- A recurring and cyclical process

### **STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT**

#### Why involve stakeholders?

- Systems level impact
- Creative problem solving
- Satisfaction through collaboration
- Improved outcomes



### **EFFECTIVE STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT**

# *How* to engage stakeholders, in particular *families*?

- Relevance of information
- Collaborative partnership
- Effective communication
- Shared ownership of problem-solving



# PRINCIPLES OF EFFECTIVE STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

#### **Relevance of information**

- Define and articulate purpose of sharing data with families
  - Why are we collecting and sharing data?
- Specify and define desired outcomes
  - What outcomes are the program/state hoping to achieve by sharing data with families?

#### **Collaborative partnerships**

- Create partnership with families
  - How can we work together to achieve desired outcomes?



# PRINCIPLES OF EFFECTIVE STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

#### **Effective communication**

- Establish consistent, responsive methods of communication
  - When will we communicate with families about data?
- Ensuring accessibility of information
  - How will information be shared with families?

#### **Shared ownership**

 Build family capacity for involvement in discussions about data



- *How* will we help families understand data?
- *How* will we engage families in discussions about data?

# **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

- How are you currently engaging families in discussions about data?
- Are families different than other types of stakeholders?
- When/at what levels should you ask for involvement from families?
- How do you share information (aka data) back with stakeholders? Is data presented to families differently than for others?





# **CASE STUDY AND DISCUSSION**

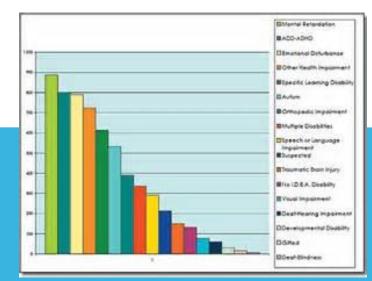


# SHARING DATA WITH FAMILIES: EXAMPLES AND RESOURCES

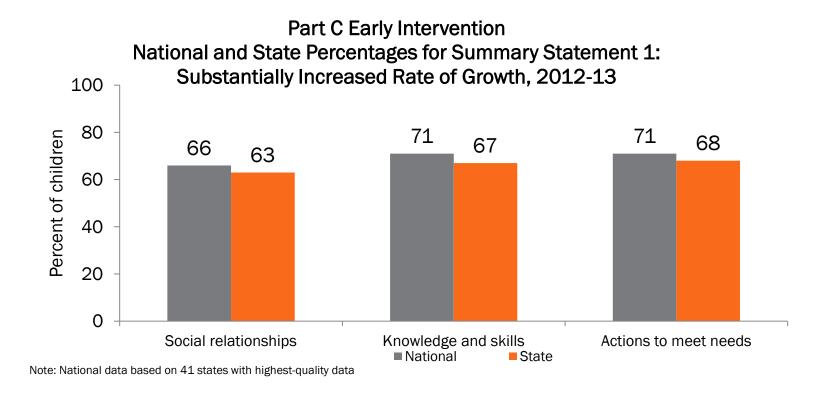
## **SHARING DATA WITH FAMILIES**

### What types of data can be shared with families?

- Child and family outcomes data
  - Program or State Level
- General supervision data
  - Other APR indicator results and compliance data
- Tools to help share data
  - Calculators
  - Graphics



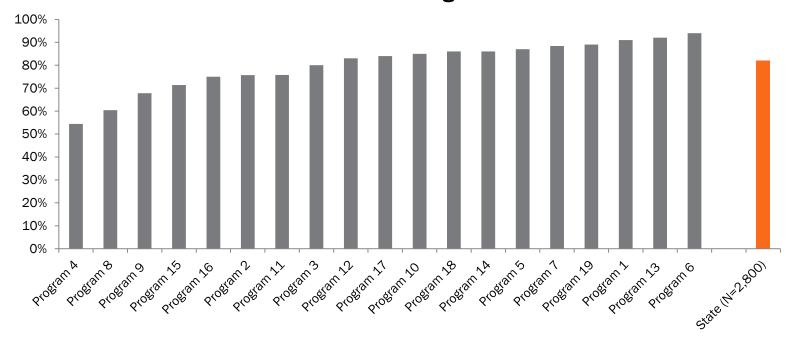
# **STATE LEVEL CHILD OUTCOMES DATA**



 Overall, our state data is fairly comparable to the national average for each of the 3 child outcomes.

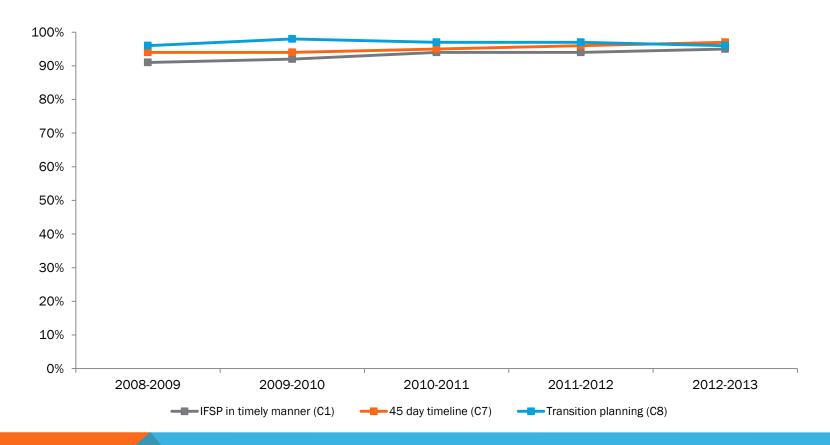
# **PROGRAM LEVEL FAMILY OUTCOMES DATA**

Know their rights



 12 out of the 19 programs in our state are above average on Indicator 1: Knowing your rights

### **OTHER APR INDICATOR DATA**



 For the past 4 years, our state has made slight improvements or maintained high percentages for Indicators C1, C7, and C8.

## STATE EXAMPLES

# **North Carolina Early Intervention** Program

# Annual Performance Report **FFY 2012**



Indicato

Percent of infants and toddlers with IFSPs who receive the early intervention services on their Individualized Family Services Plan (IFSPs) in a timely manner.

Child development research has shown that the rate of learning and development is most rapid in a child's first three years of life. Just as we try to identify infants and toddlers in need of intervention early, we try to get services started as soon after identification as possible. Because of this special period of readiness for learning, timing of intervention becomes particularly important.

> Target: 100% Actual: 98.68%

Indicator

Percent of infants and toddlers with IFSPs who primarily receive early intervention services in the home or community-based settings.

Early intervention activities are provided in settings where the child typically lives, learns and plays in order to ensure that the activities become a part of the child's and family's typical routines, such as mealtime, bath time, play time, etc. In this way, the learning opportunities for the child are maximized.

Target: 98%

Actual: 98%



Percent of infants and toddlers with IFSPs who demonstrate improved: (a) positive social-emotional skills (including social relationships); (b) acquisition and use of knowledge and skills (including early language communication); and, (c) use of appropriate behaviors to meet their needs.

Measurement of these functional outcomes provides quantitative data on the benefits of early intervention for infants/toddlers.

Summary Statement 1 (SS1): of those children who entered the program below age expectations in this outcome area, the percent who substantially increased their rate of growth by the time they turned 3 years of age or exited the program

Summary Statement 2 (SS2): the percent of children who are functioning within the age expectations in this outcome area by the time they turned 3 or exited the program.

Target/Actual SS1: 73.5/70.6% SS2: 51.1/51.3% SS2: 57.8/59.3% SS2: 59.6/61.3%

Target/Actual Target/Actual SS1: 80.0/77.6% SS1: 78.0/76.5%

