

Benchmark #4. Statewide Infant and Toddler Data System.

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Goal #4.1: Unique statewide child identifier. States will develop a unique statewide child identifier, which is a single non-duplicated number that is assigned to and remains with a child throughout participation in programs and services and across key databases.

Question	Not at all	Somewhat	Very/Fully	Don't know/Not applicable	Responses
Clear?	2.63%	10.53%	84.21%	2.63%	38
Important?	0.00%	5.41%	91.89%	2.70%	37
Reasonable?	5.41%	16.22%	40.54%	37.84%	37
Implemented?	21.62%	21.62%	18.92%	37.84%	37

- As a group, please discuss this goal and record any comments on worksheet.

Goal #4.2: Identifying under-served populations. States will work with existing state data systems or create new systems to provide useful comparisons between state collected data (e.g., vital records, U.S. census) and Part C demographic data. This information will be used to identify under-served populations by region, ethnicity, or race.

Question	Not at all	Somewhat	Very/Fully	Don't know/NA	Responses
Clear?	2.63%	23.68%	71.05%	2.63%	38
Important?	2.63%	10.53%	84.21%	2.63%	38
Reasonable?	5.71%	17.14%	40.00%	37.14%	35
Implemented?	16.67%	38.89%	8.33%	36.11%	36

As a group, please discuss this goal and record any comments on worksheet. Following are possible discussion topics based on comments from on-line survey.

- Should other demographics be included in this analysis other than region, ethnicity or race?

Goal 4.3 Monitoring developmental status of at-risk children. States will develop or work with existing data systems to create a statewide child-level developmental status registry for children who are referred but do not qualify for Part C services. These systems will track referrals and outcomes of referrals, and will provide a monitoring feature to rescreen children.

Question	Not at all	Somewhat	Very/Fully	Don't know/Not applicable	Responses
Clear?	0.00%	23.08%	74.36%	2.56%	39
Important?	5.26%	21.05%	71.05%	2.63%	38
Reasonable?	15.79%	31.58%	23.68%	28.95%	38
Implemented?	37.84%	24.32%	2.70%	35.14%	37

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Goal 4.4: Ability to link child-level data with other key data systems. States will develop real-time and two-way communication linkages with other key data systems (e.g. health and education systems) to ensure that children are screened and referred to Part C in a timely manner. These linkages will also ensure timely transitions between Part C (Early Intervention) and Part B (Early Childhood Special Education) services.

Not at all	Somewhat	Very/Fully	Don't know/Not applicable	Responses
2.70%	13.51%	78.38%	5.41%	37
5.41%	13.51%	72.97%	8.11%	37
10.81%	21.62%	35.14%	32.43%	37
36.11%	22.22%	5.56%	36.11%	36

As a group, please discuss this goal and record any comments on worksheet. Following are possible discussion topics based on comments from on-line survey.

- Are the terms “real-time” and “two-way” too specific? Should the language be better stated more generally as in “strengthening communication between systems”?

Goal #4.5: Identifying Part C personnel. States will ensure that data systems identify where personnel shortages exist and maintain a list of qualified service providers and the areas of expertise of these providers, so that shortages may be filled in an expedient manner.

Question	Not at all	Somewhat	Very/Fully	Don't know/Not applicable	Responses
Clear?	0.00%	21.05%	76.32%	2.63%	38
Important?	2.70%	24.32%	67.57%	5.41%	37
Reasonable?	16.67%	22.22%	25.00%	36.11%	36
Implemented?	27.78%	16.67%	11.11%	44.44%	36

As a group, please discuss this goal and record any comments on worksheet. Following are possible discussion topics based on comments from on-line survey.

- Is it constructive for a data system to identify where personnel shortages exist? Can centralizing information support planning for how to fill those shortages? Is maintaining a list of qualified providers adequate?

Goal 4.6: Privacy protection and security practices and policies. With consideration to HIPPA and FERPA regulations, states will ensure that service providers are able to enter and retrieve assessment and evaluation information into the state system and thereby lessen time delays. Providers' access will be limited to child/family data needed to provide child/family services.

Question	Not at all	Somewhat	Very/Fully	Don't know/Not applicable	Responses
Clear?	7.89%	10.53%	78.95%	2.63%	38
Important?	0.00%	5.41%	86.49%	8.11%	37
Reasonable?	8.33%	16.67%	41.67%	33.33%	36
Implemented?	22.22%	33.33%	11.11%	33.33%	36

As a group, please discuss this goal and record any comments on worksheet. Following are possible discussion topics based on comments from on-line survey.

- Should the title of this goal be renamed?

Goal #4.7: Web-based public referral option. State data systems will include a web-based referral option that includes verification of referral and the ability to communicate referral results to the referring source, to facilitate timely referrals to Part C and Part B programs.

Question	Not at all	Somewhat	Very/Fully	Don't know/Not applicable	Responses
Clear?	13.16%	21.05%	63.16%	2.63%	38
Important?	5.56%	22.22%	61.11%	11.11%	36
Reasonable?	13.89%	16.67%	30.56%	38.89%	36
Implemented?	31.43%	25.71%	2.86%	40.00%	35

As a group, please discuss this goal and record any comments on worksheet. Following are possible discussion topics based on comments from on-line survey.

- Should parent consent be addressed?
- Does a web-based referral option web-based option facilitate timely referrals? Current research shows that many referral sources such as physicians are not using on line systems for such information

Goal #4.8: Part C referrals. State data systems will support the local Part C provider's ability to meet IDEA Part C Indicator #7 by ensuring that the data system generates a monthly report related to timeliness information, as well as generating alerts to designated users regarding timely service provision.

Question	Not at all	Somewhat	Very/Fully	Don't know/Not applicable	Responses
Clear?	2.63%	15.79%	76.32%	5.26%	38
Important?	0.00%	8.11%	83.78%	8.11%	37
Reasonable?	2.78%	22.22%	36.11%	38.89%	36
Implemented?	16.67%	27.78%	16.67%	38.89%	36

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Discussion about Benchmark 4

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- Do the goals match up with the overall theme of the Benchmark?
- Does HIPPA and FERPA need to be mentioned in the language of the Benchmark?
- Is it critical that a data system do some of these goals (4.2, 4.3, maybe 4.6, 4.8)?.
- Do goals 4.1 and 4.4 overlap?