

Early Development Network Monitoring

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EDN Monitoring and RDA

- Revised in 2013-2014 to support Results Driven Accountability (RDA) within the EDN Co-Lead Monitoring process.
- State statute 43-2512: Planning Region Teams are responsible for assisting in the planning and implementation of the Early Intervention Act in each local community or region.
- Revised EDN Monitoring Process allows EDN Co-Leads to review the implementation of the Early Development Network Services System within the 28 Planning Region Teams.
- EDN Monitoring encompasses a comprehensive, coordinated process that provides PRT's with objective information about their EDN program which they use to make positive changes resulting in improvements for infants/toddlers with disabilities and their families.
- The EDN Co-leads and the PRT's receive important program implementation recommendations that enhance their ability to serve families and infants/toddlers more effectively and to achieve desired child and family results.



EDN Monitoring Pilot – Spring 2014

Pilot Sites conducted in Spring 2014

Planning Region Teams:

- 1 (Wakefield)
- 8 (Neligh)
- 29 (Norfolk)
- 4 (Auburn)
- 5 (Beatrice)



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Early Development Network Monitoring Procedures

- Beginning in Fall 2014
- Early Development Network Services will be monitored per Planning Region Team area
- Planning Region Team roles and responsibilities will be more defined within the monitoring process



Early Development Network Monitoring Cycle

7-1-14 to 6-30-15	
PRT #3	Rural Omaha
PRT #9	Hastings
PRT #10	Kearney
PRT #18	Lincoln
PRT #20	Bellevue
PRT #21	Millard
PRT #23	Papillion/LaVista
PRT #24	Ralston
PRT #26	CNNSP/GI
PRT #28	Broken Bow



Early Development Network Monitoring Procedures

- EDN Monitoring will be completed by the state Monitoring Team:

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Early Development Network Monitoring Procedures

Desk Review

- Monitoring Team will review:
 - Planning Region Team Grants
 - Planning Region Team Annual Preschool Minutes
 - Planning Region Team Minutes
 - Review of policies/procedures related to child and family assessment; and screening
 - Services Coordinators file
 - File selection based on CONNECT reports



Early Development Network Monitoring Procedures

- **Onsite Exit Summary Meeting**
 - Monitoring Team Representatives will be onsite to review the results of the Desk Review with PRT
 - Suggested PRT members to be present:
 - Planning Region Chair(s)
 - Representative from each School District within the PRT
 - Parents
 - Services Coordinator(s) and Supervisor
 - Related Services Providers
 - Others as determined by the PRT



Early Development Network Monitoring Procedures

- Active involvement of PRT Lead Agencies/Chairs, Special Education Directors, Services Coordination Contractors, and PRT members in the EDN monitoring process:
 - Initial Orientation/planning call
 - Exit Conference

Purpose of Exit Conference - review strengths of the EDN local program system as well as identify issues that need to be addressed immediately.



Early Development Network Monitoring Procedures

- Findings of noncompliance are delivered to the Planning Region Team in a written report from the Co-leads.
- PRT's respond with Corrective Action and Improvement Plans within specified time frames.
- Provides an opportunity for the PRT to link the findings of the monitoring process to the development and implementation of a targeted improvement plan via the August 2015 Planning Region Team Systems Support Grant .



Lessons Learned from 2014 Pilot Sites

- Preplanning crucial!
- Communication and Collaboration vital!
- Exit Conference provides opportunity for clarification, technical assistance and preparation of Corrective Action Plan as well as implementation of strategies that will reflect improvement for infants/toddlers and their families.
- PRT Lead Agency plays significant role in this process

