

## **Florence/Sumter Local Early Intervention System (LEIS) Meeting**

May 21, 2024

Minutes

Welcome & Introductions

Agencies Represented

SCSDB

Pee Dee Professional Intervention

SCDDSN State Office

CEM Communications

SC Great Kids

Lee County Schools

Florence Eligibility

Darlington DDSN

Williamsburg County Schools

Family Ties

Pee Dee Kids

Kids First

- Presentation on Pyramid model: Kerri Wikel from TECS  
BabyNet has purchased Early Intervention pyramid e- modules to help support and guide your practice. They are uploaded to SCEILS and will be released and assigned to you by July 1, 2024 for you to watch at your own pace own. At this point, your only task is to view the e- modules and incorporate any strategies you might find helpful. We are NOT talking about implementation or any additional requirements. We know implementation takes a while and we don't expect to become a full pyramid state until 5-7 years. Kerri Wikel is the contact person for additional details, but we wanted to let you know they are forthcoming, and we are excited for you to have access.
- BabyNet State Office Updates  
Summer Summit (upcoming mandatory training, June 10/28 in Columbia, July 15/16 in Spartanburg and July 25 in Conway.  
Each participant should only select one date. All service coordinators and supervisors should complete the registration form, no later than Monday, May 20, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. If a service coordinator has scheduled leave and cannot attend any of the five sessions, the supervisor should reach out to Stephanie Donald to determine the next steps. It is OK for staff to attend a session that is not the closest to their residence, if capacity does not become an issue. Those who live closest to a location will have priority in scheduling. We will reach out directly to staff if there are issues with scheduling.

This training will be packed with important information. We will be collecting questions throughout the day, responding during the training as time permits, and responding in writing after the training to questions we can't get to or need to further investigate. We will be sending a final agenda with additional details a few weeks before each session, but the tentative schedule for each training day will be as follows:

- 8:30-9:00 Registration/Check-in
- 9:00-11:30 Morning Session
- 11:30-12:45 Lunch (on your own)
- 1:00-4:00 Afternoon Session
- 4:00 Dismissal

This is a joint effort between BNSO, TECS and BabyNet Intake. All will be present and present from their perspective. Will include a basic review and discussion of procedures from intake through Service Coordination, development of the IFSP, periodic reviews, transition and closure.

- Service Coordination  
BabyNet implemented SC only during the pandemic due to capacity issues. However, this is no longer allowed. You should only be serving children in your district, so you are able to make in person visits if the parent requests. Every child determined eligible will be assessed for needs and if they are determined to need family training, it is added to the IFSP, and the SC will follow up to find a provider.
- Record Transfers (records do not go back to eligibility if SC cannot provide service, SC will need to find a provider and transfer)
  - 1) Ask the parent if they have a choice
  - 2) Check to see if that provider is available.
  - 3) Notify the regional if you are unable to transfer it in Bridges (if it is within the regions (district) you can transfer it yourself)
  - 4) If there is no one available, continue to maintain contact with the providers and follow up.
- Unlocking IFSP's (can only unlock within 14-day period)
  - Payor Source Edits (can only be done if there are no logs attached, if logs are attached, they must be deleted prior)
  - Clean-up (delete all the old services that have been completed)
  - Co treatment is not allowed
- Transition Updates and LEA Feedback/Updates  
Transition Notification/SDE (reports are changing) All kids past age 24 months are going to be referred in one list.  
Part C to Part B Guide (being worked on, hope to have available soon)  
Demographic Screen/LEA Needs to be correct, can be updated by SC)

This is where the SDE reports are pulled from so if it is incorrect, the reports are going to go to the wrong LEA. If a child has been referred to the LEA, SC should follow up with the LEA if closure takes place.

- Reminders

RBI community of practice is currently on summer break

Family Outcomes Survey (we ended up with a 30 percent response rate. BNSO obtained a lot of information about what families need. We had a lot of positive comments but also a lot of negative ones. This information is being consolidated and sorted by the agency and will be shared with the individual agencies around July 1.

Child Outcomes Summary – Knowledge Check May 7 was the deadline; everyone should have passed the test OR watched the modules by now. New hires will have 90 days to complete these modules.

BabyNet/Medicaid Eligibility (we continue to have problems with Medicaid being cut off and field staff are telling families they can't have both Medicaid and BabyNet. When we get these issues, we escalate if up to the state office. Medicaid staff then look into it and we often find that that Medicaid has been cut off due to paperwork not being turned back in or they are over income. Sometimes the number has changed due to getting another type of Medicaid, (SSI or TEFFRA).

Supervisor Email (we are in the process of updating the supervisors list). If you complete the request and send the info into Joyce Kimrey, that list can be updated and shared with everyone. Please send one email, even if you have more than one supervisor. Please send your direct cell phone and email.

SC Infant Mental Health Association (SCIMHA) Reminder

- Membership & Endorsement
- Professional Development
- Still open and you can contact Jena Martin or Katrin for the new link.

- Community Outreach, Events, Resources, Updates

Service Provider Updates

Eligibility Updates: Ashley Jordan is the new Intake office supervisor.

DDSN Updates (Local Partnering Agencies (SCSDB Elaine Gentry did a presentation at the counterpart meetings for SCDDSN last month to remind everyone about their services)

Family Connection shared info on their Look event starting on June 2. The Hopes and Dreams conference will be on March 27, 2025, and the Buddy Walk is scheduled for Oct 27.

- Next LEIS Meeting: August 2024 and will be virtual.