

What is the role of the family in ECO Process? 1. Team Member 2. Child information provider 3. ECO Summary Statement Development Participant 1. Consumer

Resource for Families • A Family Guide to Participation in the Child Outcomes Measurement Process National Parent Technical Assistance Center at PACER Center and ECTA

Family as team member "Early childhood assessment is a flexible, collaborative decision-making process in which teams of parents and professionals repeatedly revise their judgments and reach consensus"

Family as information provider ECO Summary statements rely on information about a child's functioning across situations and settings. Parent input is crucial: family members see the child in situations that professionals do not. The rest of the team will need to learn what the family members know about the child – what the child does at home, at grandma's house in the grocery store, etc.

As participant in the ECO Summary Statement Discussion

As members of the IFSP team, families are natural participants in the discussion. Their role in the rating is child expert, while other members of the team will know child development and the skills and behaviors expected at various age levels.

As consumers We need to explain why the early childhood summary statement is being done and what it means.

To Professionals Who Must Conference Cases http://www.broadreachtraining.com/videos/advice.htm

The ECO Process = Chance to Talk About Some Hard Things in A Safe Place

• Reframing the ECO Process as a Partnership with Parents

- We need to get rid of our concerns with ECO Process... somehow let it go... and approach the discussion with kindness
- Families will pick up on where we are in our acceptance of the ECO Process

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• Trust the process

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• We will figure this out together

- May try a number of ways to have the conversation out until we get it right
- Rely on each other and parents to help us get it right

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- Support providers to know how to broach the
- More in how you approach it versus what you say
- This isn't the final or only time or only way you have the conversation about this child.
- Many other things are still in place.. Kansas has long history of being Family Centered.. Relationship Focused.. Won't lose that!

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• Share My Child's Story

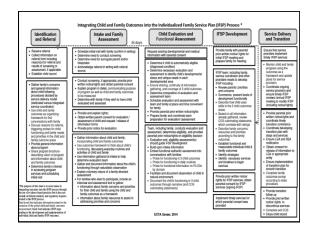
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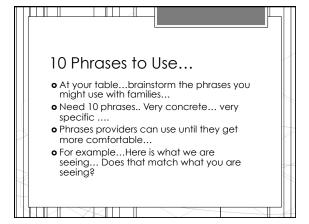
• Discuss outcomes

• Back to My Child's Story in Resources Priorities

Logistically... When Will We Discuss Outcomes?

At logical places in the process from intake to exit





Discussion Questions • How do you see integrating the ECO Summary Statement process into discussions with parents from intake to exit?

Discussion Questions • What are important talking points for discussing ECO Summary Statement process with parents? Use 10 points from brainstorm as starting point. • What are important things not to say to parents? • What is your action plan between now and July to prepare for the conversation?

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