



Infant & Toddler
Connection of Virginia

Monitoring and Supervision Teleconference Call #5

Public Reporting

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Questions and Answers

1. **Question:** Will the local system information that will be publicly reported be updated to show if a system is currently in compliance or will the public report be on our initial compliance data?

Answer: *No, the information will not be updated in the public report (per the law). The public report is based on the requirements for the Annual Performance Report, which is based on data from FFY 2005, which ended June 30th, 2006. Updated local system compliance information will be captured as Virginia Monitoring Indicator #11 (correction of noncompliance) next year.*

2. **Question:** Related to the Local Early Intervention System Profile, how do you define "close" to the State Target?

Answer: *93% -99%. You are not required to develop a Corrective Action Plan/Service Enhancement Plan (CAP/SEP) for the indicator, but it is expected that you will have a monitoring mechanism in place to ensure that you will be in compliance at 100% of the State Target by the next time that we monitor your local system.*

3. **Question:** The chart that we received with our local system's monitoring results has 11 indicators. Did I understand you correctly, that the public report for our local system will only be on the first 8 indicators?

Answer: *Yes. Actually, for this year only, we are only required to report publicly on 6 indicators, because we do not yet have targets for Indicator 3 (Child Progress Outcome) and Indicator 4 (Family Outcome).*

4. **Question:** For our local system, we received a corrected memo and chart due to a typographical error. Is the corrected version what will be publicly reported?

Answer: *Yes.*

5. **Question:** Will the data be collected the same way for this year as they were for last year? This would help us discern if we are interpreting the criteria for measuring the

indicator correctly. For example, when you came to do our data verification site visit, we found out that we were harder on ourselves than we needed to be.

Answer: *For the most part, yes it will remain the same. We will be sending each local system a chart (probably by the end of the week) that will provide for you the following information for each monitoring indicator:*

- *The indicator description;*
- *The data source;*
- *The data collection timeframe;*
- *How the indicator will be measured;*
- *If applicable, any mitigating circumstances that will not count against the local system's percentage of compliance; and*
- *The State Targets for each of the six years of the State Performance Plan (SPP).*

One change that we can speak to today is the decision not to monitor every local system on Multidisciplinary Team Evaluation and Assessment. Since most systems are now in compliance, we will only address this with the systems that continue to have noncompliance in this area. As a result, we will now only have 10 monitoring indicators. The chart that we will be sending you should provide you with the information you were asking for.

The data verification process provided us the opportunity to correct a local system's data before determining your compliance percentage on the indicator. In addition, in the Corrective Action Plans/Service Enhancement Plans (CAP/SEP) that are currently being developed with you, we are hopefully correcting any misperceptions and clarifying requirements as part of the process of correcting the noncompliance. We also received excellent input from local systems following the record review and data verification processes that we will be using to revise those forms and instructions.

6. Question: For next year's public reports, will you only be reporting on Indicators #1-8 again?

Answer: *We will only report on what OSEP requires. We expect that it will still be on Indicators #1-8 only but if OSEP changes the requirements, then we will follow what OSEP requires.*

7. Question: Are the other 3 indicators for Virginia (*Indicators #9, #10 & #11*) reported in the Annual Performance Report and if so, is that aggregated data?

Answer: *Yes to both questions.*

8. Question: Child Find is point in time data on December 1st. Is December 1st what OSEP requires and is that what other States are using?

Answer: *Yes, we are required by OSEP to use the December 1 count. States have provided input to OSEP to request using the annualized count instead of the December 1 count but OSEP has continued to require the December 1 count be used. This also plays into how OSEP provides our allocation. The best that we can do at this time is to raise this again with OSEP. (Mary Ann Discenza will provide the local system input to OSEP requesting that the annual count be used).*

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9. Question: To continue with the 0-3 data being based on the December 1 count, will next year's data be based on 12/1/06? If so, we would not have had the opportunity to put any of our activities/strategies into place and we will probably be out of compliance again.

Answer: *We recognize and understand this. Efforts made now by local systems to address noncompliance with child find by developing effective activities/strategies in their CAP/SEP will show up in future years when we monitor you in this area. As far as local systems ongoing monitoring of your progress in this area, even though we have the final December 1, 2006 child count information by local system at this time, what is out of our control is that we will not be able to access the local population information until November or December to provide to you. What we have been recommending is that you contact the City Planner or comparable office for your area to get what they are using as the current trend data for the communities you serve (i.e. 5% growth). Based on that information, you can then guesstimate by adding on 5% to last year's local population numbers to see how you are doing.*

10. Question: I thought the Federal Fiscal year started in October? This says July.

Answer: *While the federal fiscal year is October - September, OSEP refers to the July - June time span for the State Performance Plan and APR reporting as the FFY. We have used the same language as OSEP (it is stated exactly the way OSEP has used it).*

11. Question: Regarding fiscal contract deliverables, will this be publicly reported?

Answer: *This is captured currently under Monitoring Indicator #10. Since we only are required to publicly report on Indicators #1-8, this will not be reported to the public but your local system is monitored on it and it is reported to OSEP in the Annual Performance Report and to the General Assembly.*