

System Transformation Update

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**Infant & Toddler
Connection of Virginia**

A NOTE ABOUT THIS UPDATE:

This Update is prepared by the Infant & Toddler Connection of Virginia State Team at DMHMRSAS and is reviewed for accuracy and thoroughness by our partners at DMAS and VDH. Updates will be issued on or about the 1st and 16th of each month.

STIMULUS FUNDS:

- Local lead agencies recently received notification from DMHMRSAS of the need to register in Central Contractor Registration (CCR) in order to receive Part C funds under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). The need to register is a federal requirement and relates to separate tracking of the ARRA funds and required quarterly reporting on expenditure of these funds.
- Local lead agencies can expect to be notified soon about the amount of the first half of the ARRA funds, \$5,132,790, being allocated to local systems. We are awaiting receipt from OSEP of the reporting guidelines before allocating funds to local systems.
 - Some local systems have reported budget shortfalls during State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2009. The Part C Office is working with these local systems to update the projected amount of these shortfalls, and these local systems will receive some of the first-half stimulus funds to address those budget deficits.
 - All local systems will receive a share of the remaining first-half stimulus funds based on the local 2-year average child count.
- We will be announcing a statewide teleconference call to be held in conjunction with allocating ARRA funds to local systems. The purpose of this call will be to explain how these funds can be used, the time period during which they must be used, requirements associated with maintenance of effort and non-supplanting, and the detailed reporting requirements associated with expenditure of the ARRA funds. Supporting written materials will also be developed and disseminated to local lead agencies.

IMPLEMENTATION TASK FORCE:

- The System Transformation Implementation Task Force met for the second time on April 29. Topics discussed included family cost share, expenditure and revenue reporting, and family choice of providers.
- Notes from the meeting will be posted on the Infant & Toddler Connection of Virginia Website at <http://www.infantva.org/ovw-Transformation.htm#TaskForce>. We strongly encourage you to read the

meeting notes for detailed information about the discussions that occur at each meeting of the task force.

- Future task force meetings are scheduled for May 8, May 20, and June 1.

DATA SYSTEM:

- Local testing of ITOTS version 1.5 continues. To date no concerns or issues have been reported. If all goes as scheduled, version 1.5 should be released to all users in May.
- Work continues on the provider database (ITOTS version 1.6), specifically screen design and functionality. There has been some discussion about the technical design and what will work best for this application. One option is to have the practitioner fill in their profile information before working on a certification application and that the application may be saved partially done and returned to later to complete it. The second option is to have all data completed in one step. Technical aspects will affect which option will be the final solution.

MEDICAID-EI INITIATIVE:

- Information related to the Medicaid-EI Initiative will be addressed under the Implementation Task Force header in future System Transformation Updates.

STATEWIDE TELECONFERENCE INFORMATION SERIES:

The second of two statewide teleconference calls has been scheduled to provide information on a variety of monitoring and supervision topics. Details will be forthcoming through an email to all local system managers. The date and time for that call is as follows:

- May 18, 2009, 1:00 – 2:30