

## **VA GSEG Terms & Definitions:**

**Core Team:** Project staff (UK/ODU), Part C Coordinator, DMH/MR/SAS; Maternal and Child Health Program Manager, Department of Health; Preschool Program Coordinator (Section 619), Department of Education; External Evaluator. Role: Advise and reach consensus on management and quality control issues, interpret and use data for improvement, prepare and implement a communication plan.

**Design Review Team:** Core Team plus representatives of Virginia Interagency Coordinating Council, Family Involvement Project, Association of Community Service Boards or Early intervention/Mental Retardation Directors Advisory Group, Council Coordinators Association Data Management Task Force, Department of Mental Health, Department of Social Services, Medicaid, private providers. Role: Review and advise on a communication plan, outcomes and indicators, the adaptations for a family-focused training package, project evaluation reports and assist in interpretation.

**Focus Groups:** Small group sessions of program staff across Preschool, MCH and Part C (including technical support and data managers as well as program staff) and local providers and support staff in programs serving young children and their families. Role: Advise.

**Departmental leadership:** Directors and commissioners of the agencies. Role: advise and consent

## **ECO Terms & Definitions:**

**Early Childhood Outcomes Center (ECO)** - charged to assist OSEP in selection of a small set of outcome indicators that will be required of all states for federal reporting purposes.

**Outcome** – a statement of measurable condition(s) desired for the population of children with disabilities or their families

**Indicator** – a measure or metric that serves to quantify whether the outcome has been obtained

**Measure** – tools and techniques to quantify the child's status on aspects of functioning

**Evidence Statement** – a statement that incorporates a statistic and provides evidence as to whether or not an outcome has been achieved.

**Outcome System** – a process for the regular collection, analysis, reporting, and use of indicator data