

Task Force to Evaluate Virginia's Early Intervention System

Guiding Principles

- Children and families will remain the primary focus of the task force throughout the process of studying the issues and considering possible solutions.
- The task force will consider its work in the context of the following criteria:
 - The impact on stakeholders and partners, including caregivers, providers, schools, other public entities, taxpayers, the medical community, local government, partners in the community, the General Assembly, insurance providers, businesses, and the multilingual community will be fully examined.
 - Interim or short-term solutions, as well as long-term solutions, will be identified and implemented when appropriate.
 - Potential unintended consequences will be anticipated and possible solutions identified.
 - The proposed solutions will:
 - Be in compliance with federal regulations;
 - Maintain or increase families' access to supports and services;
 - Maintain or enhance the quality of services;
 - Promote quality and consistency across the state while maintaining local flexibility;
 - Support evidence-based early intervention practices;
 - Be the most cost effective/efficient solution to simplify administrative and programmatic paperwork;
 - Provide the most cost effective and time efficient mechanism to collect essential data;
 - Include a mechanism for continuously evaluating the effectiveness of the system especially in response to changes in the external; environment including changes in federal and state regulations, funding sources, etc.;
 - Be relatively easy to modify when evaluation indicates that changes are needed.