LRDS Committee Update
VICC 12-10-03

There will not be a LRDS committee meeting on December 10. Though the committee has not met since June, many of you have been busy working in various capacities on the projects we discussed at our June meeting. Here is an update on the topics we addressed at that June meeting:

* The "Individualized Part C Early Intervention Supports and Services in Everyday Routines, Activities and Places" Document was disseminated along with a memo from Commissioner Reinhard in September 2003.
* An "Executive Summary" of the "Individualized Part C Early Intervention Supports and Services in Everyday Routines, Activities and Places" was developed and disseminated in October 2003
* The Early Childhood Transition from Part C Early Intervention to Part B Special Education and Other Services for Young Children with With Disabiliites was completed and disseminated in September 2003.
* The "Policy Clarification and Technical Assistance on the Implementation of Requirement for Vision and Hearing Components of the Part C Evaluation and Assessment" was revised October 2003
* A needs assessment was conducted in August in preparation for Phase III Natural Environments Training. Though the Phase III Training planned for October 2003 was cancelled, the information from the needs assessment is being utilized to plan for future training and technical assistance.
* Technical assistance and training is being provided locally on outcomes and goals, and the intake and evaluation/assessment process
* The Statewide Early Intervention Conference included workshops related to vision, transition, autism, the service guidelines, communication and collaboration/partnership with physicians and data (including monitoring compliance with the 45 day timeline)
* Most councils are using the uniform categories for reporting mitigating reasons for exceeding the 45-day timeline. Virginia's average for January 1, 2003 - October 31, 2003 is 43.2 days. For the time period from June through October, 29 councils meet the 45 day timeline. However, when mitigating circumstances are considered, 6 of the 11 LICCs who did not meet the timeline were not meeting it for reasons such as family scheduling preference, parent or child illness, or Hurricane Isabel!

I hope to see many of you at the VICC meeting and at future LRDS meetings!

Happy Holidays!
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