

ICC Improving State Systems Committee Meeting
March 27, 2024, Meeting Attachment #1

Nominal Group Technique Steps

1. Introduction
2. Idea Generation
3. Round Robin Recording
4. Discussion for Clarification
5. Voting

Our question: *Which issues will the Improving State Systems Committee research and provide advice to the ICC on in 2024-2025?*

Prior to our interim meeting, please:

1. Review the list of topics generated at the committee meeting during the ICC meeting in January and updated during the interim meeting in February (shown on next page).
2. Print or download the list so that you have it available to easily reference during the interim meeting.
3. Note any ideas that may have been left off of the list.
4. Note clarifying questions that you have about any of the topics in the list.

During the interim meeting, we will:

1. Continue the clarification discussion.
 - a. Purpose is to refine and clarify the list, not to debate the topics.
 - b. Each statement should be clearly understood without going into too much detail.
 - c. Similar statements may be combined to refine the list.
2. If time permits, we will initiate prioritization by individual members through SurveyMonkey.
 - a. Alternatively, we will determine a method for completing the prioritization process before or during the next Committee meeting at the April ICC meeting.

After the interim meeting, committee members will:

1. Identify their top 5 priorities from the list.
2. Assign points to their 5 chosen priorities, from 5 to 1, with 5 being assigned to the most important.

After the voting period, WestEd will:

1. Calculate the results.
2. Send the new, prioritized list to the committee co-chairs.

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Topics clarified at the February interim committee meeting (not in need of clarification):

- Investigate strategies and opportunities to support recruiting and retaining EI workforce
- Finding ways to fiscally support Early Start direct service provider for absenteeism or cancellations (by families)
- Ask the Department to investigate strategies, opportunities, pitfalls, savings, and outcomes related to requiring Medicaid/insurance-based services
- Explore evidence-based assessment by a qualified professional of maternal well-being prior to initial IFSP
- Ask the Department to provide a report or presentation on Early Start monitoring visits (2009 and forward), identifying concerns from community and remedies
- Support ICC and Committee members to highlight alignment of activities and discussions with specific components of IDEA Part C, California Early Intervention Services Act, and Early Start regulations

CLARIFICATION PROCESS WILL START HERE

Topics in need of clarification:

- Investigate benefits and cost savings of looking at recognized assessments of children in ES greater emphasis on child find promoting family engaged developmental monitoring for all children and collaboration with HMG, CDC LTSAE, and AAP
- Cross sector collaboration of programs providing services to infants and toddlers
- Explore options between DDS and CDE so employees of community organizations can have loan forgiveness granted
- General hospital discharge planning guide, regardless of whether or not they have a NICU
- Implement NICU RN-experienced staff person at every RC
- Explore consumer adults who are parents and their young children who have issues when they experience child welfare in ES
- Report from every RC of child find results of children 0-1
- Ask DDS and DSS status of creating an easier process for children in the foster care system to access ES
- Support of ICC and DDS on promoting engagement of families in ES and implement scheduling of ICC meetings in different areas of the state throughout the year
- Regular report on EI statutes and regulations across states, with data comparisons