

For which issues will the Improving State Systems Committee research and provide advice to the ICC in 2025-2026?

- Improving differential diagnosis of autism to avoid misdiagnosis, missed diagnosis, and bias, as it relates to timely and appropriate services
- Supporting families affected by anti-immigrant policies
- Continuation: Review and update of the Early Start Personnel Manual
- Development of local college partnerships as the solution for Early Start personnel
- Continuation: Take a comprehensive look at the impact that accessing insurance has on families and the overall system which mandates coordinated multidisciplinary systems and early intervention services
- Improve documentation of service delivery at intake for trauma-based care to ensure that they are getting the services that they need
- Include parental mental health screening and support in the IFSP process; make it more intentional rather than an after thought
- Expand recognition of other evidence-based behavioral services, beyond ABA
- Address potential impact of federal funds being re-allocated for our California birth to three services
- Address the need for coordinated child find efforts among agencies that are mandated for child find to avoid duplication and confusion around accessing services
- Provide training grants for Early Start personnel since the American Rescue Plan Act funds are gone
- Update on the information learned from provisional eligibility implementation
- Look at how the IFSPs are being written so they don't reflect 'sets' of services that every child gets without recognizing specific needs and priorities
- Increasing the consistency of the family/client experience across regional centers
- Solutions to address client cancellations and absenteeism that impact service providers (how they are paid, inconsistent with labor laws)
- Want to understand how Mental Health Services Act funds are being used for Early Start
- Develop and implement a uniform approach to include foster care children in the regional center system (sign off process; authorization form)
- Evaluate impact of recent revisions to Early Start online from direct facilitation to Open Access