

Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC) on Early Intervention

October ICC Day 1

October 16, 2025



Housekeeping



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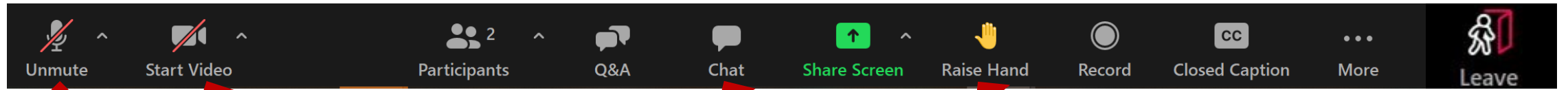
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Roll Call

Agenda

- I. Welcome, Housekeeping Items, and Roll Call
- II. Review Agenda
- III. Approval of Minutes
- IV. Review ICC Mission and Purpose
- V. Introduction of Meeting Theme: Invited Perspectives to Meet the Needs of Children & Families
- VI. Public Input
- VII. DDS Updates
- VIII. Break**
- IX. Presentation: State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP)
- X. Voices from the Field
- XI. Lunch**
- XII. Voting on 2026 ICC Meeting Dates
- XIII. ICC Council Reports
- XIV. Announcement of Committee Composition and Goals
- XV. Committee Meetings

Approval of the Minutes

ICC Mission and Purpose

To promote and enhance a coordinated family service system for infants and toddlers, ages birth to three years, who have, or are at risk for having a developmental delay or disability, and their families, by utilizing and encouraging a family-centered approach, family-professional partnerships, and interagency collaboration.



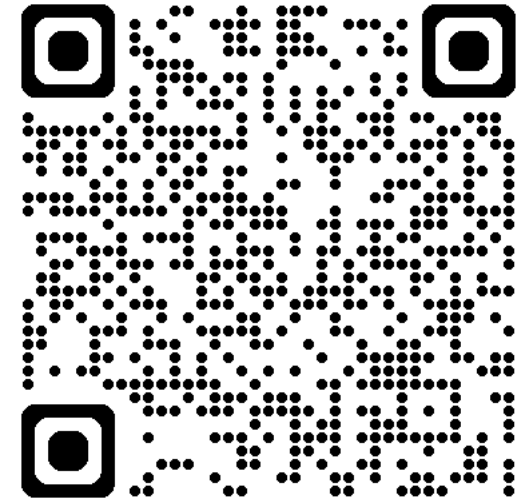
Meeting Theme

Invited Perspectives to Meet the Needs of Children & Families



Part C Literacy Article

Latinx Mothers' Experiences With Linkage to Early Intervention



PUBLIC INPUT



Public Input Guidelines

Comments Can be in Writing or Spoken

All comments are published as part of the public record and provided to ICC members

Each Person has 2 Minutes to Comment

We want to make sure there's time to hear from everyone. Longer comments? Submit them in writing to ensure your full message is shared

Commenting on Behalf of Others

One person is welcome to share input from others, please just be mindful of time, summarize key points and turn in any written statements

Please Be Specific

A clear statement-including specific suggestions for addressing any concerns you may have- is most helpful

Want to share a PowerPoint or Video as Part of Your Public Comment at a Future Meeting?

Email EarlyStart@dds.ca.gov at least 14 days in advance with any audio/visual needs

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DDS Updates and Information



Budget Updates



Remote IFSPs



BREAK
Return by 10:30 AM

State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP)

DDS Data, Research & Reporting Section

Overview

What is the State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP)?

California SSIP History

Why Change the SSIP?

SSIP Revision

State-identified measurable result (SiMR)

Theory of Change

SSIP Timeline

Next Steps

What is the State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP)?

A comprehensive, ambitious, yet achievable **multi-year plan for improving results** for infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families.

States must select a **State-identified Measurable Result (SiMR)** that is a child or family outcome, set annual targets, and report achievement relative to those targets.

Plans must include improvement strategies that build infrastructure and implement **evidence-based practices**.

States must also identify and evaluate progress toward a set of related short- and medium-term **outcomes**—including measures of **fidelity** to practice, and report on that progress annually.

California SSIP History

- First plan cycle: 2015-2020, extended two years
- **SiMR:** Child outcome statement 1:
"Significant growth in social-emotional outcomes for all children aged 0 to 2"
 - Child receives at least six months of EI services through Early Start
- Improvement strategies & activities:
 - "Take a Minute" campaign
 - Checklist of Family-Centered practices for providers

Links of Interest:

<https://www.dds.ca.gov/services/early-start/state-systemic-improvement-plan-ssip/>

<https://www.dds.ca.gov/services/early-start/take-a-minute/>



Why Change the SSIP?

By 2024, the plan was ten years old, without updates

SiMR was too broad: all children across the state were included, while interventions were localized

- Could not attribute outcome gains to improvement activities

Implementation had waned

- Evidence-based strategies were not monitored
- No fidelity data were available

The evaluation plan was inadequate to measure improvement toward the SiMR targets

The advisory group decided it was time to update the SiMR. Convened over the course of several meetings in 2024 to put a plan in place to update the SiMR.

SSIP Revision - Requirements

Gathered substantial constituent engagement

Complete data and infrastructure analyses

Select the SiMR

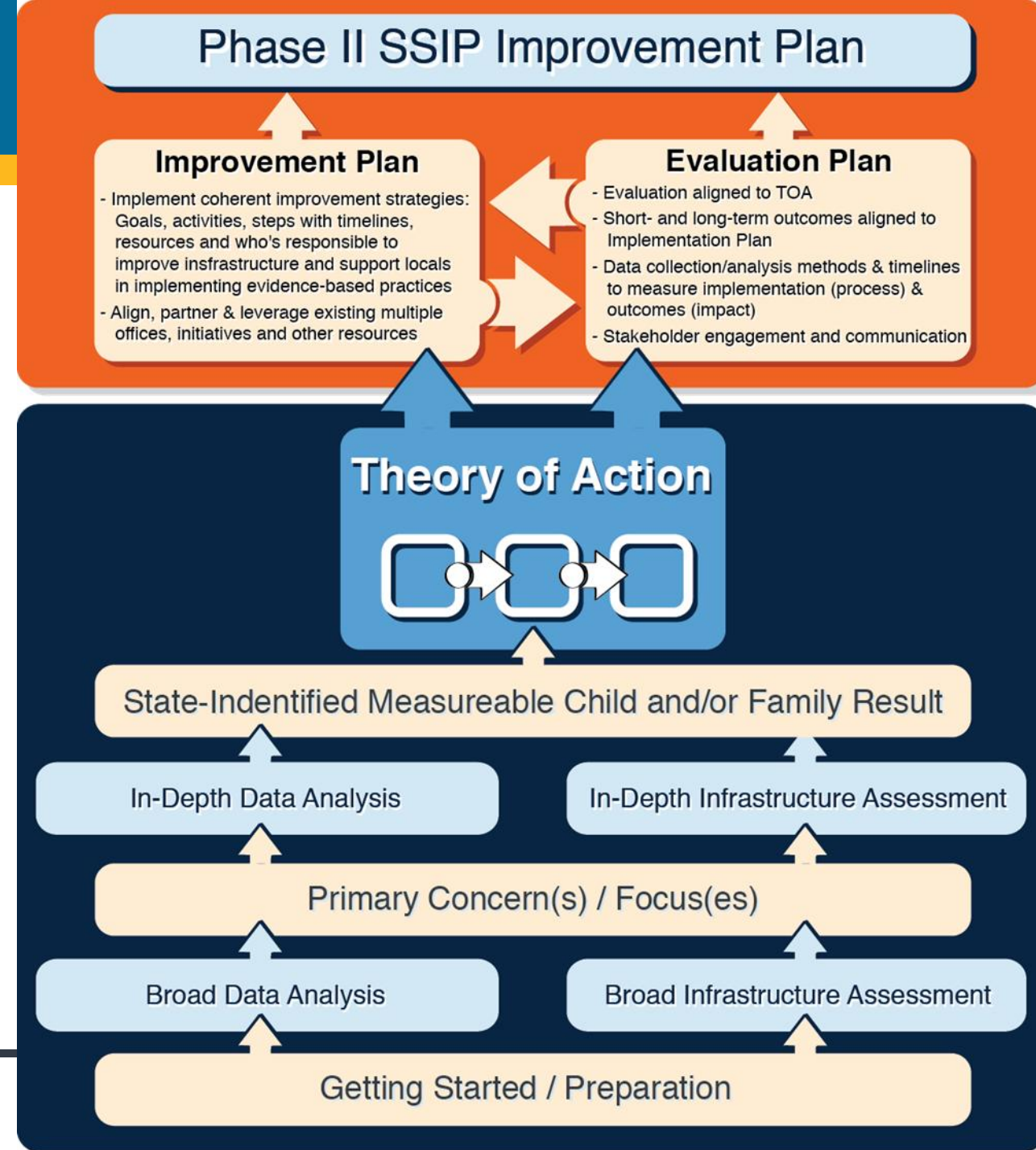
Create a Theory of Action

- Identify the improvement strategies (activities)
 - *Family-directed Assessment*
 - *High Quality of IFSP*

Designate leadership teams

Design the implementation/improvement plan

Establish an evaluation plan with annual outcomes



“There will be an increase in the percentage of families that report early intervention has helped them help their child develop and learn.”

Focus: helping families help their children develop and learn.

Reason: In early intervention, a child's outcomes depend on family engagement and participation in the child's development.

Reason: Providers' practices impact families first, so the measurement is closer to the intervention.

Reason: Families need support, and the SSIP focus can draw program and public attention to their needs.

Part C SSIP Theory of Change

If Early Start...

Improves conditions and incentives for providing high quality EI, and

Builds its infrastructure to support high quality implementation and data analysis in support four focus strategies.

Programs and staff will...

1) Uniformly conduct high quality family-directed assessments,

2) Develop high quality IFSPs

3) Implement family coaching universally and consistent with recommended practice, and

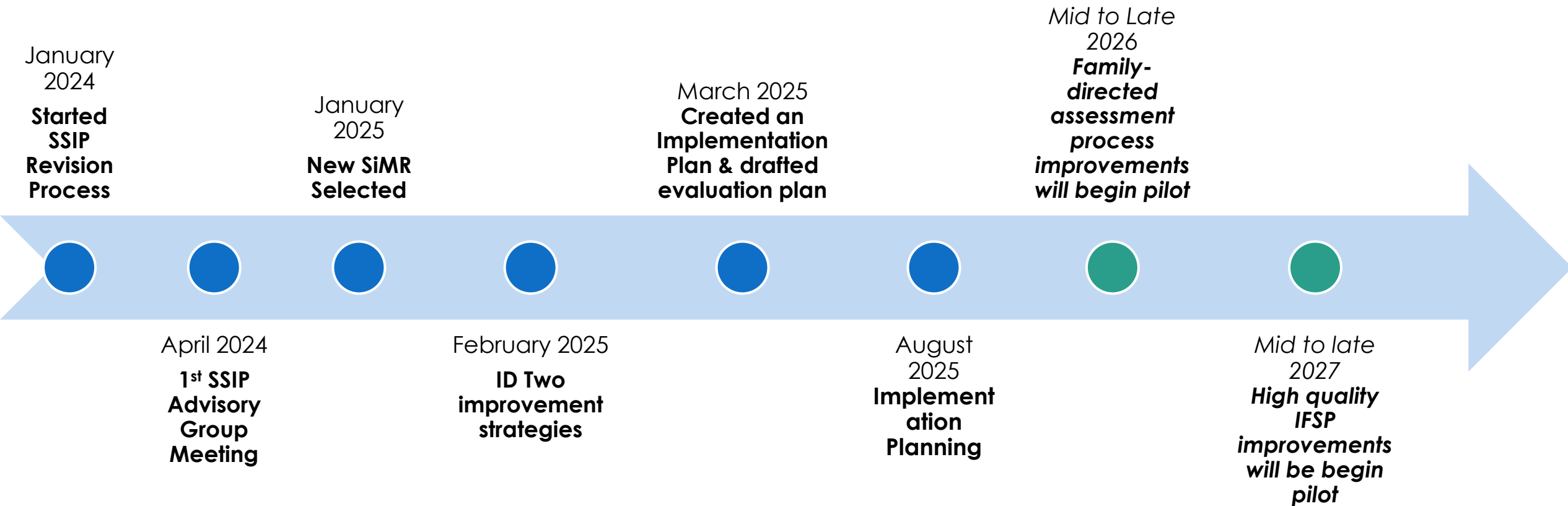
4) Monitor progress validly and consistently

Then...

More families receiving early intervention will help their children develop and learn.

Children will demonstrate better outcomes.

SSIP Timeline



Next Steps

- ☐ Pilot Site Selection
- ☐ Identify the SiMR measurement
- ☐ Set State Targets with ICC 2026
- ☐ Ongoing Advisory Group & Constituency Group Meetings
- ☐ State Leadership Team Recruitment
- ☐ Further develop implementation plan for family-directed assessment and high-quality IFSP
- ☐ Further Develop Evaluation plan

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

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Voices from the Field Updates

- Fran Chasen, Infant Development Association of CA
- Marty Omoto, CA Disability Community Action Network
- Yvette Baptiste, Family Resource Center Network of California

Lunch Break: Please return by 1:00 pm

Become an ICC Governor Appointee or Community Representative

What is the ICC?

- ❖ Community members working together to improve the early intervention system for children and families.

What We Do:

- ❖ Promote and improve early intervention in California.

Who Can Join?

- ❖ Parents, professionals, advocates, and anyone passionate about helping young children.



Why Should You Join?

Make a Difference
Work Together
Help Families



Interested in learning about ICC membership? Please contact the Early Start team at: earlystart@dds.ca.gov

Voting on 2026 ICC Meeting Dates

All meetings will be held on Thursday from 9 AM to 4 PM and Friday from 9 AM to 12 PM

Proposed dates:

- February 5th and 6th
- May 7th and 8th
- August 6th and 7th
- November 5th and 6th



ICC Council Reports

- Suzanne Sherinian, Department of Managed Health Care
- Gigi Ostrowsky, Department of Education
- Heidi Brahms, CDE Homeless Education
- Reyna Ambriz for Maricris Acon, Dept of Developmental Services
- Michelle Dove, Head Start Agency
- Pamela Riley, Department of Health Care Services
- Anna Levine for Karen Chang, Department of Social Services
- Shanice Orum - Dept of Social Services Community Care Licensing
- Susan Ducore, Indian Health Care

Committee Composition and Goals

- Improving State Systems Committee
- Communications Committee

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