

# SSIP Advisory Group Meeting

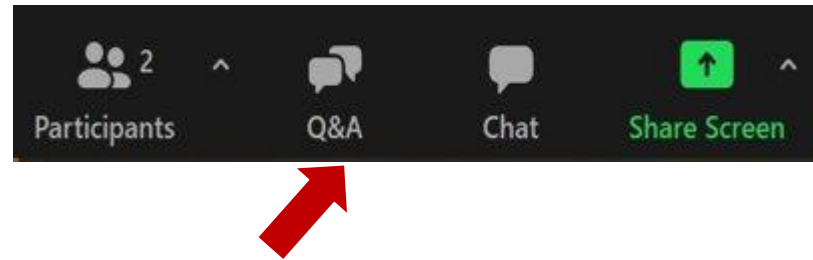
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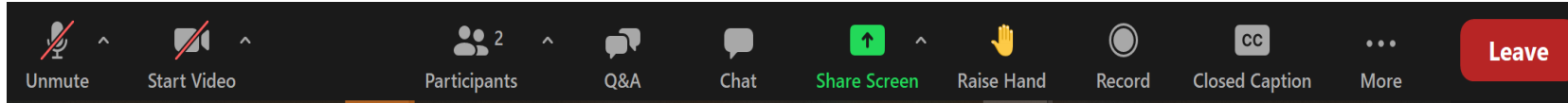


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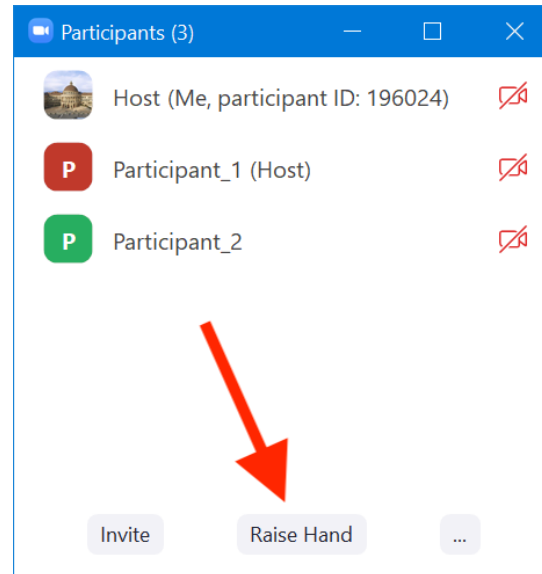
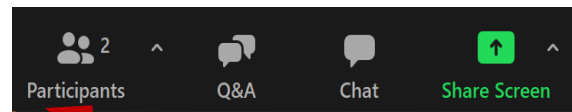


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# Team Introductions

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# Agenda

- SSIP Review
- Updates and Recent Activities
- Group Discussion



# CA's State-identified Measurable Result (SiMR)

## Statement:

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

**Focal Question: How is Early Start helping families help their children develop and learn?**

### **Why it matters:**

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

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

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

# FFY 2024-2025 Data and Targets

- Source: FY 2024-25 Family Outcomes Survey Results
  - Surveys sent to families sampled across five CA regions:
    - Northern California,
    - Bay Area,
    - Central California,
    - Southern California, and
    - Los Angeles area.
  - Total Surveys Distributed – 10,176
    - Completed Surveys – 742
    - Response Rate: 7.29%

FFY	Percentage
FFY 2024 Data:	87.72%
FFY 2024 Target:	87.72%
FFY 2025 Target:	87.73%

# 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 to:

- Standardize family-directed assessments, the IFSP, and goal expectations, and
- Provide TA, PD, and coaching to build the capacity of staff, families, and the community to understand and practice high quality EI,

## 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.

# Recent Activities

## Accomplished

- **October 2025** - Announced new CA SSIP to the ICC
- **January 2026** - Set the SiMR measurement and targets for FFY 2024 & Updated DDS website
- **February 2026** - Submitted the FFY 2024 SSIP report in the Annual Performance Report
- **March 2026** - Updated the Public Engagement Plan for 2026-2027
  - Advisory Group
  - Partner outreach
  - Public awareness
- **April 2026** – Hired and onboarded new SSIP Analyst

## In Progress

- Public engagement based on updated plan
- Planning upcoming partner meetings
- Revising the evaluation plans
- Updating the data collection for the SiMR
- Setting up the state leadership and implementation teams
- Identifying potential pilot implementation sites (RCs)

# Public Engagement

## SSIP Advisory Group

- August 19 – *Date confirmed*
- Nov-Dec 2026

## FRCNCA Directors' Meeting

- May 14 – *SSIP Overview and initial engagement*
- July 9
- September 2026

## ICC & ARCA – Regularly share updates

## SSIP Leadership Team Meetings

- TBD, Summer/Fall 2026 – *Planning outreach and follow up meeting*

## RCs/FRCs Partnership Meetings

- TBD, Summer/Fall 2026

# Discussion Topic #1: Engagement Plan

- Public engagement plan
  - Who else should be included?
  - Additional ideas?

# Family-Directed Assessments

## Completed

- Development of Communications plan.
- Review other States with similar SSIP focus for SSIP and FDA tools.
- Identify and review RCs with FDA tools.
- Review overall RC data for potential pilot sites.

## In progress

- 4/2026-6/2026: Development and engagement of implementation team.
- 3/2026-6/2026: Completion of research and preparation of recommendations.
- 4/2026-5/2027: Establishment and building of partnerships.

## Next steps

- 6/2026-1/2027: Design development, recommendations for public review, leadership approval.

## Timeline

- 7/2026-6/2027: Develop and implement training and awareness plan (programs, vendors, families)
- 6/2027: Implement FDA guidance and requirements at pilot sites

# Discussion Topic #2: FDAs

- Family-Directed Assessments
  - Takeaways from research, other factors?
  - What are current FDA processes at RCs?
  - Thoughts on strategy as planned?

# FDA Pilot Sites

- 2-3 Regional Centers initially
- Evaluation of interest from RCs during RC/FRC partnership meetings.
- Determine which RCs to include in the list of potential sites.
  - **Criteria:** responsiveness, stable EI leadership, supportive RC leadership.
- Review family outcomes survey data to narrow list of potential sites.
  - **Criteria:** Higher response rate, middle range outcomes.
- Conduct outreach to RCs that are on the list.
  - If high level of interest, conduct an application process.

# Discussion Topic #3: Pilot Sites

- Pilot Site Selection
  - Considerations for site selection outside of current plan?
  - Thoughts on current work plan and strategy?

# Discussion Topic #4: Communications

- Communication between Advisory Group meetings
  - Newsletter?
  - Regular emails?

# Questions



# Thank you!

- Next meeting: Wednesday, August 19, 2:00-3:00 PM
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