

SOUTH DAKOTA PART C SSIP IMPLEMENTATION / EVALUATION PLAN:

DATA QUALITY

Improvement Strategy: Support a statewide culture of informed data driven decision making using the Birth to Three comprehensive data system SEIDS.

Ongoing Activities:

- Continue to collect, analyze and report child outcome data for continuous improvement.
- Continue to collaborate with Part B 619 to provide BDI training opportunities for evaluators.
- **Continue to train new personnel in the Part C data system (SEIDS). (new for 2026)**

Current Implementation / Evaluation Goals

Specific	Measurable	Attainable	Relevant	Timebound	Results
Implement full usage of the Part C programs new comprehensive data system SEIDS (met and move to ongoing)	TA to service coordinators and direct service providers as needed	Part C state team members will provide ongoing TA	Quality of service delivery continues to improve.	August 2025, one full year from original launch of data system (met)	<i>Initial onboarding and usage for all SC and DSP met August 2025. Ongoing training for new SC's and DSP's is annual need subsumed into existing staff workloads. Goal moved to ongoing activities</i>
Provide TA opportunities to enhance service coordinators and direct service providers data literacy skills (continue)	Data literacy sessions at statewide EI conference (met) and ongoing TA (ongoing) *Dissemination of BDI evaluation data and exploring the depths of what is stored in the data system to allow providers and service coordinators to gather and evaluate their own data. (new)	State team and national TA consultants will present sessions at service coordinator and direct service provider conferences/trainings/ retreats and provide ongoing TA and guidance local programs to promote informed data decision making. (continue)	Service coordinators and providers will demonstrate improved skills to support continuous improvement through informed data decision making. (continue)	Ongoing	August 2025 Statewide Early Intervention Conference. (met) First Friday communication. This will continue to be a targeted goal for 2026.

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DATA QUALITY (continued)

Improvement Strategy: Support a statewide culture of informed data driven decision making using the Birth to Three comprehensive data system SEIDS.

Specific	Measurable	Attainable	Relevant	Timebound	Results
Support analysis of performance data by service coordinators and direct service providers (continue)	<p>Webinars, EI conference and TA on use of the state data system SEIDS. (met)</p> <p>*Data literacy communications through the First Friday communique for direct service providers and the monthly zoom call with service coordinators.</p> <p>*Enhance Web presence through infographic breakdown of white paper data (new)</p>	<p>State team and national TA consultants will present sessions at EI conference and provide ongoing TA.</p> <p>State team will provide pertinent information on state, regional, and organizational data through established means (new)</p>	<p>Service coordinators and providers will demonstrate improved skills to support continuous improvement (continue)</p>	<p>Monthly through established communications and Web presence (new)</p>	<p>August 2025 Statewide Early Intervention Conference. First Friday communications. This will continue to be a targeted goal for 2026.</p>
Implement Phase II of State comprehensive data system (continue)	<p>*Review capacity of parent portal.</p> <p>Design and implement automated professional referral portal (continue)</p>	<p>Part C state staff, vendors, and stakeholders (including families) will collaborate on data system expansion (continue)</p>	<p>Enhance professional entity referral process. Providing access to confidentially refer via the State's new data system.</p> <p>Parental access to child record within new Data System through parent portal (continue)</p>	<p>Winter 2027</p>	<p>Ongoing conversations with the Part C data system vendor</p>

SOUTH DAKOTA PART C SSIP IMPLEMENTATION / EVALUATION PLAN:

ACCOUNTABILITY

Improvement Strategy: Implement general supervision monitoring protocols including results and compliance.

Ongoing Activities:

- Continue to monitor early intervention programs, including service coordinators and direct service providers, on a cyclical basis.

Current Implementation / Evaluation Goals

Specific	Measurable	Attainable	Relevant	Timebound	Results
Monitor selected service coordination regions (continue)	*Compliance and results performance of selected SC regions will be reviewed (continue)	State team will conduct monitoring activities according to established protocol including necessary issuing of findings (continue)	Service coordination region will improve performance in compliance and results (continue)	Winter/Spring 25 Winter/Spring 26 Winter/Spring 27 Winter/Spring 28 Winter/Spring 29 Winer/Spring 30	2025 - Three SC regions monitored. 2026 Two SC regions scheduled
Monitor selected direct service providers entities (continue)	*Compliance and results performance of selected DSP entities (continue)	State team will conduct monitoring activities according to established protocol including necessary issuing of findings (continue)	Direct service provider entities will improve performance in compliance and results (continue)	Winter/Spring 25 Winter/Spring 26 Winter/Spring 27 Winter/Spring 28 Winter/Spring 29 Winter/Spring 30	2025 – Seventy (70) DSP monitored for fidelity of practice 92% Met fidelity 8% Did not meet Range 100% - 71%
Evaluate and make necessary changes to monitoring protocols, priorities, tools, etc. (continue)	*Necessary revisions to protocols, priorities, tools etc. based upon continuous improvement of service coordination and providers (continue)	State team will evaluate the improvements in compliance and results made by the programs that were monitored in relation to the monitoring protocols, priorities, and tools (continue)	Service coordinators and direct service providers will improve performance in compliance with results (continue)	Fall 2025 Fall 2026 Fall 2027 Fall 2028 Fall 2029 Fall 2030	Monitoring tools revisions for efficiency and data quality. Standardization of forms throughout EI system, resulting in consistency statewide

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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Improvement Strategy: South Dakota will continue to provide comprehensive, relevant, and rigorous training based upon changing needs of providers and families.

Ongoing activities:

- Continue to design, enhance, and deliver training and TA opportunities as identified for service coordinators, direct service providers and families including initial and sustained fidelity of practices
- Provide a rotation of professional development offerings to complement Bright Beginnings and based on data from the field
- Sustain collaboration with university/high-ed programs (including Tribal colleges) for internships, pilot programs, and research & to offer Bright Beginnings training as an elective to professional preparation students
- Disseminate program information at local, state, national and international conferences/meetings through vendor exhibits, presentations, and organizational boards

Current Implementation / Evaluation Goals

Specific	Measurable	Attainable	Relevant	Timebound	Results
Establish and implement refined and sustained practice of coaching and mentoring providers and service coordinators regarding evidence-based practice (met)	*Ongoing mentoring through stages of coaching -review of C4 data and monitoring of service log notes/partnership plans (met)	Initial and sustained fidelity will be conducted by state PD team (met)	Providers will maintain fidelity longer with sustained mentoring (continue)	September 2025 first round of refined mentoring/ coaching (met)	Created and implemented a sustainable model of coaching for evidence-based training without using external coaches
Establish and implement in-depth study of C4 data correlation to evidence-based practices (new)	*Review of C4 data and monitoring of notes/partnership plans (new)	Initial and sustained fidelity related to the C4 survey results conducted by state PD team (new)	Incorporate relevance of Early Childhood Outcome Survey with evidence-based family engagement model (new)	December 2026 data correlation of C4 outcomes to evidence-based practices	C4 survey design has been aligned to the evidence-based curriculum. Data collection, evaluation, and dissemination are still needed in 2026 and beyond.

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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (continued)

Improvement Strategy: South Dakota will continue to provide comprehensive, relevant, and rigorous training based upon changing needs of providers and families.

Specific	Measurable	Attainable	Relevant	Timebound	Results
<p>Establish a network of support mechanisms to engage early intervention providers with families (continue)</p>	<p>Participation of EI families in national early childhood organization Early Intervention Conference responses C4 Family Outcome data (met) Enhance the Birth to Three website to promote more family participation. Include family information in First Friday communique to providers (new)</p>	<p>Contractors, stakeholders & state team (continue)</p>	<p>Families engaged with Part C will increase response rates on C4 survey, stronger sustained fidelity scores, and increased family engagement with providers leading to increased child outcomes (continue)</p>	<p>EI Conference 2025 Professional organization Spring 2026 Sustained fidelity, monitoring quarterly starting January 2025 (met) December 2026 updated Web presence Monthly First Friday communique Jan-Dec 2026 (new)</p>	<p>August 2025 EI conference</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 120 participants, including families • Multiple sessions focusing on family engagement and resources.
<p>Seek collaboration with medical entities to offer relevant Bright Beginnings training (continue)</p>	<p>*Connections with medical facilities/in office or online training *Attendance at medical conferences *Speaking engagements at state Medical School (continue)</p>	<p>Attend statewide medical conference Training programs per year EI presence in state media publications (continue)</p>	<p>More frequent and relevant referrals from medical community (continue)</p>	<p>December 2026</p>	<p>Birth to Three presence statewide medical professional publication, "MED Magazine" July 2025. Results</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11,632 views • 576 hovers • 459 clicks <p>Fall 2025 five (5) new DSP provider entities enrolled with Birth to Three</p>

SOUTH DAKOTA PART C SSIIP IMPLEMENTATION / EVALUATION PLAN:

CHILD FIND & WORKFORCE

Improvement Strategy: South Dakota will continue to increase awareness of EI routines-based family engagement services to all South Dakota families
South Dakota will continue to attract, recruit, and retain qualified personnel to meet EI needs statewide

Ongoing Activities:

- Attract, recruit, and retain qualified personnel to meet EI needs statewide.
- Enhance existing resources to assist all families to engage in the EI process
- Collaborate with relevant EC partners throughout the state and nation to assist in identification & referral of all families including children who have not had ready access to child find
- Analyze options to increase community-based provider availability throughout the state for all Part C families

Current Implementation / Evaluation Goals

Specific	Measurable	Attainable	Relevant	Timebound	Results
Facilitate relationships among state tribal colleges and the Part C program to cultivate opportunities for Native American Part C professionals (continue)	*Conduct tribal college guest speaking engagements *Participation in training tribal provider in Bright Beginnings *Obtain collaborative agreements to seek Part C tribal providers (continue)	Outreach to tribal community colleges Funding to support project (continue)	EI services provided in under-represented SD populations, EI providers reflect the families served (continue)	December 2025 Ongoing	Presentation at SD Native American Education conference. Zoom meeting with tribal school officials and service coordinator
Develop a comprehensive, relevant communication plan to ensure clear, responsive, respectful interactions between EI providers and Families (continue)	*Explore viability of family Parent Portal available in new program data system *More robust website presence (continue)	Data system Phase II implemented. State team will develop collection tools to analyze communication practices (continue)	Enhanced understanding and cohesive messages for families (continue)	December 2025 Ongoing	First Friday Communique - monthly from July 2025-December 2025 and ongoing
Establish new onboarding procedures for direct service providers. (new)	*Increased time from inquiry to onboarding *Establish strong connections between new providers and State office personnel	Updated tracking system will enable new provider onboarding to fit into existing Part C personnel workload	Establish comprehensive onboarding builds initial relationships with new providers increasing provider longevity	Finalize new onboarding system by July 2026	