EI/ECSE Standard 4 Component 4.3

Overview & Speaker Notes

Intended Audience:

Overview for Facilitators:

ECPC has developed an anchor presentation for each of the Initial Practice-Based Professional Preparation Standards for Early Interventionists/Early Childhood Special Educators (EI/ECSE). The components under each standard are presented separately. The materials are designed for an in-service professional development (PD) program but can be used in a pre-service teacher preparation course. This resource will increase professionals' ability to address each of the EI/ECSE standard and components. Additional materials for each standard can be found on the ECPC Website: Curriculum Module | The Early Childhood Personnel Center (ecpcta.org)

Speaker Notes

The speaker notes provide a narrative and activities for each slide. You will see speaker notes for most of the slides within the slide deck. The notes provide additional details about the information on a particular slide, including the context for the information and key points. The notes are a guide, and speakers should feel free to modify these as needed. Please note the following:

 The narrative is a sample script for the presenter. Although you may read it verbatim, speaker notes are intended as a guide for the presenter, and you may modify them as needed.

Materials Required for face to face

- 1. Share the outline with timelines for the training (build in breaks)
- 2. Conduct an opening activity (introductions/ice breaker)
- 3. Computers or tablets with internet access for participants (if possible)
- 4. Handouts
- 5. Projector with audio capable for playing video with speakers
- 6. Presentation slides with speaker notes
- 7. Develop an evaluation tool for all attendees (e.g., continuous improvement activity)

Materials Required for virtual

- 1. Distribute the link to the online platform in advance
- 2. Share the outline with timelines for the training (build in breaks)
- 3. Conduct an opening activity (introductions/ice breaker)
- 4. Determine how participants will receive handouts and materials, on the cloud, using a storage platform (e.g., dropbox, google, etc.)
- 5. Platform to share presentation (e.g., zoom, teams, etc.) with polling questions prepared in advance and breakout room capability
- Upload or send handouts in advance or through platform (insert through chat)
- 7. Download videos ahead of time to prepare for low bandwidth from slide deck

- 8. Share screen capability (be sure to enable sound for videos)
- 9. Develop an evaluation tool for all attendees (e.g., continuous improvement activity)

Objectives for Standard 4, Component 4.3:

After participating in this professional learning opportunity, participants will be able to:

- Describe the purpose and content of the strengths-based formal assessment report
- List strengths-based teaming and communication strategies for sharing assessment results with families and other professionals

Outline of Session Activities

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Speaker Notes with Slides

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	Assessment Process	
	Initial Practice-Based Professional Preparation Standards Early Interventionists/Early Childhood	
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Slide 2	Standard 4	
	Candidates know and understand the purposes of assessment in relation to	
	ethical and legal considerations. Candidates choose developmentally,	
	linguistically, and culturally appropriate tools and methods that are responsive to the characteristics of the young child, family, and program. Using evidence-	
	based practices, candidates develop or select as well as administer informal	
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	Candidates analyze, interpret, document, and	
	share assessment information using a	
	strengths-based approach with families and	
	other professionals.	
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	strategies for sharing assessment results with	
	families and other professionals	
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Slide 5	Function of Early Intervention Evaluation	(McLean, Wolery & Bailey, 2010)
	Assess five developmental domains: functioning is	
	examined systematically and comprehensively	
	Establish eligibility for services	
	Provide baseline for skill attainment over time	
	Formulate recommendations for intervention	
	Generate short-term goals for intervention planning	
	EGPG	
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Silde 6	Purpose of Assessment Report/Feedback to Families	Towle, P., Farrell, A.F., Vitalone-Raccaro, N. (2008).
	Creates a basis for intervention	
	Organizes observations	
	Presents, integrates and interprets data	
	Creates a record for future reference	
	Generates recommendations	
	Presents the "big picture"	
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Slide 7	Synthesizing and Interpreting Assessment Results	The IFSP/IEP evaluation process is necessarily multidisciplinary, and should include multiple assessment tools and
	 Results are reported across domains – Interdisciplinary data combined to create a permanent record 	sources of data across settings.
	 Cross-disciplinary collaboration is needed to create a functional and family-friendly summary report 	The challenge of pulling the results of
	High-quality assessment synthesis and reporting	assessment together is an important one, as
	Pacacca Constitution of the Constitution of th	it "memorializes" the assessment process in
	E C P C	a sense and serves as a basis for EI
	(an), Debied Former Centr prompts on g	planning. (Towle et.al., 2008)
		In order to present meaningful information in a summarized form to families, there must be a system of communication
		between field-specific specialties. For example, a child who has cerebral palsy might have a PT, SLP, OT-specific
		assessment in addition to a comprehensive developmental assessment. In order for the
		results of the evaluation to be usable to the
		family and to the early education team,
		results need to be about the child's
		functioning, not simply about test scores.
		Data from each domain needs to be tied
		together to explain how the functioning in

		each domain impacts the child's current level of functioning and how to plan intervention based on that knowledge. The experience of being involved in assessment, and of finding out about the results of assessment – is not separate from the process of intervention. The experience families have during the process of assessment lay the groundwork for their engagement with and understanding of the planning and intervention process.
Slide 8	Potential Pitfalls • May create a picture that does not resonate with families: pathology or deficit-based approach • May not represent an accurate range of child capabilities • May oversimplify complex information or "pull" for specific services	Facilitator may ask: why might an evaluation report often be written in deficit-based language, even though this perspective often feels like de- valuing their child to families? If desired, facilitator can create discussion around this article: https://www.thenation.com/article/society/p arenting-disability-down-syndrome/
Slide 9	Linking Authentic Assessment to Effective Intervention Using: Family centered practices Strength-based approaches Cultural relevance/responsiveness Interdisciplinary collaboration/systems focus Transdisciplinary collaboration/systems focus	Assessment should include these functions across phases and purposes. When organizing and reporting on assessment results, providers need to hold each of these functions in mind when they are preparing to share results with families
Slide 10	Family-Centered Practices in Assessment Service providers equal partners, families experts on their child(ren) and family Recommendations align with family concerns and priorities Maintain confidentiality and educate parents on their rights within the system Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) Use jargon-free and effective communication	Facilitator can use the link to access indepth information about family centered practices See: Bezdek, J., Summers, J. A., & Turnbull, A. (2010). Professionals' attitudes on partnering with families of children and youth with disabilities. <i>Education and Training in Autism and Developmental Disabilities</i> , 45(3), 356-365 https://www2.ed.gov/policy/gen/guid/fpco/ferpa/index.html

Slide 11 Slide 12

Strength-Based Approach

- Concentrates on the inherent strengths of children and their families
- It is a philosophy and a way of viewing children and their families as resourceful, resilient, and self-determined



Family-Centered and Strength-Based

 Families need to access and process the information intellectually – is the information easy to understand?

Evaluation Reports: 2 Basic Concepts

 Families are always emotionally invested in the assessment process – how will families respond?



The child that EI/ECSE providers report out on needs to match the child that the family knows better than anyone else, and demonstrates the respect and value that every child deserves, no matter what

See:

Green, B. L., McAllister, C. L., & Tarte, J. M. (2004). The strengths-based practices inventory: A tool for measuring strengths-based service delivery in early childhood and family support programs. *Families in Society*, 85(3), 326-334complex his or her needs might be

So, when we create evaluation reports, we always want to place the family centrally as an equal partner and expert of their child and employ a strength-based approach.

Families need to be able to access and process information about assessment results – and can only do this if the information is presented clearly and functionally. If families are confused or overwhelmed, they won't easily be able to attend to what is often a barrage of information.

This process of learning about oftencomplicated assessment results is made more complicated by the fact that family members are learning that their child is developing differently and this often sounds like "something is wrong".

As any parent/primary caregiver knows, this information is part of a journey towards acceptance, whether the challenge is brand new or ongoing, simple or complex. Every family goes through this differently.

When service providers provide families with useful and strength-based information about their child's capabilities and challenges, they are holding children in a protected place as fully unique and valued.

Slide 13	Making Evaluation Summaries FaculTo	For instance, we wouldn't say that a child "didn't feel like" completing a 4-piece
	Making Evaluation Summaries Easy To Understand	puzzle during the assessment.
	Organized by domain rather than by assessment tool	
	Jargon-free and functional descriptions of child	
	performance	
	Easy-to-read summaries by domain and summative	
	paragraph at the end	
	Description objectives - free of opinion/ inferences	
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Slide 15	How Will Families Respond? Strengths-Based and Family-Centered Evaluation Summaries	We expect all children – of all abilities – to be a fully-included member of their
	Presents the child as fundamentally competent	communities and culture, and best-practice
	Delays described from the standpoint of ability	assessment makes the barriers to being included visible
	Intervention presented as a means to promote	metaded visible
	optimal functioning and inclusion	Views the child as fundamentally competent
	Adapted for primary language and culture of family	(not flawed or broken)
	EGPG	Delays are described from a standpoint of
	ling Other Investor Center were appearing	competence
		Intervention presented as a means to
		promote optimal functioning geared to quality-of-life outcomes, not to erase
		characteristics that are part of who they are
		Adapted for language and culture of family
		See: Towle, P., Farrell, A.F., Vitalone-
		Raccaro, N. Early Intervention Evaluation
		Reports: Guidelines for Writing User-
		Friendly and Strength-Based Assessments.
		Zero to Three, 2008

How can you be objective and descriptive Slide 16 **Activity: Strength-Based Language** while focusing on positive? It's not about avoiding the truth or minimizing concerns: Revise the statements below: it's about building momentum. Look for • Carlos' expressive language is deficient what is going well, it's an easier place to · Sasha has very poor social skills start. • James lacks persistence and gave up quickly Ask the group how they might revise the when making a block tower statement above to be strength-based. The following slide will offer Ideas about strength-based language examples for these - advance only after the group has reported out their answers Slide 17 Strength-Based Language Revised: · Carlos uses some gestures, but does not vet use words to communicate his peeds and wants in we are · Sasha loves playing alone, but does not yet demonstrate, age tunical cocial chille James benefitted from adult support when he working on making a block tower Slide 18 Facilitator may want to ask the group – **How Will Families Respond? Culturally** what barriers may exist for culturally and and Linguistically Diverse (CLD) Families linguistically diverse families as far as · Perceptions about disability/delay highly personal for engagement with EI? all families • CLD families less likely to engage in EI/ECSE services For example, in some cultures, families of · Every culture holds a unique view about typical young children feel they are not good development parents if they do not feed and dress them • Communication in family's primary language essential even when they are 2 or 3 years old, and may not understand goals around selfsufficiency/adaptive skills. A curious stance about what parents want for their children will increase the odds that culturally and linguistically diverse families will remain engaged in services. Ability to identify family concerns and priorities improves intervention outcomes! See: Wolfe, K., & Durán, L. K. (2013). Culturally and linguistically diverse parents' perceptions of the IEP Process: A review of

		current research. Multiple Voices for Ethnically Diverse Exceptional Learners, 13(2), 4-18.
		Zhang, C., Bennett, T. Facilitating the Meaningful Participation of Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Families in the IFSP and IEP Process. Focus of Autism and other Developmental Disabilities 18(1) 51-59, 2003.
Slide 19	Collaborating With Interpreters During Meetings With Families	Facilitator: play the video and encourage discussion afterwards:
		What recommended strategies discussed in this video will you remember? Have you ever had the opportunity to work with an interpreter for any reason? If so, what worked well, and what were the challenges?
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		Also see: Acar, S., & Blasco, P.M. (2018). Guidelines for collaborating with interpreters in early intervention/early childhood special education. <i>Young Exceptional Children</i> , (21)3, 170-184
Slide 20	IFSP/IEP Planning: Family-Centered Practice • Listening actively • Showing empathy • Respecting family perspectives	How we are when we are listening to families is communicated in our facial expressions, the way we hold our bodies, and the way we listen deeply to what is being said rather than sticking rigidly to our own agendas in the moment. We try to let families tell their stories in their own way.
	ECPC Solver for the second consequence of t	Often when we are in complicated family situations in the home or in noisy meeting rooms in an early care setting, we feel overwhelmed and have a lot of things on our mind about what needs to get done.
		When we can slow down our own thoughts, and take some intentional deep breaths while we focus on what families are trying to tell us, IFSP/IEP meetings will go much more smoothly for everyone.

Slide 21 **Active Listening Furthering response** cán voz radina mare abai I notice that you..." sure-Lunderstand, can you ECPC Slide 22 See: Dunst, Trivette, and Hamby (2007) **Participatory Practices** Consistently include families in decision-making process • Families use data from evaluation and information itical decisions from all team members to make cr are valued, both • When family choices and priorities family and child outcomes are enhanced anced Slide 23 Focus on being respectful and non-**Support Family Well-Being** judgmental for all these issues. · Acknowledge unique circumstances and changing An effective IFSP or IEP actively supports · Consider social identities of all kinds family wellbeing. When families are not · Culture, gender, sexuality, SES, marital status, age, doing well, they may struggle to make sure neurodiversity/disability that the basic needs of the family are met, Acknowledge stressors and may not be well-prepared to engage • Trauma, mental health issues, medical conditions with the details of the intervention plan. EI/ECSE providers systematically gather information to develop a deeper understanding of families, their uniqueness, circumstances, and changing priorities. They consider factors such as social identities (e.g., culture, gender, sexuality, socio-economic status, marital status, and age) as well as stressors such as trauma, mental health issues, and medical conditions, as they build relationships, exchange knowledge and information, and plan for resources needed to function well across daily routines. At times, it may be most important to make

referrals to resources that address concrete

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		resources such as food, utilities, and
		housing, and/or to refer to services that
		address mental health or substance use
		concerns. When families signal their need
		for these resources, a door opens to improve
		child outcomes.
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Siluc 24	Using Assessment Results for Planning: Cross- Disciplinary Collaboration With Families	
	Making sense of multiple sources of assessment from a	
	range of service providers can be overwhelming to	
	families and challenging for professionals	
	During the assessment and planning period, service	
	providers can engage in effective communication to	
	create a unified plan about sharing results with	
	families	
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Slide 25		Defining roles – which provider will take
	Strategies for Effective Collaboration Between Professionals/Families	the lead, and how will other providers
	Between Professionals/Families	support the plan? Might those roles change
	Defining roles – Will one provider take the lead?	
	How will each provider support the plan?	over time?
	now will each provider support the plant	
	Exchanging information — obtaining consent to	Exchanging information – obtaining consent
	share across Team members	to share information across Team
		membership as approved of by the family.
	ECPC	Team members may want to create a
	Early Oddood Presswell Certar www.expols.org	contact list with email, phone/text
		information, preferred method of
		communication, and best times to contact
		,
		for sharing out with each other and with the
		family after consent is obtained.
Slide 26		Communication logs – developed
	Strategies for Effective Collaboration	collaboratively, easy to use, private. Can be
	Between Professionals/Families	digital on HIPAA-compliant shared
	 Communication logs – developed collaboratively, 	_
	easy to use, private -digital or physical (notebook)	document or physical (notebook)
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	measured 'and 'shared?	to take data, each team member should
	Regular meetings with Team/Family	communicate early on about effective ways
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	ECPC	to gather data for their settings and
	Typical and the second	purposes. Within an early childhood setting,
		or working in-home, team members can use
		anecdotal notes, running records, rating
		scales, or frequency counts embedded into
		daily routines during sessions. Teams
		should decide on the best mechanism for
		collecting and sharing data that will be easy,
		concerning and maring data that will be easy,

		useful, and lead to information about progress toward identified outcomes. Video samples can be a wonderful was to collect data and collaborate as a team. See: Spence, C.M., Miller, D. et al. When in Doubt, Reach Out: Teaming Strategies for Inclusive Early Childhood Settings. Young Children, 76(1) 2021
Slide 27	Watch the "IFSP Development" video on the next slide before discussing the following questions; • Was this IFSP meeting conducted using a familycentered approach? Why or why not? • Did the team employ a strengthsbased approach? What examples can you give from the video to support your answer? • How did this team choose to collaboraten the course of this assessment report?	(Facilitator will have the group watch this video to 10:10., then read the questions aloud). https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yzIEOuZFao8
Slide 28	Activity E C P C by State toward our	(Facilitator will have the group watch this video to 10:10., then read the questions aloud). https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yzIE0uZFao8
Slide 29	Resources and References • Standard 4: Assessment Processes The Early Childhood Personnel Center (ecpcta.org) • Spence, C.M., Miller, D. et al. (2021). When in Doubt, Reach Out: Teaming Strategies for Inclusive Early Childhood Settings. Young Children, 76(1). • Turnbull, A., Turnbull, R., Erwin, E., Soodak, L.C., & Shogren, K.A. (2015). Families, professionals, and exceptionality: Positive outcomes through partnerships and trust. Pearson	https://ecpcta.org/curriculum- module/standard-4-assessment-processes/

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Resources and References

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