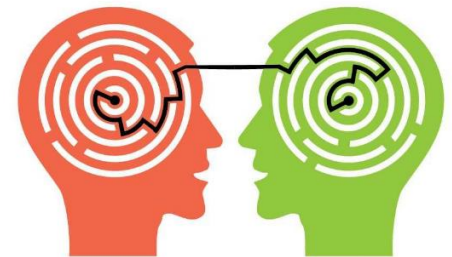




Recommendation #1

Assure Effective Communication

ISAC Meeting
August 16, 2022



Rec #1 Strategies



- Focus on communication in the individual planning process
- Identify funding avenues for effective communication supports
- Address the lack of Communication Specialists and clinicians with the expertise in communication
- Recognize and accommodate primary languages; provide materials and translation
- Promote generic social change by building capacity in understanding and supporting people with nontraditional communication needs

- Ended July 2021
 - ◆ Still completing reassessments that were recommended
 - ◆ All other requirements are still requirements
- One change
- Newly enrolled Deaf participants:
 - ◆ No automatic communication assessment
 - ◆ Will get a consultation with the Deaf Services Coordinator
 - Collaboration
 - Recommend specific trainings
 - Offer resources
 - Recommend an assessment, if applicable

Communication Specialist



- Training requirement effective January 1, 2024
- In development, in collaboration with
 - ◆ ODP Special Populations Unit, Clinical, and Policy
 - ◆ Self Advocates
 - ◆ Communication Specialists
 - ◆ Speech and Language Pathologist
 - ◆ PA DeafBlind Project
 - ◆ PaTTAN



IM4Q & Communication

- Presentation for Monitors at the IM4Q Statewide Training
- Creation of social stories in collaboration with ASERT
 - ◆ What is it?
 - ◆ Scheduling an interview
 - ◆ Completing a remote interview
 - ◆ Completing an in-person interview
 - ◆ All in English, Spanish, Russian, Arabic, Chinese, and Burmese



Members:

- ODP
- Columbus
- Temple
- SAU1
- PA Family Network
- PA Developmental Disabilities Council
- ASERT
- Health Care Quality Units (HCQU)

The mission is to...

- Identify barriers and identify ways to remove or work around barriers
- Share information & resources
- Share experiences and perspectives
- Create more awareness
- Longer term goal is to get to a standard of practice together (including access, learning styles of target audience, in-person meetings and virtual, etc.)

- Sharing of communication resources
- Children's behavioral health providers
- Department of Human Services Offices
 - ◆ Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services
 - ◆ Children and Youth
 - ◆ Child Development and Early Learning
 - ◆ Long Term Living
- DeafBlind Family Conference



- Ongoing interagency collaboration meetings
- PaTTAN
 - ◆ All 4 consultants across the state
- Family Connections for Language and Learning
- Early Intervention Technical Assistance (EITA)
- Office for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
- Office of Vocational Rehabilitation

Communication & Connection Day 1

- ◆ “Thought the entire day was excellent. So much more engaging than I expected. The variety and how the day was tied together was excellent. Kudos to not only all the presenters/speakers but those who put the event together. Excited for the upcoming sessions.”

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