

BBF Child Outcomes Accountability Team Agenda and Notes May 25, 2023 | 9:00-10:30 am

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The BBF Child Outcomes Accountability Team works to improve integration and coordination of early childhood public and private partners committed to the health and well-being of children and their families. The group will inform strategies and monitor progress to ensure that children are healthy, thriving and developmentally on track from the prenatal period to third grade by promoting and monitoring outcomes in the following domains: physical health, development and educational outcomes, mental health outcomes, and basic needs outcomes. Goal 1 also promotes the importance of prevention and early identification across the same domains.

Desired Outcomes

- Review findings and a policy consideration from the <u>2022 Early Childhood Family Needs</u>
 <u>Assessment</u> related to families' ability to learn about/find and access resources and
 services in the early childhood system in Vermont
- Participate in a live demo of South Carolina's <u>First Five SC</u>, an innovative, one-stop early childhood service portal, which provides a common eligibility screener connecting SC families to more than 60 services offered across 10 state agencies. The presentation will be given by SC First Steps Director Georgia Mjartan.
- Engage in discussion about what Vermont might take from South Carolina's work and opportunities to quality improvement under PDG

| Time | Agenda Item |
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| 9:00 - 9:15 | Welcome Introductions Review Agenda Today we are welcoming a partner from South Carolina to review their one-stop early childhood service portal and discuss the lessons they've learned in doing this work. |

| | Why?: We have 3-yr PDG opportunity to pursue quality improvement and innovations related to better supporting young children and their families in accessing resources. We've also heard from several partners around the VECAP Child Outcomes Accountability Team (COAT) that they'd like to talk more about how we as a state are supporting families in knowing about and accessing services that they're eligible for and ensuring equitable access to services. Finally, a key finding of the Family Needs Assessment conducted as part of VIP-3 was that Vermont currently has multiple formal and informal resource and referral systems, however, families reported difficulty knowing where to look for information and difficulty navigating systems and resources. It feels like a great time to hear about how other states have used the funds for innovation and lessons learned in this area. |
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| 9:15 - 9:30 | Review the 2022 Early Childhood Family Needs Assessment related to families' ability to find and access early childhood resources • Brief presentation of the FNA findings and policy consideration related to • families' ability to find and access early childhood resources • families' ability to learn about/find and access resources and services in the early childhood system in Vermont |
| 9:30 - 9:55 | Models from other States: Presentation of South Carolina's First Five SC ■ SC First Steps Director Georgia Mjartan shares a live demo of South Carolina's First Five SC, an innovative, one-stop early childhood service portal, which provides a common eligibility screener connecting SC families to more than 60 services offered across 10 state agencies |
| 9:55 - 10:25 | What is interesting or intriguing about First Five South Carolina? What are lessons learned that Vermont might adopt or learn when doing this work? |
| 10:25 - 10:30 | Updates and Announcements |

<u>About the Child Outcomes Accountability Team</u> and archived meeting materials <u>2020 Vermont Early Childhood Action Plan</u>

2022 COAT Meeting Topics and Recording Links

- March 23, <u>COAT Recording</u>, Statewide and Regional presentations from partners with program or policy expertise related to substance use disorders (SUD)
- December 22, <u>COAT Recording</u>, Statewide and Regional presentations from housing partners

- October 27, <u>COAT Recording</u>, Presentation of LGK/VFN survey re: Specialized Child Care and discussion related to upcoming legislative proposal
- August 25, <u>COAT Recording</u>, Discussion of 2023 SAC Policy Recs and Presentation from Let's Grow Kids and Vermont Family Network re: Specialized Child Care Survey
- July 28, COAT Recording, Presentation of CIS Family Experiences with CIS El services.
- June 23, <u>COAT Recording</u>, Discussion related to the System Asset and Gap Analysis conducted as a part of the VIP-3 Project
- April 28, <u>COAT Recording</u>, Discussion related to monitoring the Vermont Early Childhood Action Plan with a focus on developmental services and family/community resilience and belonging
- March 24, COAT <u>Recording</u>, Presentation on sustained home visiting and discussion on types of family engagement, partnership and leadership
- February 23 COAT <u>Recording</u>, Presentation on Vermont's Child Care and Early Childhood Education Systems Analysis
- January 27 COAT <u>Recording</u>, Meeting focus: COAT topic and process check-in, State of Vermont's Children data, and Updates