

## Knowledge Sharing WG

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9.28.23

### Welcome

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In Attendance: A Chance in Life, PDI, SI Foundation, SICPW, CCC

### Updates

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- Let's Talk Early Intervention @ Seamen's Society
  - 10 families RSVP'd - 9 attended
- Let's Talk EI data to form SIA EI Policy Paper
  - Raise awareness in regards to parents rights around the EI process
  - Accountable in turn around time (45 Day Process)
  - Awareness that parents can be re-evaluated
  - Reach out to SICPW (Adrienne) about their Policy Paper
    - William (Billy) Matarazzo

### Early Intervention Equity Project - Qualitative Data

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- Review EI Parent Testimonials
  - What are some common threads?
    - Timelines
      - Further data needed to understand difficulty (breakdown)
    - Providers not wanting to come/availability
    - Sense of racism or bias
    - Re-evaluation



- *Parent not knowing if they are doing enough (parental guilt)*
- Service providers refusing to go to an area based on lack of parking or public transit
- Child scored just outside (1-2%) the percentage and was denied services
- Parental frustration with the system
- What aligns with the policy and advocacy 3 Key Points?
- What is something we did identify that needs to be prioritized?
  - Delay between referral and evaluation
  - Virtual evaluations
- *What do families do when services are not provided?*
  - Is there a middle ground?
  - Think of the process as more of a continuum and prompt legislators to do the same
  - What do parents do when providers deny coming into their neighborhoods - what are their options?
- How far have [we] deviated from the norm when it comes to the evaluation process?
  - What is the “correct” process?
    - Are there supposed to be evaluators for every service? Are they meant to be well versed within that service to evaluate a child?
- The DOE is only involved when the child is enrolled in a 3k program
  - The service provider is meant to aid in the process
  - CPSE-IEP (kindergarten)
- Relation between 3k enrollment and more access to services
- Analyze the systemic issues that cause many of the problems for both the parents and providers
- Have safe spaces within certain neighborhoods for providers to come to and evaluate children
- Facilitate Let’s talk EI w/ providers to hear their perspectives
- Bring pediatricians more into the fold of the work to help alleviate some of the pressure off a parents when it comes to the EI process



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- Telehealth vs In person services - How impactful are each of these methods?
  - Which is more effective? How are they helping the child's progress?
- **Quantity vs quality in regards to services**

## Closing

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- Next Meeting: October 26, 2023