

Table B: State-wide Assessment Improvement Strategy

Evaluation of State-wide Improvement Strategy Implementation		
Assessment Strategy: MT Child Outcomes Summary Process		
Activities/Outputs	Measurement/Data Collection Methods	Timeline (projected initiation and completion dates)
Enhancements to Montana’s Data Management System , the Early Intervention Module reflecting process and practice changes after completion of COSP training.	Contractor: Mock-ups of enhancements are created. Testing of system changes is completed.	May 2017
Introduction of Early Intervention Module system changes provided to Quality Improvement Specialists, Supervisors, and FSS’s state-wide via WebEx (two times and then archived).	Participant evaluations guided by training protocol and participants’ attendance list.	June and July 2017
Revised IFSP and COS Guidance document is disseminated to Regional staff and Part C provider(s) staff.	Quality Improvement Specialists identify dissemination dates during annual monitoring.	July 2017
Fidelity check of system/protocols developed by Part C provider(s).	Document review by Quality Improvement Specialists.	July 2017 and ongoing

Type of Outcome	Outcome Description	Evaluation Questions	How will we know the intended outcome was achieved? (performance indicator)	Measurement/Data collection methods	Timeline (projected initiation and completion dates)
Short-term	FSS’s acquire knowledge, skills, confidence to implement child outcomes process and document the COS process within the data management system.	Do FSS’s demonstrate knowledge, skills, competency in the Child Outcomes Process based on evidence provided in the data management system?	80% of FSS’s report implementing the COS practices with fidelity in the data management system.	Pre and post-test of knowledge administered.	July 2017 through July 2018

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	Fidelity checks conducted on Child Outcomes Summary Process assessments within and across programs.	Are early intervention programs accountable for COSP assessment processes with FSS's?	All programs routinely conduct fidelity checks on COSP for at least 90% of FSS's participating in the COS process follow the COSP guidance.	Completed Child Outcomes Summary Process Quality Review monthly until fidelity is achieved and then biannually.	July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2019
Intermediate Outcomes	FSS's assign child outcomes scores with fidelity.	Do FSS's implement the Child Outcomes Summary scoring as intended?	80% of FSS's report using COSP assessment processes when assigning scores during COS team meetings.	Self-assessment completed weekly until fidelity is achieved and then monthly.	July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2019
Long-term Outcome	Child Outcomes scores are valid and reliable.	Are early intervention programs accountable for COSP assessment scores?	100% of early intervention programs' monitor and analyze COS data followed by Quality Improvement Specialists review of data determine if the program achieves high reliability, 80%.	Early intervention programs' report on COS data and its analysis during quarterly Outcomes meetings. Quality Improvement Specialists monitor COS data prior to quarterly Outcomes meetings and annually.	Ongoing and through June 2019