

MONTANA'S PART C PROGRAM



Highlights from Montana's Part C Providers



Favi

Born eight weeks prematurely, Favi started with ECI when she was only 6 months old. Now Favi is 17 months and she has made steady gains in all areas of development. She is right on track for her adjusted age of 15 months, on the verge of walking, and her language skills are growing. Her parents are open to ideas and suggestions and Favi's IFSP outcomes continue to be met.

Part C Growing in Eastern Montana

DEAP,
Provider of
Part C
Services in
Colstrip,
Forsyth,
Glendive,
and points in
between.



It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men.

Frederick Douglass

DEAP will provide at least 72 -75 more units of Part C service than contracted to provide for FY 2013.

Participated in 20 days of collaborative Child Find in 16 different communities in eastern Montana.



- Awarded a children's trust grant to support funding for DEAP's inclusive community play groups.
- Participated in multiple Best Beginnings community collaborative assessment, planning, and training and family centered activities.
- Sent multiple Family Support Specialists and program directors to the Best Beginnings collaborative trainings.

Courage is being scared to death... and saddling up anyway.

John Wayne

One of DEAP's Family Support Specialists saved a baby's life while on a home visit using her knowledge and skills to respond quickly to the need for emergency medical care.





Dameon

Even though medical turnover is high in eastern Montana, DEAP maintained a strong referral base from community providers, medical community, schools and families.

Phinehas - ECI



- When Phinehas began early intervention , he was sitting but was not moving around his environment. The look on his face said he wanted to keep up with his two older brothers. Phin's family helped him fly through his motor milestones and before long, he was getting in and out of sitting and then crawling. The family worked daily encouraging Phinehas to move around. After only 6 months, Phinehas began walking at 15 months old! He is now able to wrestle around on the floor with his brothers and get into all kinds of mischief!

Danica and Zebra



99.86% of Montana's children with IFSPs receive early intervention services in Natural Environments, i.e., the home or programs for typically developing children.

Other things may change us, but we start and end with the family.

~Anthony Brandt

- 95% of Montana's families participating in Part C reported early intervention services helped them know and understand their rights.
- 97% reported early intervention services helped the family effectively communicate their children's needs.
- 96% reported early intervention helped the family help their children develop and learn.



Early Intervention: Seven Things to Implement in Montana

Dr. Robin McWilliam, one of the nation's leading researchers in Early Intervention/ Early Childhood Special Education, traveled to Montana promoting and assisting our early interventionists in the use of evidence-based practices.

- ❑ RBI – Routines Based Interview and RBEI – Routines Based Early Intervention
- ❑ Participation-based Outcomes
- ❑ Service decision-making
- ❑ Consultative Approach to Child Care
- ❑ Primary Service Provider
- ❑ Consultation on Home Visit
- ❑ Consistent Consultation for Therapist

Dr. McWilliam will return to Montana in August 2013.



- Stakeholders Group Meeting to further support Seven Things to Implement in Montana for Early Intervention.
- Continued Professional Development for Family Support Specialists to implement and hone RBI/RBEI systems in their Part C programs.

Travis - ECI

Travis was born with Lymphatic Malformation and received several surgeries in Seattle to remove the growing cysts in his mouth. He continues to have a G-tube and trach but now speaks in complete sentences. After a year in a special education classroom with nursing care, Travis is in a typically developing classroom at Head Start!



Montana's RBI Successes

Eleven Montana Family Support Specialists are nationally certified in RBI.

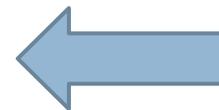
- The purpose of the RBI Certification Institute is to train a cadre of expert interviewers who can train others to conduct the Routines-Based Interview.



More to become certified in 2013-2014 and a state-wide system of RBI training to be developed.

- In turn, the quality of IFSPs is expected to improve. The Institute is one step in "scaling up" this practice that has been associated with more functional outcomes and greater satisfaction by families with the IFSP process.

□ Alex



Children make your life important.

~Erma Bombeck

100% of Montana's children eligible for Part C services have completed evaluations, assessments, and an initial IFSP meeting within 45 days.

Hannah



100% of Montana's children exiting Part C received timely transition planning to support the child's transition to preschool and other appropriate community services by their third birthday.



Learning is a treasure that will follow its owner everywhere. ~Chinese Proverb

62% of Montana's children who entered the Part C program below age expectations in positive social-emotional skills substantially increased their rate of growth by the time they exited the program.



67% of Montana's children who entered the Part C program below age expectations in acquisition and use of knowledge and skills including language/communication and early literacy skills substantially increased their rate of growth by the time they exited the program.

Paxton



61% of Montana's children who entered the Part C program below age expectations in use of appropriate behaviors to meet their needs substantially increased their rate of growth by the time they exited the program.



Montana's Part C programs had zero findings of non-compliance for FFY 2012.



The Last Best Place

More Part C News to come in 2014...



Eventually, all things merge into one, and a river runs
through it. Norman Mclean