Early Intervention/Preservice Consortium
Relationships, Communication, Preparation

10-20-25 Agenda and Meeting Notes

Last meeting was 9-15-25. Meeting notes here.

Notetaker for today's meeting: Corey

Consortium/LSM Collaborative Meeting

Consortium Members Present: Sharon Gilbert, Alison King, Christan Coogle, Christine Spence, Erin Geiger, Audrey Kane, Michelle Thompson, Sara Miller, Terry Nelligan, Yaoying Xu, Cori Hill, Dana Childress, Kendall Lee, Muff Perry, Sonia Khurana, Corey Cassidy

LSMs Present: Toni Donati, Sharlene Stowers, Alison Standring, Janet McMillan, Leslie Pakula, Robin RiCharde, Stacie Jackson, Lynn Wolfe, Jennifer McElwee, Rachel Meyers, Karen Taylor, Jasmine Brooks, Rhonda Bennett, Gala Shelburne, Stephanie Rappo, Bobbi Silverstein

Meeting Notes:

Terri Nelligan opened the meeting and welcomed all participants.

Members of the Consortium shared information about each of the goals of the Consortium work plan, including a brief history and progress to date:

- *Goal Two: Establish an Infrastructure to collaborate across universities and systems to enhance high quality research to practice partnerships*

    - Yaoying Xu shared information about research the Consortium is conducting, which addresses Goal Two of the Consortium work plan. She shared that a survey is currently available to EI providers, EI families, and EI/ECSE faculty across the state that focuses on their use of AI in their work. The purpose is to relate the information back to contribute to and inform the work of the Consortium.
    - Cori Hill shared information about the Workforce Ready (OSEP personnel preparation) grant. She provided an overview and the link to the grant: https://workforceready.vcu.edu/
- *Goal Three: Embed high-quality Part C EI resources in university coursework*
    - Christine Spence shared information regarding Goal Three of the work plan. She presented an overview of how the members have been addressing this goal on an interprofessional level and across institutions.
- *Goal Four: Promote and share the unique strengths of the EI/Preservice Consortium, including professional knowledge, experience, and interprofessional collaboration*
    - Christan Coogle presented information regarding Goal Four.To date, the sharing of this information has been accomplished via professional presentations. Members of the Consortium have been brainstorming ideas that may lend themselves to publications as well.
- *Goal One: Increase the number of students graduating from Virginia universities, from all recognized disciplines (i.e., OT, PT, SPL, ECE, ECSE, education, counseling, social work, etc.) who get EI certified and become Early Intervention practioners in Virginia's early intervention workforce statewide.*
    - Terri,Nelligan, Sharon Gilbert, Muff Perry (LSM), and Kendall Lee (LSM) provided information about Goal One. Goal This work involves collaboration with Consortium members and among LSMs regarding field placements; examples were provided by Sharon, Muff, and Kendall.

All participants were then moved into breakout rooms by region. Consortium (faculty) members rotated through each of the rooms to connect with all LSMs. Participants then returned to the large group for a short debrief.

Sharon asked LSMs to follow two QRs/links (Partnerships and Ideas I'd Like to Try; Partnerships in Place or In-Progress) to brainstorm ideas and consider submitting opportunities or examples of EI in practice. These ideas will be used to build the next collaborative meeting (April 2026 TBD).

As the meeting concluded, participants shared that they found the breakout rooms very helpful and indicated a desire to continue to consider how to provide more opportunities to network and communicate among each other.

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~~10/20/25 **LSM Collaborative meeting~~	~~Christan~~
11/17/25	Christan
12/8/25	Christine

Next Meeting: Consortium Members only 11/17/25 9:00-10:30
Notetaker: Christan