

Primary Service Provider Background

- This approach is the synthesis of the work of a number of the top researchers in the field regarding the provision of effective early intervention with everyday routines, activities and places, incl:
 - Robin McWilliam
 - Dathan Rush and M’Lisa Shelden
 - Barbara Hanff
 - Mary Beth Bruder
 - Carl Dunst
 - Larry Edelman
 - Julianne Woods

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- In 2008 the National Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center (NECTAC) convened a group of the above researchers and others and developed the *SEVEN KEY PRINCIPLES: LOOKS LIKE /DOESN'T LOOK LIKE*
<http://www.nectac.org/~pdfs/topics/families/Principles LooksLike DoesntLookLike3 11 08.pdf>
- Principle 6:
“The family’s priorities needs and interests are addressed most appropriately by a primary provider who represents and receives team and community support”.

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- In 2009 the FIT staff and UNM Early Childhood Learning Network began looking at how to promote the primary service provider approach
- The FIT Program contracted with Larry Edelman (University of Colorado) – author and producer of “Just Being Kids” manual and DVD*, to work with the NM training and TA team.
- The FIT Program was required to look at effective “models” / “approaches” to providing early intervention by former Sec. Alfredo Vigil. The primary service provider approach was included in the FIT redesign plan.

*http://www.jfkpartners.org/documents/Just_Being_Kids%20Facilitators%20Guide.pdf

Primary Service Provider - Pilot

- In FY11 the FIT Program added the promotion of the primary service provider approach to the UNM-ECLN scope.
- The FIT program chose four (4) providers to participate in a pilot of the PSP approach:
 - Alta Mira
 - MECA
 - PMS Roundtree
 - Region IXRepresenting both rural and urban areas across the state.

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- The pilot group has met monthly via teleconference
- The pilot included a two part process:
 1. Provider Self assessment of current organizational structure / model or approach / procedures
 2. On site visit to develop a plan for implementation of the PSP approach within their agency, by comparing the key principles of a PSP approach to what's currently occurring within the agency.
- The goal was for the agency to be implementing the PSP approach within a year

Primary Service Provider – Next Steps

- Continue to support the 4 pilot sites with their implementation of the PSP approach
- Expand the 2 step planning process with 5 more provider agencies.
- Develop materials including a letter to parents explaining the PSP approach.
- Make changes to Service Definitions and Standards to support implementation of the PSP approach.