Early Interventionist Pyramid Practice Fidelity Instrument

**LOOK**

**Data Considerations for All:**
- Was the instrument used by a trained observer?
- Are practitioners receiving coaching?
- Were there differences in the caregiver contexts where observations occurred from time 1 to time 2?

**THINK**

On the summary across practitioner tab, look at average scores for indicators across practitioners. Identify the areas that are the lowest in implementation.

What might contribute to common low scores?
- Are action plans aligned to the practices that need improvement?
- Has the program established the expectation that practices should be implemented?
- Do practitioners lack training or coaching in the practice?
- Does the guidance for delivery of early intervention services support the practice?
- Is the culture of the program to not implement the practice?

**ACT**

Initiate programmatic efforts to communicate importance and expectations that early interventionists will implement Pyramid practices.

Establish targeted professional development activities to strengthen common areas of need.

Program guidance changes to align policy and procedures with Pyramid Model implementation.

Develop an implementation plan for strategies to shift the culture and practices of early interventionists in the program.
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<td>Look at average scores for indicator categories over administrations.</td>
<td>Is there evidence of growth across all practitioners in the implementation of Pyramid Model practices?</td>
<td>Provide higher quality training events on selected key practices (e.g., with implementation materials, using adult learning strategies).</td>
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<td>Is the growth expected or in proportion to program efforts in providing practitioners with professional development support (e.g., training and coaching)?</td>
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<td>Improve the alignment of action plans to targeted indicators.</td>
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<td>Identify any competing initiatives that might be affecting implementation and determine how to reduce the demands on practitioners.</td>
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Using the individual summary tab, look at practitioner individual scores for practice indicator categories. Identify the areas that are the lowest in implementation.

What might be factors related to a practitioner’s implementation scores?

- Training, experience, or background
- Quality or intensity of coaching
- Caregiver caseload
- Practitioner beliefs or biases
- Alignment of action plans to key practice items that need strengthening
- Delivery of complete coaching cycles

Provide professional development training opportunity that are focused on areas of need.

Increase coaching with a focus on areas of need.

Align action plans to practice indicators in greatest need.

Address beliefs or biases through the coaching relationship.