Pennsylvania’s Infant-Toddler Specialist Network

The Infant-Toddler Specialist Network includes representatives from various state systems which provide technical assistance, consultation and training to families and early childhood professionals who support the healthy development of infants and toddlers.

The overall goal of the Network is to create a coordinated system of infant-toddler supports, both statewide and regionally, from which programs and families can access resources that are specific to their individual needs.

Network members will come together to share their experiences in working with families and early childhood professionals in order to identify potential professional development strategies, offer policy recommendations and participate in the creation and dissemination of resources that will enhance the provision of high quality infant-toddler services in Pennsylvania. At the same time, this network of specialists will share a common framework for consultation that is based on relationship-based practices.

Network Specialists will receive professional development in PITC, CSEFEL, Strengthening Families, Mind in the Making, Reflective Practice and CELL. In response to these opportunities, specialists will be asked to develop an action plan that describes how they will incorporate this information into their everyday practice as a consultant or instructor.

Following the professional development series, the Network will begin the work of designing Pennsylvania’s system for infants and toddlers through participation in member-initiated workgroups starting in September and will work together to:

• identify statewide opportunities, strategies and policies for best practices in infant and toddler service delivery
• coordinate a cross-systems approach to technical assistance, consultation and professional development

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