

A place where you can get quick updates that spotlight what's going on in Kentucky's Early Intervention System (KEIS) through the listserv on the first Friday of every month

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May Celebrations

In honor of Better Hearing and Speech Month and National Teacher Appreciation, we would like to express gratitude to all KEIS Speech and Language Pathologists (SLPs), Developmental Interventionists (DIs), and Teachers of the Deaf or Hard of Hearing (TDHHs).

Learning to communicate using speech and language is an essential part of development. Speech/Language and Developmental Intervention are the most used services that support families in early intervention.

Increasing family engagement with the Coaching in Early Intervention Training and Mentorship Program (CEITMP)

Over 265 providers across the state have completed the CEITMP. In their CEITMP exit surveys, these providers reported they are using more joint planning and reflective questions, and most importantly, that families are more engaged in early interventions sessions.

Similar findings have been reported in the early intervention caregiver coaching literature (Ciupe & Salisbury, 2020; Douglas et al., 2020; Jayaraman et al., 2015). Great work by these providers in helping KEIS demonstrate quality services consistent with the Mission and Key Principles of Early Intervention!

Differentiated Monitoring and Support (DMS 2.0)

The U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) is providing Differentiated Monitoring and Support (DMS) to Kentucky as part of its Results Driven Accountability (RDA) system. OSEP has held several focus groups with Point of Entry staff, KEIS Providers, KEIS families, and Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC) Members. The State Lead Agency would like to thank everyone who took the time to participate.

OSEP will be making an on-site visit with the State Lead Agency this month to continue monitoring of Kentucky's compliance to Federal Regulations/Laws. Once DMS 2.0 is complete, KEIS will receive a letter of findings, so be on the lookout for updates.

Assistive Technology (AT) Update

Loaned assistive technology items should be evaluated on a regular basis to ensure they are being used. Since rental fees cannot exceed purchase price, purchase requests should be submitted after a two-month successful trial if the team feels the child will need AT past the maximum rental period. If not needed beyond maximum rental, the loan can be continued.

The requesting provider must include detailed documentation in service logs regarding use of AT in order to demonstrate the potential justification for future purchase request.

If a single item costs over \$100, it will be reviewed by the AT Review Panel, who will be looking at service log documentation, the completed (FS-42A) AT Purchase Request Cover Letter, and the AT Purchase Request Form (FS-42B). Please refer to Policy & Procedure Manual 9.4 (1) and 9.4 (2) for more details.

Billing Reminder

All service log documentation must occur within ten calendar days of the date of service. The day the service is provided counts as day one. For example, if a service was provided on May 2, the service log must be entered no later than May 11. It is important to ensure that service logs are entered timely to receive the maximum KEIS rate for service.

"(Our providers) have been outstanding in helping us with our son's needs. We've seen the biggest improvement over the course and are so hopeful for his future. We could not have done as well without the help of KEIS. We will always be eternally grateful for all the skills we've learned to keep helping our son as he progresses. Thank you for the wonderful work."