

# Intersections with the Early Intervention System



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# Identification of promising practices



- **State Medicaid and Early Intervention Agency Partnerships to Promote Healthy Child Development**
  - Felicia Heider, May 2016  
<http://nashp.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/Healthy-Child-Brief.pdf>
  - Three states profiled: Connecticut, Illinois, Oregon
- **ABCD, particularly ABCD III**
  - Improving Care Coordination and Service Linkages to Support Healthy Child Development: Early Lessons and Recommendations from a Five-State Consortium, Carrie Hanlon and Jill Rosenthal, June 2011  
[http://www.nashp.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/default/files/improving.care\\_support.healthy.child\\_development.pdf](http://www.nashp.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/default/files/improving.care_support.healthy.child_development.pdf)

# Partnership to improve coordination



- State Medicaid and Early Intervention agencies operate through different funding mechanisms, eligibility criteria, requirements, and policies
  - Variability across states
- Both state Medicaid and Early Intervention agencies support healthy child development

# Cross-agency strategies



- **Standardized EI referral forms**
  - Compliant with HIPAA and FERPA standards
  - Available online
- **Formal follow up process**
  - Referral fax back form
  - Condensed summary of referral outcome
  - Alignment with other consent forms
- **Standardized protocols and training**
  - Formal notice for Medicaid providers
  - Provider toolkits and training
  - Websites

# Cross-agency strategies continued



- **State level data exchange**
  - Interagency data sharing agreements
  - Data tracking tools
  - Data for quality improvement
  - Medicaid sharing of EI data with MCOs
- **Payment**
  - Clarification of billing policies