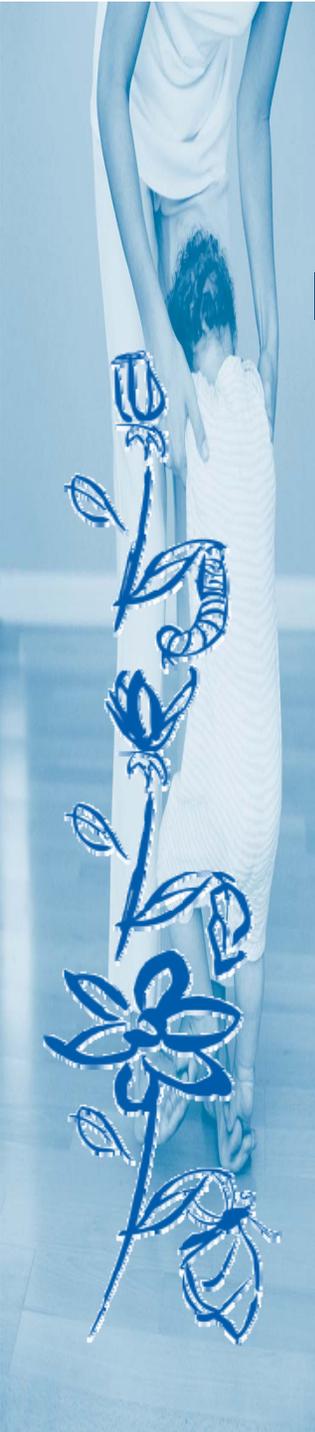




Autism Spectrum Disorders Guidance Workgroup



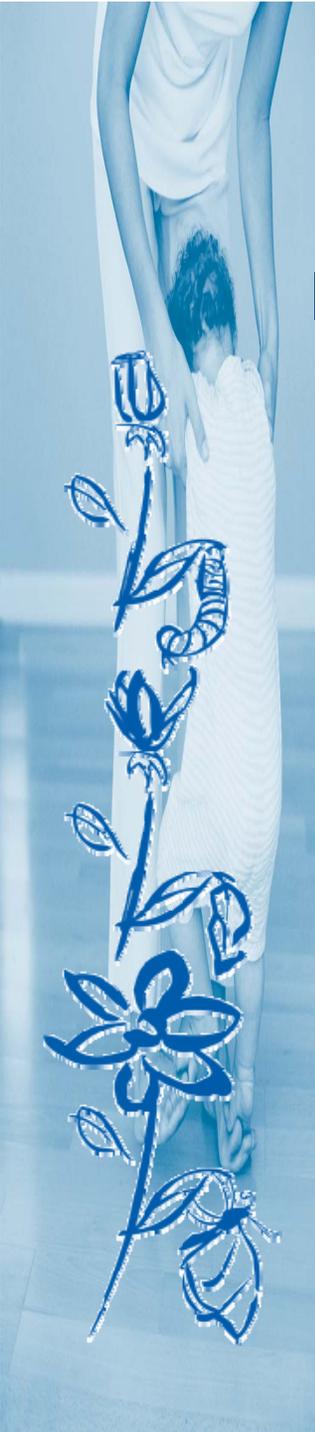
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Purpose

- To develop recommendations to assist the Early Steps State Office in developing clear, concise written guidance to assist IFSP teams in designing effective quality interventions for children with Autism Spectrum Disorders.
- To help the state ensure developmentally appropriate, outcome-based, fiscally responsible interventions that are consistent with federal mandates and state policies.



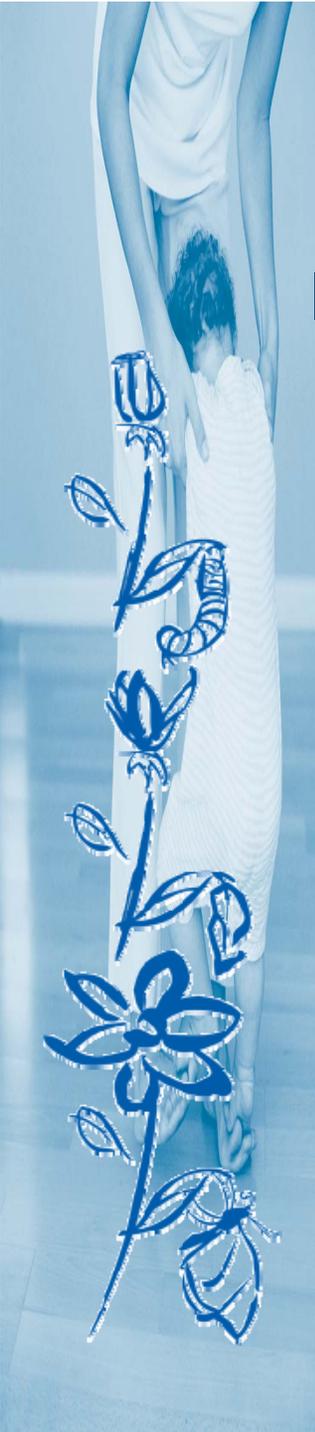


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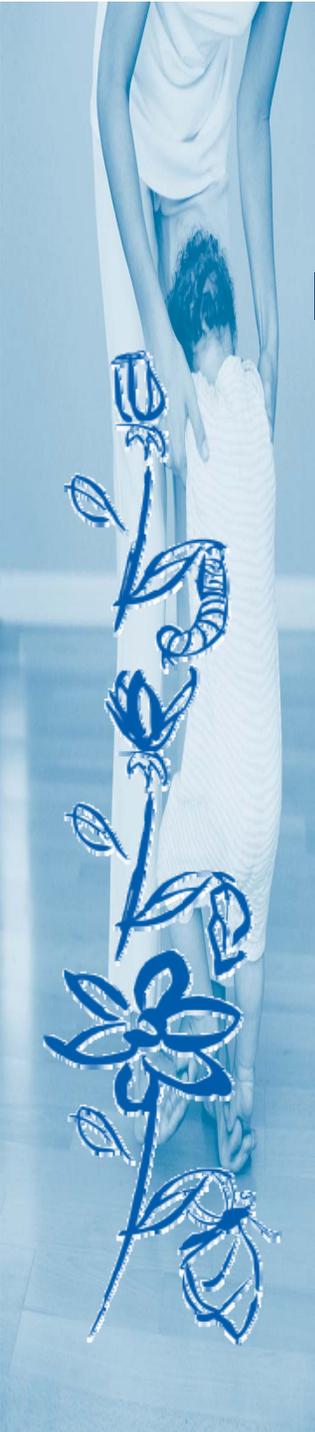
Status of Work

- Have had two face to face meetings
- Have had two conference calls
- Multiple e-mails and many work assignments between meetings and calls to gather information.
- Product status: Have an initial draft that is not complete and a conference call scheduled in August to iron out issues prior to finalizing recommendations.

Relationship of ASDG workgroup to the Governor's Task Force on Autism

- Have representatives that are members on both groups for sharing and for consistency of recommendations. These are Kelly Purvis, Early Steps State Parent Consultant and Dr. Brosco, Associate Professor of Clinical Pediatrics, University of Miami and Director, Clinical Services, Mailman Center for Child Development

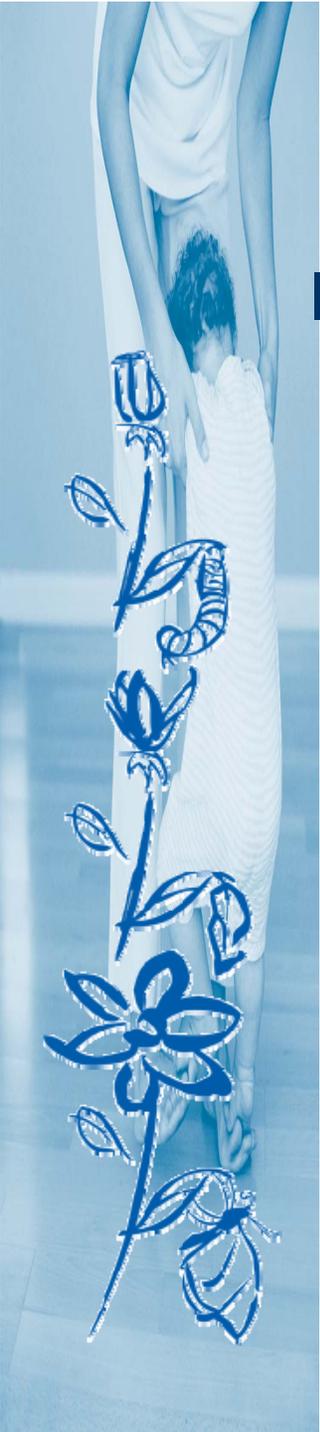




Product Status

- The workgroup has drafted 10 principles that can guide interventions for young children with an Autism Spectrum Disorder and their families.
- The workgroup has drafted 31 specific recommendations for evaluators, service coordinators, and providers related to service delivery.
- These recommendations address screening, evaluation, and intervention for young children with an Autism Spectrum Disorder.





Collaboration is Essential

The recommendations are based not only on evidence based and promising practices in early intervention for children with Autism Spectrum Disorders but are also built on the strong need to collaborate with other agencies and the need to plan local service delivery with **CMS** and **CARD**, and other community partners.

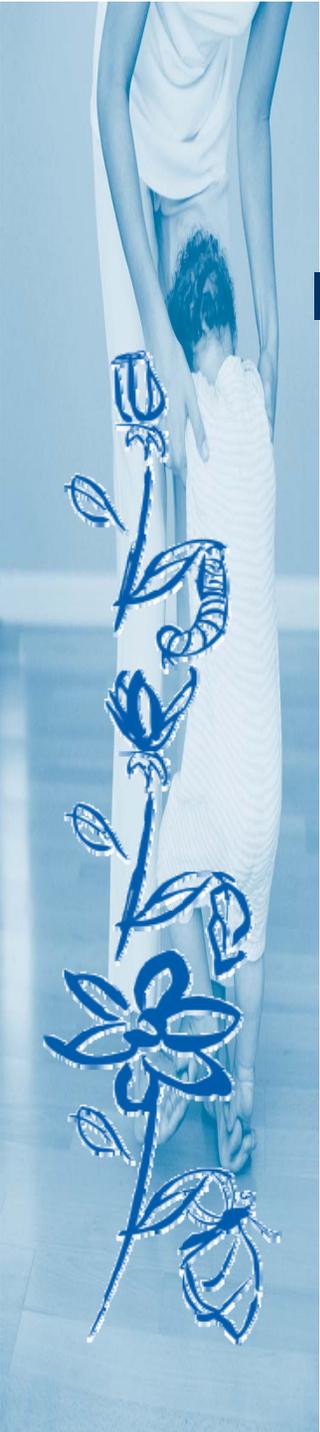




Next Steps

- Finalize the draft document with the workgroup by the end of August.
- Submit the Draft to Janice Kane and ESSO for review.





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