In 2014 OSEP added a new indicator to the SPP/APR. Indicator C11 requires states to develop an (SSIP) State Systematic Improvement Plan to improve one or more state identified measurable result(s) (SIMRs). Based on recent feedback from OSEP, Nebraska has chosen to focus on one SIMR (see below), and will use family survey data to help determine progress on:

**Increase the number and percentage of infants and toddlers who demonstrate progress in the acquisition and use of knowledge and skills (including early language/communication) – 3B, Summary Statement 1.**

In order to accomplish these results, Nebraska is promoting 3 improvement strategies:

1. Implementation of the Routines Based Interview (RBI) as the recommended child and family assessment process;
2. Development of meaningful and measurable child and family outcomes using information obtained from the RBI, and
3. Implementation of quality routines-based home visits.

Our statewide implementation plan for these strategies is:

1. Provide training and technical assistance to Pilot Planning Region Teams (PRTs) who have committed to the NECTAC 7 Key Principles for EI and implementation of the 3 improvement strategies. The state will support the costs of training for these regions. Training with 3 pilots (PRT 1, PRT 22, and PRT 27) for the RBI and functional outcomes took place in Jan/Febr of 2015. Training with a second group of pilots (PRT4, PRT 19, and PRT 21) will begin in the summer of 2015. Pilot teams will submit documentation of:
   - RBI skills at the state determined level of proficiency for providers and services coordinators across the region, (currently going through the approval process)
   - Functional child and family IFSP outcomes as measured by Nebraska’s Quality Child and Family Outcome Checklist; (completed baseline scoring of IFSPs) and
   - Quality routines-based home visiting skills at the state determined level of proficiency for providers and services coordinators across the region.

2. Continued support of PRTs already using the RBI and writing functional IFSP outcomes (the state’s RBEI stakeholder teams), some of whom are hosting training to complete the RBI training process in their region (PRTs 7, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 20, 23, 26), and

3. Support of PRTs that have recently received or will be pursuing approval of RBI trainers for their region who will then facilitate training in their own regions (includes PRTs 3, 5, 6, 12, and 29). The cost of training in these regions will be funded by the PRT, using their system support grant funds. Prerequisites to RBI training include a facilitated team self-assessment and identification of the RBI and writing functional outcomes as targeted improvement strategies. Data collection from these PRTs will be folded into the overall statewide plan along with data from the Pilot PRTs.

For more information, please visit the PRT RDA link on the EDN website: [http://edn.ne.gov/cms/planning-region-teams/results-driven-accountability](http://edn.ne.gov/cms/planning-region-teams/results-driven-accountability)

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