

# Early Identification and Intervention Environmental Scan

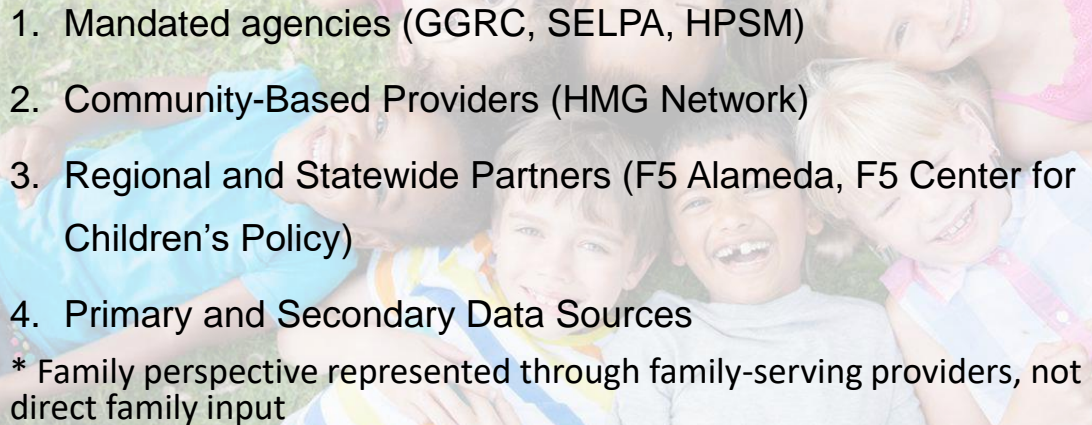
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## Context and Rationale

- F5SMC Strategic Plan: “To bolster ongoing efforts to address systemic issues that impact access to and quality of these services”
- Stakeholder feedback over time and throughout the planning process has identified timely access to early intervention services as a priority
- Equity-driven: all children should have access to timely assessment and supports to address their needs
- Scan serves as a basis for a collective call to action to address these barriers through a multi-tiered approach with emphasis at the state and local levels, involving all stakeholders

## Stakeholders & Inputs

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1. Mandated agencies (GGRC, SELPA, HPSM)
  2. Community-Based Providers (HMG Network)
  3. Regional and Statewide Partners (F5 Alameda, F5 Center for Children's Policy)
  4. Primary and Secondary Data Sources
- \* Family perspective represented through family-serving providers, not direct family input

## Scan Contents

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- Executive Summary
  - The EII System in SMC
  - Barriers to EII
  - Opportunities to Reduce Barriers and Improve the EII System

## Primary Barriers



1. Children not being identified early.
2. Barriers to access based on IDEA-mandated services and overlook community-based interventions.
3. Children referred for EI services often encounter barriers to access.
4. The assessment process for EI often extends beyond the mandated 45-day timeline.
5. Lack of transparent metrics and data sharing across agencies.



## Opportunities

1. Expand early ID through increased access to developmental screening.
2. Focus on providing a continuum for children at-risk.
3. Make high-quality care coordination available to all children with special needs.
4. Support families to receive timely access to assessment.
5. Promote transparency and interagency data sharing.

## Key Issue

The balance is bringing attention to persistent issues and barriers, sometimes in ways that might highlight agency/system challenges, AND keeping all parties engaged in the spirit of continuous quality improvement.

How do we hold these two pieces?



QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS