

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.



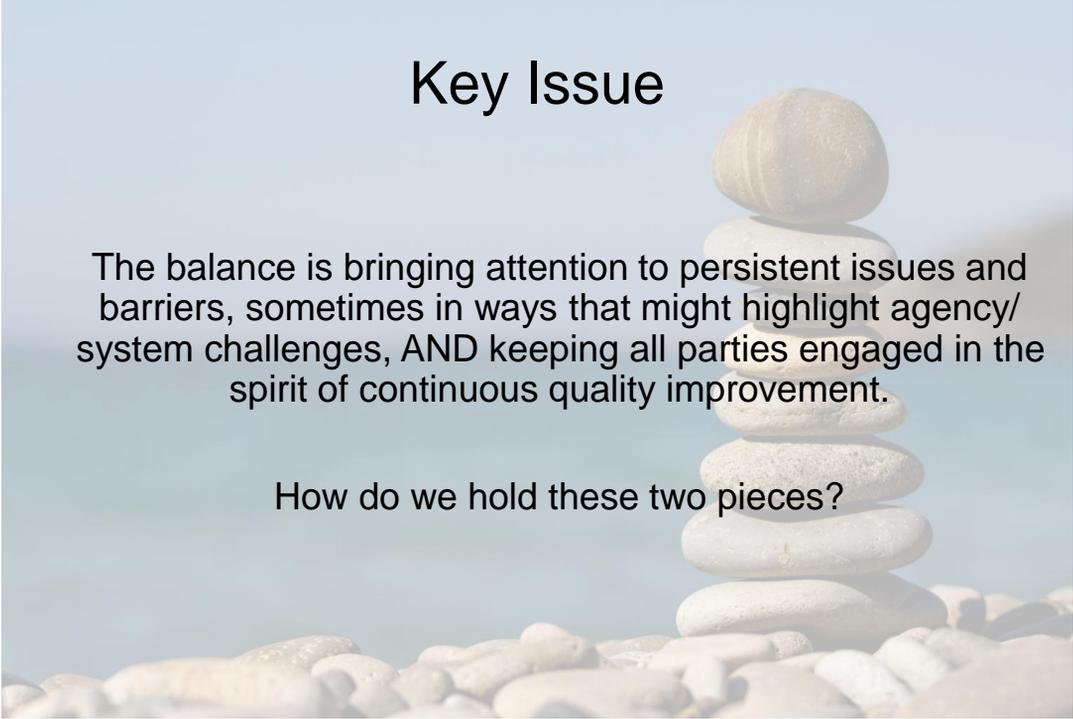
Opportunities

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