

Northern Kentucky District Early Intervention Committee Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2004-2005

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The Northern Kentucky DEIC is comprised of approximately 16-20 active members and meets monthly. The membership includes representatives from local agencies, independent providers, and parents.

The budget for Fiscal year 2004-2005 was \$1000 of which \$727 was used to purchase 500 calendars as well as 50 posters in English and 50 in Spanish for the Point of Entry. \$180 was the total paid stipends for parent members, and \$93 was used to purchase a gift card for the Point of Entry to use toward Child Find activities.

The Northern Kentucky DEIC frequently invites representatives from local supporting agencies to present information at our meetings. Those who presented during fiscal year 2004-2005 include Lori Beckman from Caretenders Home and Community Based Waiver Program, Melissa Adamchik from North Key Mental Health, Sue Frisby from the Kentucky School for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Regional Program, Mike Kathman from Success By Six, FAME, Kate Goodenough Hackett from the Cabinet for Health and Family Services.

The Point of Entry and the Program Consultant report monthly to update the DEIC on the current activity in the program and to report any concerns or recommendations. Issues are also frequently expressed by the members of the DEIC for open discussion.

Concerns heard by the DEIC this fiscal year have included how to get information about educational opportunities and other community services/benefits out to families in a timely and efficient manner providing an opportunity for families to give feedback about First Steps services and providers in the Northern Kentucky District to identify strengths and weaknesses how to manage membership in the DEIC for a broader perspective and more collaborative approach to problem solving Developmental Interventionists' Certification for First Steps provision.

The Northern Kentucky DEIC welcomes any feedback the ICC may have on how this committee might serve the families in our district better. Please feel free to communicate any recommendations.

Respectfully Submitted,

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