



A place to get quick updates spotlighting what's happening in the Kentucky Early Intervention System (KEIS). The newsletter is sent on the first Friday of every month and is hosted on <u>Service Provider Information</u>.

Progress Report Reminders

All early intervention providers on the **IFSP** team must enter Progress Reports on TOTS and give them to the family five working days before 6month reviews, annual IFSP meetings and program discharge. These progress reports summarize the child's and family's progress and response to interventions. Timely completion of the Progress Reports allows the IFSP team to evaluate the current plan's effectiveness, assess progress toward IFSP outcomes and determine any necessary updates to address ongoing or emerging needs. For additional Progress Report guidance visit:

ProgressReportDocumentationGuidan ce.pdf

Billing Guidance

Before delivering early intervention services, please review the planned services authorization listed in the Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) to ensure accuracy. Verifying this information helps ensure proper payment. If you identify any documentation errors, immediately contact the service coordinator for assistance before entering a service log.

Contacting KEIS

General Assistance: DPHKEIS@ky.gov Billing: DPHKEISBilling@ky.gov Provider Enrollment: KEISProviderEnrollment@ky.gov



Feeling the Love!

Looking for a little inspiration? Take a moment to watch this video montage showcasing parents' insights on the positive impact of the early intervention services they've received through KEIS. Thank you for everything you do to empower parents and support their children's development. <u>Parent Montage Video</u>

Announcing Peer Supports

KEIS State Lead Agency and the Kentucky Department of Public Health continue to strive for the highest quality service coordination and EI services for all families in the system. Current state-level TA support is overextended with various operational tasks, so the SLA is piloting peer supports to extend the reach of the SLA TA team to service coordinators and providers in the field. SC Peer facilitators will lead a SC Community of Practice to target identified needs in the field, support individual SC role-related questions from POEs in other districts and mentor SCs as part of state-wide activities (e.g., orientation and onboarding). Peer support providers will collaborate with the current CEITMP team on a variety of activities (e.g., share coaching experiences at meetings, support development of content exemplars, partner with a peer identified as needing additional supports, technical support to providers, etc.). Since these peer supports are pilots, the roles of the facilitators and supporters will continue to evolve.

Rate Increase Update

The SLA is pleased to announce that the bill for a rate increase for KEIS providers is progressing through the legislative process. While the bill has not yet been approved, it successfully passed the Administrative Regulation Review Subcommittee in December. The bill will go through two additional committee hearings, likely this month, with participation from both legislative chambers. It may be reviewed by either the Family and Children Committee or the Health and Welfare Committee.

Approval of a final regulation depends on the outcome of these committee votes. If both chambers approve the bill, it could become law within 30 days of approval. KEIS staff is collaborating with Yahasoft to ensure the system is ready to implement the new rates if the pay increase is approved. If either chamber does not approve the bill, it will not proceed, and the rate increase cannot occur.

KEIS will continue to provide updates as new information becomes available.