

Joint Task Force on Social-Emotional Development: Charge to Committee  
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*The Joint Task Force on Social-Emotional Development with selected members from the State Early Intervention Coordinating Council (SEICC) and the Early Childhood Advisory Council (ECAC)*

The charge for this Task Force is to develop guidance for the systems of care for infants and toddlers and their families including the child's medical home, early care and education providers, Early Intervention Program (EIP), and mental health services to assist them in partnering with families, to promote and support healthy social-emotional development in young children (ages birth to three years), and to address the interrelationships of these systems, delineate the roles, responsibilities, and capacity of each system to provide resources to support social emotional development. The Task Force will establish a common definition of social-emotional development. The guidance document will address effective strategies for: (1) promoting healthy social-emotional development in all young children; (2) conducting developmental surveillance and screening for early identification of potential social-emotional development delays; (3) identifying the appropriate system of care for evaluation and intervention appropriate to meet social-emotional delays; (4) using evidenced-based **and evidence-informed practices** in EIP assessment of social-emotional development and interventions for eligible children and their families; (5) ensuring effective referrals and transitions amongst the various systems of care; (6) identifying funding sources, community resources, programs, and services that support healthy social-emotional development in young children and their families; **and (7) examining workforce capacity and professional development on identifying and addressing social-emotional delays and emotional/behavioral disorders of infancy and early childhood.**

Guiding this work is the recognition of the unique developmental needs of young children and their reliance on healthy caring relationships. Therefore, this guidance will also include: **(8)** strategies to identify family priorities, resources, and concerns related to promoting healthy relationships between parents and children including resources available to support the well-being of caregivers and other family members.

**Proposed Timeline:**

December, 2013 – Convene Joint Task Force by conference call to share the charge and the organization of the group

February, 2014 – Convene the second meeting as an in person working session

March, 2014 – Goal to have an Outline of Content accepted by the EICC and the ECAC

June, 2014 – Goal to have first draft of Guidance completed

Summer, 2014 – Revisions to first draft of Guidance

September, 2014 – Guidance in final draft for official review

December, 2014 – Guidance approved and ready for distribution