

Building and Sustaining an Early Intervention Workforce: Steps One State took to Decide Where to Target Its Resources & Efforts

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### **Session Objectives**

Participants will



- Learn of Indiana's efforts to address their workforce issues
- Learn about issues to consider such as policies, possible barriers, and funding
- Identify resources and partners to establish valuable collaborative relationships
- Learn strategies to ensure sustainability and retention of personnel
- Have time to discuss and share ideas

#### Where we've been

Outreach was prioritized in 2017



State mission, vision and values were developed along with a strategic plan

We recognized that we had many policies and procedures that were barriers to recruitment and retention of personnel

#### **Initial steps**

Statewide EI Conference 2018



Leveraging Family Social Services Administration Communications team

Reviewing and updating our website

Updating technology to assist with enrollments, forms, billing etc.

#### **Outreach Efforts**

Improving relationships with higher education

Connect with professional associations

Working with marketing and HR firms





#### **#BePartofEI**

#### **Infrastructure Improvement**

Policies



Technology

Training and professional development

Use of ARPA funding for recruitment and retention

### **Ideas and Next Steps**

Using our case management system to collect data to help guide us in making future decisions



Reaching out to middle and high schoolers

Developing an internship program

Hosting a Business and HR Summit with our SPOE/agency leadership and connecting them with INARF/professional associations

Developing a relationship with our state Department of Workforce Development and Governor's Workforce Cabinet



## **Discussion/Q & A**

# Thank you!





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