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Dear BabyNet Provider:

It is important that as a provider in the BabyNet system you share clinical and non-clinical perspectives concerning child progress results from service delivery. Such information will assist the BabyNet system with ensuring the best possible service delivery for infants and families. The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Part C, 2004 Re-Authorization requires collecting, measuring, monitoring, and reporting of child outcomes.

To meet this requirement, the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) will be collecting statewide data on BabyNet system child outcomes. Children who complete the BabyNet system entry Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) process on or after August 21, 2006 will require child outcomes data collection. All children who complete the IFSP process from this point ongoing will require child outcomes data collection. Child outcomes data collection should occur at the completion of the BabyNet *entry IFSP process* and at completion of the BabyNet *exit/transition IFSP process*. The tracking of child outcomes will provide a representative picture of the system's progress with child outcomes through service delivery.

The University of South Carolina, Team for Early Childhood Solutions (TECS) will be responsible for guiding the data collection, training, technical assistance, and reporting processes for child outcomes. This substantial effort will require the assistance of all BabyNet service providers. TECS is requesting your assistance with this effort to ensure that all child outcomes are captured and reported.

Specific BabyNet service provider assistance needed:

- Review and proficiency with Decision Tree,
- Review and proficiency with ECO Rating Scale,
- Completion of Child Outcomes Summary Form (COSF) during exit/transition process, and
- Collaboration in consensus rating process.

An electronic presentation will be available on August 11, 2006 to provide more information regarding the BabyNet Child Outcomes Process. Additional question regarding the child outcomes process can be directed to Dr. Lesly Wilson, OTR/L at lwilson@cdd.sc.edu using "Child Outcomes" as subject line.

Your participation in this process is greatly appreciated.