

Family Cost Share Workgroup Update
ICC Meeting
2/3/12

The Family Cost Share Workgroup reached out to the Infant Toddler Coordinator Association (ITCA) to see what information from other states about Family Cost Share (other than what was on the National Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center (NECTAC) site. ITCA shared with the group a detailed report that was completed for Colorado regarding Family Cost Share. This report was helpful in assisting the committee in its work. The report can be found at: http://www.eicolorado.org/Files/ANALYSIS_OF_FAMILY_COST_PARTICIPATION_POLICY%20DRAFT.pdf

Through a thorough review of the Family Cost Share Analysis report the workgroup has determined the following:

1. Family Cost Share Administration be centrally based such as a State Agency or 3rd Party Fiscal Agent (see Exhibit 3 page 6 of the report)
2. Billing would occur monthly
3. There would be a Sliding Fee Scale
4. Family Cost share would include a Hardship Exemption
5. After 90 days of non-payment, non-entitled services would be suspended
6. Families would be required to update their financial information:
 - a. Annually
 - b. At a change of status – married, divorced, death, job loss or gain, new baby etc.
7. ESS Service Coordinators would not be responsible for reporting change of status, collecting payments etc.

Status: The workgroup is working on creating a draft sliding fee scale for the workgroup to review. We are also working on a creating the Hardship Exemption Policy. The workgroup plans to have a formal recommendation to the ICC regarding Family Cost Share at the ICC Meeting in April.