



The Rhode Island Positive Educational Partnership Steering Committee Update

A Statewide System of Care Grant Initiative

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Rhode Island Positive Educational Partnership (RIPEP) Vision & Mission

RIPEP Vision: Children up to age eleven will reach their full potential through partnership with family, school and communities within positive and nurturing educational environments that embrace their strengths, diversity, and respond to their individual needs.

RIPEP Mission: To establish a sustainable family and youth driven, culturally and linguistically competent integrated system of behavioral health care, early care, and education that will support all children with serious emotional challenges from birth to age eleven and their families.

RIPEP Program Goals

- ✦ Develop a sustainable statewide system of care infrastructure for children with serious emotional disturbances that systematically fosters collaboration and integration between PBIS schools, behavioral health community, early care and education, and the broader social service system.
- ✦ Expand clinical/family support infrastructure and increase access to wraparound planning, natural supports, clinical and social services by reaching children and their families in the naturalized early care and education or school setting and creating accessed paths for support.
- ✦ Meld system of care values and principles with the operational structure and approach of PBIS schools, early care and education programs and youth, families and system of care partners.

RIPEP Steering Committee & Subcommittee Updates

RIPEP Steering Committee: The RIPEP Steering Committee continues to meet monthly to provide leadership and direction to the RIPEP SAMHSA six year grant initiative. This grant entered year four as of October 2008. This committee meets on the second Tuesday of the month. The next meeting is scheduled for **April 14th at Casey Family Services from 5:00 to 7:00 PM.** This meeting will focus on a presentation of the RIPEP evaluation data outcomes and we will discuss social marketing and sustainability plans. *Light meal provided.*

Family & Youth Leadership Empowerment Subcommittee: This subcommittee brings families and youth leaders who are involved with RIPEP together to promote family and youth driven practice and system transformation. This subcommittee meets monthly. During the months of April and May subcommittee members will be participating in the **Agents of Transformation (AOT) training series** and will resume their regular meeting schedule on the first Tuesday of the month in June. Visit www.ripep.org to learn about the AOT family leadership training series.

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Cultural and Linguistic Continuous (CLC) Quality Assurance Subcommittee: This subcommittee meets monthly and continues to recruit diverse leaders. The next meeting is scheduled **April 22nd, 1 PM to 2:30 PM at Parent Support Network.** This committee is currently focused on implementing a cultural linguistic competence organizational assessment process; Native American focus group; a mini grant meeting to review outcomes & recommendations; and subcommittee CLC retreat.

Sustainability Subcommittee: This subcommittee is reviewing membership, date and time of meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for **April 15th, from 2 PM to 4PM at DCYF, 5th floor conference room.** Currently this subcommittee is focused on revisiting the RIPEP sustainability action plan; Medicaid financing of RIPEP service delivery model; and the role of social marketing and evaluation in sustainability planning.

Early Childhood Subcommittee: This subcommittee meets monthly on the third Tuesday of the month. The next meeting is scheduled for **April 14th, 1 PM to 2:30 PM at the Warwick Public Library.** This subcommittee continues to provide updates on PBIS early childhood training; RIPEP service delivery with early childhood partners including bringing on new early intervention sites; and planning clinical manual DC: 0-3R training.

Subcommittee Co-Chair Meeting: The Co-Chairs meet monthly on the fourth Monday of the month at DCYF in the 2nd Floor Conference room. Next meeting will be on **April 27th at 12 PM to 2 PM.**

For More Information

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WWW.RIPEP.ORG

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Evaluation Subcommittee: This subcommittee meets the first Monday of the month. The next meeting is scheduled for **April 6th, from 10 AM to 12 PM at DCYF, 5th Floor conference room.** The focus of this subcommittee is to review RIPEP evaluation results; implementation of the collaboration survey in partnership with sustainability; development of evaluation training with families and youth; RIDE data sharing; and discussion around cost study implementation.

Social Marketing Subcommittee: The next meeting is scheduled for **April 23rd 2 PM to 4 PM at Parent Support Network.** This subcommittee is focused on revising the RIPEP social marketing plan; defining role with sustainability; and planning for children's mental health awareness day, May 7th and other additional May is Mental Health Month activities. *Lunch provided.*

Training and Technical Assistance

Subcommittee: This subcommittee meets on the second Thursday of the month. The next meeting is scheduled for **April 16th 2 PM to 4 PM at R.I. College.** This subcommittee is focused on planning and coordinating RIPEP training and technical assistance events and the development of a calendar of training events. Upcoming training events include Clinical manual DC:0-3R; and high fidelity wraparound.

Protocol & Implementation Team: This meeting is for RIPEP Family Service Care Coordinators, Supervisors, Family Support Partners, and TA Coordinators to meet with the RIPEP Clinical Director to fine tune protocol and implementation of the RIPEP service delivery. The next meeting is scheduled for **April 8th, from 1 PM to 3PM at John Hope Settlement House.** This team is discussing ongoing implementation and the start up of the Family Care Community Partnership Initiative, as well as Family Support Partner protocol and strategies to increase enrollment in longitudinal evaluation. **RIPEP Care review** is an opportunity to receive group consultation and clinical support. Next meeting scheduled **April 20th at 10 AM to 12 PM** at Parent Support Network.

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