## A Conversation with Linda McDowell



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### **National Initiatives**

- Early Identification and Referral
- Literacy
- Transition
- Interveners and Qualified Personnel
- Family Engagement
- Child Count

## 2015 Summit Sessions

- Initiatives (content)
- TA Practices (how we touch lives)
  - Network Engagement
  - Implementation
  - Project & Data Management
  - Future Directions









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## Forum Posts



## Conversations, Sharing and Finding Materials

- Profile
- Email
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- Group Spaces

- What tools or activities are particularly helpful?
- What barriers for using tools or implementing activities, do you see?
- What potential solutions can you think of for those barriers?

## **EI&R Initiative**



- System Resources
- Provider Packets
- Letter
- Monthly Webinars
- States Assisting States
- TA Support Application

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## **Literacy Initiative**



- Reworking Website
- Marketing Website (Strategies, including Skills Checklist)
- Linking
  - Perkin's Resources
  - Communities of Practice

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## **Transition Initiative**



- Outcomes Survey
- SAG/Rubric
- Info Brief
- Awareness Video
- Transition Institute
- ITTI Training and Planning
- Follow Along and Strategic Planning

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## Intervener Initiative+ Qualified Personnel



- IEP Guide
- Modules
- Webinars on ePortfolios and Certifying Board
- PracticumRecommendations
- Credentialing Options
- Qualified Personnel Efforts

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## **Family Engagement Initiative**



- For Families, Families Matter (Stories)
- Familieslead.org Link
- Highlighting PTI Collaboration Webinars
- Collaboration with NFADB
   & CHARGE Foundation
- Family Specialists
- Friday Fun Facts

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## **Child Count Initiative**



- Annual Report
- Webinars (Oct. 21)
- Critical Need Letter
- Adding to FileMakerPro
- Common Data Base
   Discussion

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## **Network Engagement Practices**



- Asset Mapping
- Private Portal
- New Directors and Mentoring
- Webinar (early 2016)

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## **TA Implementation Practices**



- Child-Focused TA
   Framework Guide
- Webinar (Dec. 9)
- Systems TA
   Framework Guide

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# **Evaluation Practices**& Future Directions



#### **Discussions**

- Common Processes
- OPIs Across Network
- Combine with Network Engagement
   & TA Implementation Discussions

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## **Initiative Leads**



- Early Identification: <u>Megan Cote</u>
- Literacy: <u>Nancy Steele</u>
- Transition: Mike Fagbemi
- Interveners and other Qualified Personnel:
   Amy Parker
- Family Engagement: <u>Megan Cote</u>
- Child Count: Mark Shalock

### **TA Practices Leads**



- Network Engagement: <u>Sam Morgan</u>
- TA Implementation Practices: <u>Peggy Malloy</u>
- Evaluation: Mark Shalock
- Future Directions: <u>Linda McDowell</u>

## **Wednesday Webinars**



