



Strengthening Low Birth Weight and Preterm Tracking

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Data Systems

- **I**nfant and **T**oddler **O**nline **T**racking **S**ystem (ITOTS)
 - System enhancements started in 2005
 - Part C early intervention program data

- **V**irginia **I**nfant **S**creening and **I**nfant **T**racking **S**ystem (VISITS)
 - Birth defects registry
 - Early hearing detection and intervention

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Background

- Current system has not kept pace with changing data requirements at the state and federal level
- Elements of the data system need to be enhanced or replaced

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Background

- ITOTS and VISITS do not share a universal identifier
- Current system enhancements include creating capacity for linkage of referrals from VISITS to ITOTS

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Current Status – ITOTS

- Collects three prematurity measures:
 - less than 28 weeks,
 - 28-31 weeks, and
 - 32-37 weeks
- DMHMRSAS initiated changes to ITOTS that included child's name and social security number and changed report generation parameters

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Current Status – ITOTS

- ITOTS currently collects very low birth weight of less than 1500g
- Version 1.5 planned for release Mid November and will add low birth weight (1500g to <2500g or 3.5 lbs to <5.5 lbs)

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Next Steps

- ITOTS on-going system re-design includes enhancements necessary to meet
 - State reporting requirements
 - Federal reporting requirements
 - 619 data (child data)
 - State Performance Report
- June 2009

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Future Reporting Capacity

- Include in both ITOTS and VISITS II databases child's actual
 - Birth weight
 - Gestational age
- Link Part C data on children's diagnosed conditions and services to VISITS II

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Future Under Enhanced ITOTs

- ITOTS collects data about child progress in three functional areas:
 - Social-emotional skills and relationships
 - Acquiring and using knowledge and skills
 - Taking appropriate action to meet needs

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Future Under Enhanced ITOTs

- ITOTS could report data on selected developmental outcomes up to age 2 for LBW/preterm infants
 - Prematurity risk factors and/or
 - Low or very low birth weight

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Example- ITOTS Report (under development)

Reports the Number and Percent of Infants and Toddlers in Part C with any combination of low/very low birth weight and/or prematurity risk factor

From: MM/DD/YYYY To: MM/DD/YYYY

Local System	Low Birth Weight / Premature Birth		All Part C Eligible Children		Total
	N	%	N	%	N
<u>Statewide Total:</u>					