

## State Stakeholders' Meeting

At the 2015 Annual EHDl Meeting, time is provided to help attendees maximize what they learn at the meeting and to use the new knowledge to improve their state's/territory's EHDl system when they return home. In support of individual states/territory, one session has been set aside for attendees to discuss priorities and initiatives for each state/territory. Each state's/territory's meeting will be designed and led by the State EHDl Coordinator or the EHDl Coordinator's designee. This meeting time should be used to benefit the EHDl program, EHDl system, EHDl direct services, and/or the EHDl process as it pertains to your state's/territory's current needs. In the event there are only a few attendees from your state/territory, you might consider partnering with another state/territory.

### Preparing for the State Stakeholders' Meeting

Prior to the meeting, participants are encouraged to reflect on the status of their state's/territory's EHDl system and also what they would like to learn from the sessions. Meeting participants may want to review the following items:

- Individual participants are encouraged to complete the Pre-Meeting Individual Reflection and Planning worksheet. The schedule for the meeting and abstracts for all of the sessions are available on the meeting website. This information may be used during any pre-meeting planning meetings or during the State Stakeholders' Meeting session on Monday, March 9th.
- States/territories may choose to communicate among registered attendees prior to the meeting for preliminary planning purposes to discuss priorities and initiatives.
- Preliminary meetings could include introduction of attendees to promote networking among participants from the same state/territory; name, title, role in the EHDl system, topics/sessions of interest at this EHDl meeting.

### During the State Stakeholders' Meeting

Monday, March 9, 2015 - 9:15 AM to 10:45 AM.

While State EHDl programs are expected to fulfill similar objectives, strategies for how states/territories fulfill those objectives differ due to a variety of attributes individual states/territories may possess. EHDl Coordinators have been directed to design the agenda for their state's/territory's meeting in a manner that will advance their EHDl priorities, goals, objectives and activities.

The State Stakeholders' Meeting may include introductions, defining EHDl priorities in the state/ territory and devising a strategy for the attendees to gain as much information as possible during the meeting. For example, each state/territory group might review the Meeting Program Book and decide how to coordinate attendance at sessions so that representatives have the opportunity to attend sessions that are most relevant to priorities for their state/territory. In addition, information might be shared about how to use the Personal Action Plan sheets. Each attendee will receive one Personal Action Plan sheet to record some of the most important information that was learned during workshop and plenary sessions (additional sheets available at Registration Desk). The Plan sheets also include a way for each participant to record how this information will be used to continue to enhance the state's/territory's EHDl system.

Note that the Personal Action Plan sheets include a duplicate copy. EHDl Coordinators are encouraged to request attendees to keep the original for themselves and turn in the duplicate copy to the EHDl Coordinator or at the Registration Desk before leaving the annual meeting. Any Personal Action Plan sheets turned in to the Registration Desk will be forwarded to the EHDl Coordinator for that state/territory.