

Innovative Supports to EHDI

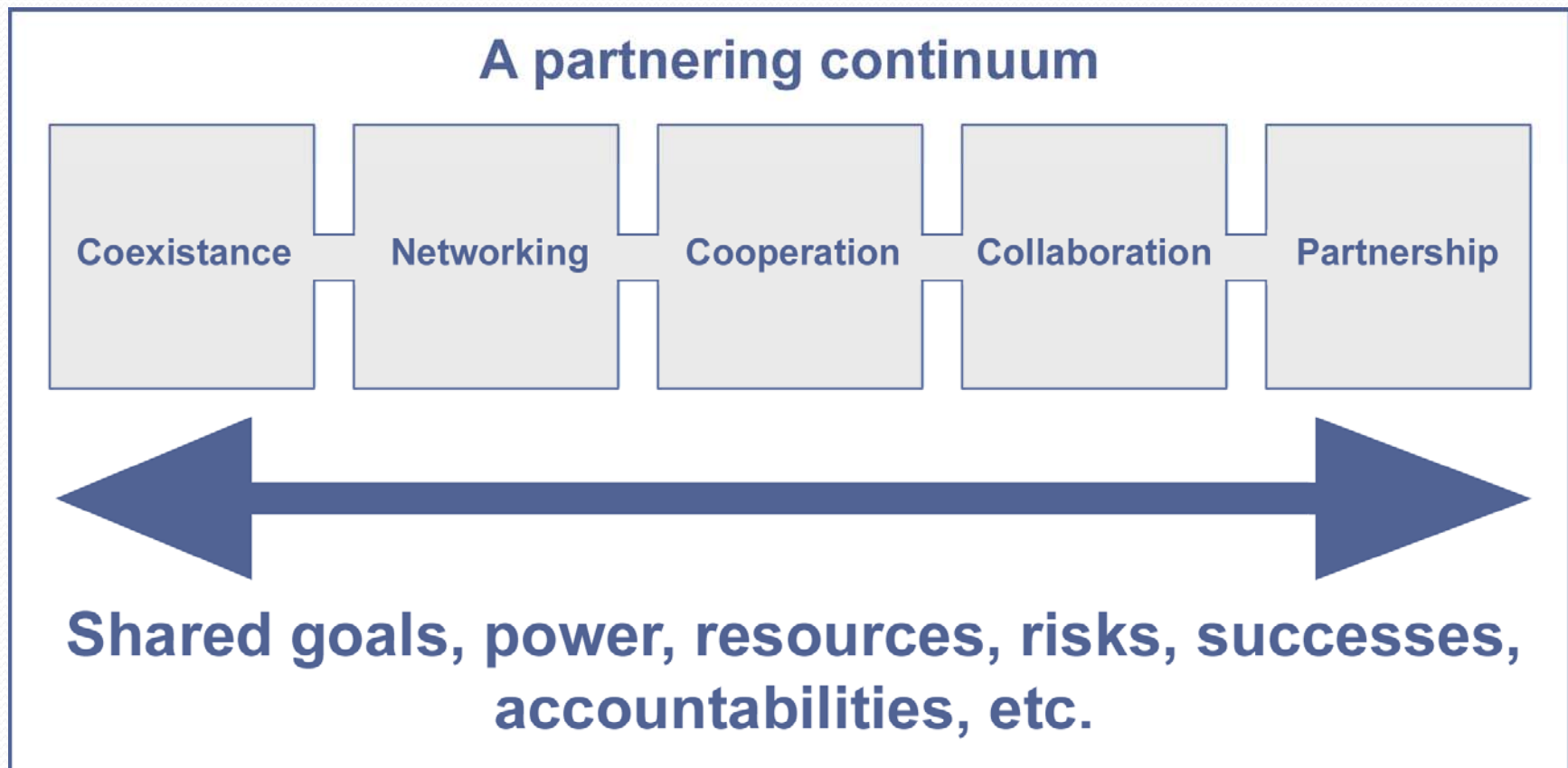
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Strengthening Collaborations...

- To make the most of a state's resources, collaboration is imperative
 - Refer to handout “Putting Partnering into Practice: Collaboration on Complex Issues”
 - EHDI is a complex system with stakeholders from multiple backgrounds, agencies and perspectives.
 - Wisconsin and Indiana have embarked in a variety of collaborative initiatives and partnerships to capitalize on available state resources

What is your state doing?





Outreach Services for Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Deafblind Children in Wisconsin

- Structure of Outreach in Wisconsin – Where are we in the ‘system’?
- Structure of Part B and C in Wisconsin
- Funding Sources for Outreach
- Goals
- Population served



Outreach Services for Deaf and Hard of Hearing children in Indiana

- Structure of Outreach in Indiana
- Funding sources
- Goals of outreach in Indiana
- Population served
- Structure of Parts B and C in Indiana

Wisconsin Outreach Program supporting EHDI....

- Guide By Your Side Program
- Deaf Mentor Program
- WISHES (Wisconsin Infant/Children's Statewide Hearing Aid Exchange Service)
- Listening and Spoken Language Supports
- Positions on the Outreach team: B-6 Services Coordinator and Deafblind Coordinator (consultation)
- Alignment with Wisconsin Families for Hands & Voices and Wisconsin Deafblind Technical Assistance Project (WDBTAP)

Indiana Outreach programs supporting EHDI in Indiana

- SKI HI Early Intervention program: Family Centered relationship based educational program, empowers families to find the communication and language that works for the child
- FLIP and LEAP programs, offer family support through play groups with both languages
- Lending library
- Deaf Role Model program
- Audiology Services



Collaborative Projects with Wisconsin's EDHI Program

- Wisconsin's Parent Summit (2003) – setting goals for future programming
- Parent Notebook (used for GBYS)
- Initial implementation of the GBYS program & Follow Through program
- Initial implementation of the Annual Statewide Family Conference
- WE-TRAC Data & Tracking system (referrals to Outreach)

Collaborative projects with Indiana's EHDI program

- Family Resource Guide
- Family Conference for start up in 2004 collaborated with DOH, brought Hands & Voices to Indiana, each year more ownership by Hands & Voices
- Developed Eligibility Determination Team with Part C
- Investing in Family Support committee
- Physician Tool Kit
- Parent Tool Kit (2007)
- Eligibility Determination Team: OPCOM



Wisconsin Outreach & Systemic Change

- Birth to 6 Redesign Summit
- ARRA funding: Western Region Birth to 6 Redesign pilot (Regional Services Coordinator and development of a regional “team”)
- Efforts of DPI / DHS towards a comprehensive B-6 (instead of B-3 and 3-6) focus
 - ARRA funding to support Birth to 3 Services for school age children?
 - Involvement with subcommittee, focusing on Sensory Disabilities, of Interagency Coordinating Council (oversees Birth to 3) and development of eligibility, best practices, competencies)
 - WDBTAP interface with Birth to 3 for Deafblind students, including coaching and professional trainings



Indiana Systemic changes

- UNHS protocols, Audiology protocols, DAE forms
- Part C protocols
- Regional audiologists
- Part C program, First Steps: training for service coordinators and providers, technical assistance to Part C, eligibility determination procedures
- Participation on LPCC committees
- Participation on EHDI Advisory Committee



The Challenges....

- WI: Information sharing between 3 agencies (Outreach, Wisconsin Birth to 3 and Wisconsin Sound Beginnings) and interface of 2 different state agencies (Dept. of Public Instruction and Dept. of Health Services)
- IN: Interface of 3 state agencies and partnership roles, perception of ISD, collaboration and role changes with new organizations and programs emerging due to EHDI



The benefits....

- **Despite challenges, there are many good things to be accomplished in collaboration. The work of Outreach can support the effort of EHDI.**
 - Sustainability of funding
 - Expanded funding / grant opportunities
 - Value of having a variety/the diversity of perspectives (medical and cultural) regarding what it means to be deaf/hard of hearing – parents and providers need the WHOLE picture.
 - Coordinated, cohesive statewide approach to serving our youngest children with integrated programming from detection to intervention, from birth to adulthood!



Questions?

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