



Infant and Toddler Connection

Technology Update

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Overview

- Business Problems
- Current Status
- The Future



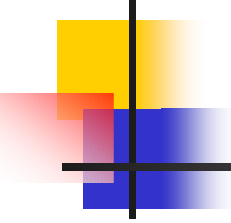
Business Problems

- Part C is not adequately meeting reporting requirements of funding agencies.
- Fragmented processes for obtaining needed information for reporting.
- Technology is providing minimal support of local services providers and coordinators.
- Data reporting requirements may exceed what is actually needed.
- DMHMRSAS and localities are not adequately utilizing technology and data it already has.



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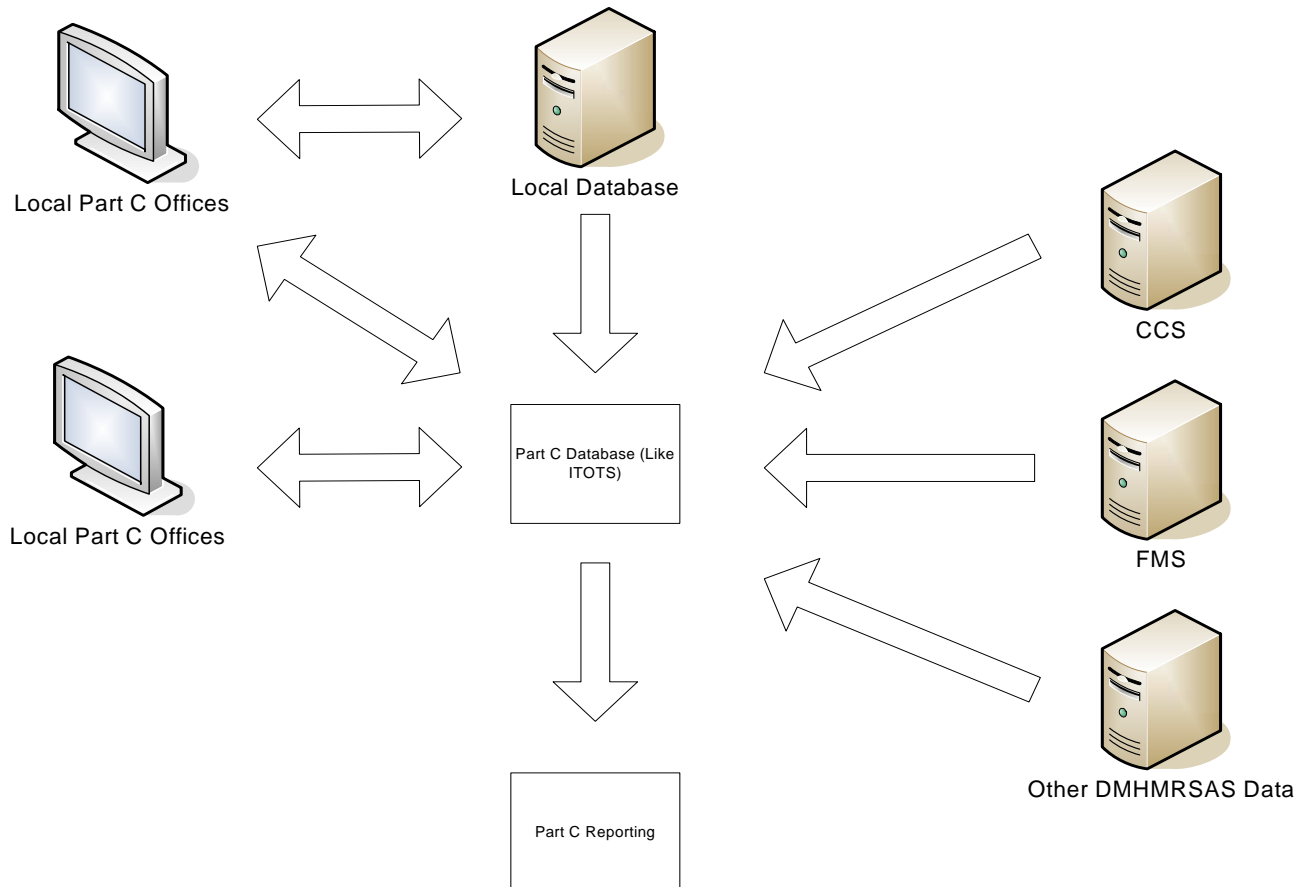
- Review of data reporting requirements [*Final review*]
- Identify specific data items needed to meet reporting requirements and the current source of that data items [*In progress*]
- Review and documentation of local processes and work flows [*Completed*]
- Identify opportunities for better using technology by localities [*In progress*]
- Identify data the DMHMRSAS and localities already have that could be used to meet reporting requirements [*In progress*]
- Develop conceptual data model [*in progress*]



Additional Current Findings (some obvious)

- Reasonably consistent local processes to administer the Infant and Toddler program.
- ITOTS provides data to meet some of the reporting requirements but does little to help local staff better manage service coordination/provision.
- DMHMRSAS is not leveraging existing data sources for data reporting.
- There is a broad range of opinions among local programs about how DMHMRSAS should address data acquisition for reporting.

Part C Conceptual Data Model





Future Activities

- Complete survey of Infant and Toddler stakeholders
 - Opportunity at this conference
 - Contact our IT Office to discuss ideas
- Complete other analysis activities currently underway
- Evaluate feasibility of moving ITOTS to DMHMRSAS
- Refine conceptual model
- Recommend technology modifications for the Infant and Toddler Connection program



Guiding Principles (for any technology solutions)

- Require only the minimum necessary data
- Utilize all existing sources of data whenever practical and economical
- Streamline data reporting
- Identify opportunities to utilize technology to enhance early intervention supports and services



Conclusion/Final Thoughts

- ITS is committed to help solve the business problems of your program
- There needs to be a systematic process that is adopted to review and determine new or changed data reporting requirements
- We all must become stakeholders in data reporting and technology-related activities
- The advent of the “electronic health record” will impact all of us during the next 5 years