



5 Ways To Ensure Provider Adherence To Evidence-Based Practices

Early intervention programs are accountable for child and family outcomes best achieved by providers whose practices align with current research. Consider these five ways of ensuring providers are well-aligned with evidence-based early intervention practices.

1. Establish contractual expectations for provider fidelity to evidence-based practices.
2. Use an observation tool that focuses on early intervention-specific practices (e.g., FIP-EI).
3. Use the aggregated observation data to determine where your professional development priorities lie.
4. Ensure your professional development initiatives include follow-up coaching using a capacity-building framework that supports knowledge-to-practice.
5. Invest in a "fidelity-to-practice" infrastructure to ensure every provider has a mentor coach and every mentor coach has a fidelity coach.