

2024 Early Intervention Partnership Feedback

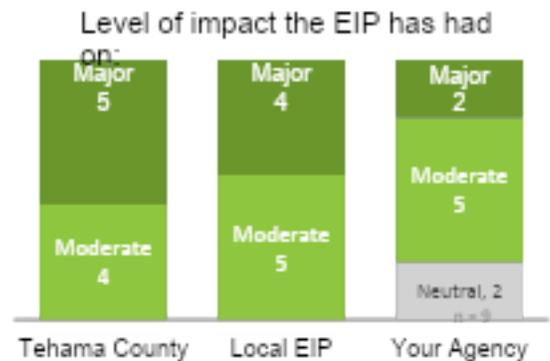
First 5 Tehama solicited feedback from members of the Early Intervention Partnership (EIP), the prevention committee of the Blue Ribbon Commission on Children, to gain members’ insights on their experiences, networks, and perceived impact of the EIP.

Ten EIP members participated in the survey. **Half of the participants (5/10) have been an EIP member for five or more years**, three were members for at least one year but less than five years, and two were in their first year. Additionally, half of the participants also took part in ad-hoc committees (e.g., NPP, P2P, ACEs/Strengthening families) – all of whom were already EIP members for at least a year.

EIP Impact

Participants reported that the **EIP has had a moderate or major impact on Tehama County and local early intervention partnerships**. They were slightly less likely to agree that the EIP impacted their agency, which may speak to competing priorities or requirements beyond the reach of the EIP.

Similarly, participating in the EIP **increased their knowledge of local data** about resilience and the five protective factors. Nine out of 10 participants reported they were very knowledgeable about Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), early literacy development, and strengthening protective factors, because of their participation in the EIP.



EIP Value

Participants identified the **key values** of the EIP as the collaboration/professional connections, resources, learning, and systems impact. *Collaboration* included the connections between different agencies as well as individual partnerships. *Resources* and *Learning* included the resources shared to support the families served as well as the trainings and knowledge for staff, including self-care for professionals “so we can better serve our community.”

Additionally, participants described the value of the “deeper perspective into the system serving early childhood” with the EIP serving as a “connection point to critical services.” Participants also valued the sub-committees and ad-hoc car seat collaborative for Tehama County programs.

“EIP provides a deeper perspective into the system serving early childhood and provides our agency a connection point to critical services.” – EIP Member



EIP member participants **shared the resiliency resources** discussed at EIP meetings with staff, leadership teams, and with families. Members also used knowledge from the EIP to connect families to other organizations (via

referrals) and strengthen/continue relationships between organizations. Another participant also described that they use the stressbuster wheel in “meetings, outreach events, and in everyday life.”

“Individual partnerships, resources, [and] subcommittees along with ad-hoc car seat [collaborative] have been extremely helpful to Tehama County programs.”

– EIP Member

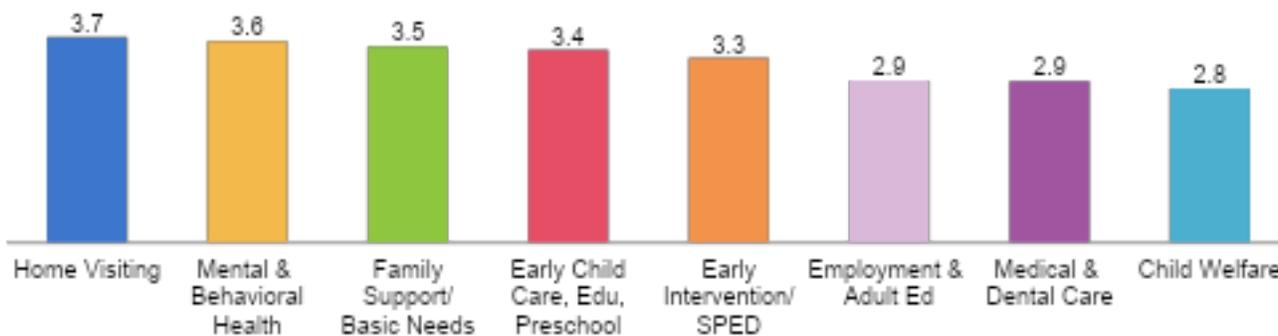
Networking and Connectivity

The ten EIP survey participants represented a wide range of sectors, including Child Welfare (2), Family & Social Supports/Basic Needs (2), Medical & Dental Care (2), Early Care & Education/Preschool (1), Employment Training & Adult Education (1), Home Visiting (1), and Other (1). Participants rated their connection to other sectors including their agreement with the following statements, on a scale of 0 (Strongly Disagree) to 4 (Strongly Agree):

- I have a direct connection with one or more people at a Tehama organization [in each sector] that I can reach out to and ask a question.
- I understand what resources are offered by [each sector] organizations in Tehama County (e.g., knowing when to refer a family to this program).

On average, participants had the **strongest direct connections with home visiting, mental & behavioral health, and family support/basic needs organizations**. Ratings shifted from participants in last year, where early childcare/preschool and early intervention/special education had the highest average direct connections. Participants were least likely to agree that they had direct connections with medical/dental care and child welfare organizations. Direct connections with mental/behavioral health organizations continue to strengthen.

Average Direct Connection by Sector (all participants)
0 = Strongly Disagree to 4 = Strongly Agree



“I appreciate the connections made to other professionals within the community that also work on behalf for children and families.” – EIP Member

Participants typically agreed that they knew what resources were offered by **family support/basic needs, early child care, and home visiting organizations** (e.g., knowledge of when to refer a family to these services). Despite minor variations, participants were least connected with *and* least knowledgeable of employment and adult education, medical/dental, and child welfare organizations.



Recommendations and Hopes for Future Focus

This cycle, participants' recommendations for improvement were limited to one participant highlighting a desire to go back to quarterly meetings and another participant requesting increased contact with a specific organization. Participants' suggestions for EIP to focus on in the future included:

- A continued focus on resilience
- Exploring the relationship between early access to social media/technology and mental health outcomes
- Mental health strategies including healthy coping skills, universal screening for PMADs, unintentional injury prevention
- Strengthening an understanding of available resources within the county to connect families, such as Help Me Grow
- Strengthening access to families in rural areas of Tehama County, particularly considering the impact of transportation barriers
- Continued exploration of local data compared with state and national rates.

“...My staff and I have been attending meetings, trainings, etc. put on by EIP. I discuss the ACEs with our participant families during our [monthly] workshops ... We have sent over referrals to help assist our new parents and continue to collaborate with outside agencies.”

– EIP Member