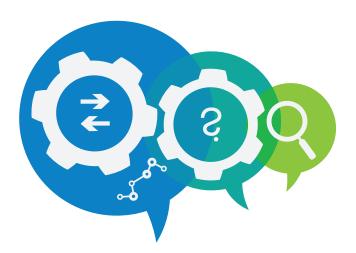


## Using Your Story to Teach | Part | & Part ||

Facilitator's Guide



# OVERVIEW FOR FACILITATORS



#### PURPOSE

ECPC has developed two presentations to be used in conjunction with the Using Your Story to Teach Toolkit. These trainings will guide family members to tell their story in a way that will teach pre-service and in-service personnel in early childhood intervention what family-centered practices should, or should not, look like. The materials are designed to prepare family leaders to partner as trainers at institute of higher education (IHE) preparation programs or state professional development (PD) courses.

#### **INTENDED AUDIENCE**

Family members of children with disabilities who have received services through early childhood intervention (ages 0-8 years) and are familiar with the *EI/ECSE Standards* 

#### **OBJECTIVE**

After participating in this training opportunity, family members will be able to:

- Develop a story that illustrates a skill, strategy, or guiding principle from the <u>EI/ECSE Standards</u>.
- Present the story in an IHE or PD course as family faculty.

#### **SPEAKER NOTES**

The speaker notes provide a narrative or facilitation directions for each slide. The narrative is intended to provide additional details about the information on a particular slide. Facilitator directions are shown in italics. You should always read aloud what is presented on each slide and use the speaker notes to highlight and reinforce key points. The notes are a guide, and speakers may add their own insight as needed.



#### MATERIALS REQUIRED FOR FACE TO FACE

- 1. Share an agenda for the training.
- 2. Conduct an opening activity (introductions/icebreaker).
- 3. Handouts or computers/tablets with internet access.
- 4. Projector with audio capability for playing video with speakers.
- 5. Presentation slides with speaker notes.
- 6. Develop an evaluation tool for all attendees (e.g. consumer satisfaction survey).

#### MATERIALS REQUIRED FOR VIRTUAL

- 1. Distribute the link to the online platform in advance (e.g. Zoom, Teams, etc.). Prepare polling questions, breakout rooms, etc.
- 2. Determine how participants will receive handouts/materials via email, on the cloud, using a storage platform (e.g. Dropbox, Google docs, etc.).
- 3. Upload or send handouts in advance or through online platform (link in chat).
- 4. Download videos ahead of time in case of trouble with link in slides.
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- 7. Presentation slides with speaker notes. Make sure you have capability to share screen (enable audio for sound).
- 8. Develop an evaluation tool for all attendees (e.g. consumer satisfaction survey).



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Finding Your Story



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Slide 2	Objectives for Part I • Understand why we use family stories to teach pre- service and in-service personnel in early childhood intrevention what professional standards look like in the field. • Find stories within your experiences that best illustrate family-centered, culturally responsive practices related to the EI/ECSE Standards.	Read the slide aloud to the audience.
Slide 3	<text><list-item><list-item><list-item></list-item></list-item></list-item></text>	As the family of a child who has received early intervention or early childhood special education, you have unique and valuable insight into the best ways to deliver services in the field. Your story can be a gift to another person.
Slide 4	MOTH Story: The Accident by Ophira Eisenberg	<ul> <li><u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vt24Kj2MK_k</u></li> <li>The video is 11 minutes long (You must be connected to the internet for the video to work)</li> <li>Hand out the Viewing Guide for participants to complete while watching.</li> <li>As you watch this story, use the Viewing Guide to jot down some reflections. You want to think about - What imagery makes this a great story? What did you see in your mind's eye as she tells her story? How is humor a part of this story? What emotions do you feel? What did you learn?</li> </ul>

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Slide 6	<section-header><section-header><list-item><list-item><list-item><list-item><section-header></section-header></list-item></list-item></list-item></list-item></section-header></section-header>	You must take to draw listeners into your story and make it meaningful to them.	
Slide 7	<section-header><section-header><list-item><list-item><list-item><section-header><section-header></section-header></section-header></list-item></list-item></list-item></section-header></section-header>	Families do not want pity. They want providers to understand how it feels to be in their shoes and consider their perspective when providing early childhood intervention services.	
Slide 8	<b>Tell a Difficult Story</b> "In the middle of every difficulty lies opportunity." Winnon Churchell Difficult conversations are not necessarily enjoyable, but sometimes they are necessary. • Words and actions of providers can have a life-long impact on families.	Not all family stories are positive, but all family stories can be delivered in a positive framework. If the experience was not positive, communicate lessons learned and share strategies to be done differently in the future. Do not shy away from conveying the impact of a provider's words on your family. Share an example of what was said and how it could have been shared differently. Help practitioners understand the importance of empathetic communication.	
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Slide 10	<section-header><section-header><image/><image/><text><text></text></text></section-header></section-header>	Why do we use our stories to teach? Telling your story can have a powerful influence on students coming into the field and on professionals who want to develop and expand their skills. They may benefit from your perspective, learn from your mistakes, or be inspired and empowered by your tenacity.
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Slide 12	<text><text><image/><image/></text></text>	Stories that teach students and providers what it is like to experience services from the family's perspective can have significant influence on the way they deliver services throughout their careers.
Slide 13	<text><text><image/></text></text>	We will go into greater detail about how to develop your story in Part II of this presentation. Sharing your experiences through storytelling can highlight what professional standards and practices should look like in the field. So, where can you find professional standards and practices?
Slide 14	<b>EL/ECSE Standards</b> Initial Practice-Based Professional Standards for Early Intervention/Early Childhood Special Education (Initial birth through age 8) • Anowledge and skills needed to prepare a highly qualified EL/ECSE workforce. • Promotes collaborative partnerships across disciplines (e.g. PT, OT, SLP).	The Initial Practice-Based Professional Standards for Early Intervention and Early Childhood Special Education rather known as the EI/ECSE Standards are the first set of standards specific to Birth through age 8. They address the knowledge and skills needed to prepare a highly qualified EI/ECSE workforce. They also promote collaborative partnerships across disciplines, for example with physical therapists, occupational therapists, and speech and language pathologists, and all others on the team.

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Slide 18	Find Your Story Find Your Story Story Professional standards are already embedded in your stories – which ones you pull out depends upon your audience and purpose.	When you find your story, you'll know it because you will feel it.
Slide 19	Activity 1: Find Your Story Visualize Your Story What was point wa	Guide participants through the following activity. Use the Visualize Your Story worksheet to help them record their visualization and find their story within the DEC RP's and EI/ECSE Standards. Close your eyes (if you are comfortable with that). Think about your experiences in early childhood intervention. Is there one that stands out to you? Maybe when things were going well? When things were going wrong? Pull out one of those experiences and focus on one moment in time along your journey. Picture in your mind what was happening. What do you see? What did you hear? What were you feeling? Who was there with you? What was going well? What could have been done differently? What did you learn from this experience? Open your eyes and jot down all of the things you just thought about.

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Slide 20	Activity 2: Find Your Story - Look at your experience - Refer to the list of EI/ECSE Standards: - Choose one of the standards to relate your story to. Choose one of the standards to choose one one	Remember that the professional standards are already embedded in your stories. Check off one or more of the standards on the worksheet that relate back to your story. Which one will you focus on when you tell your story? Which recommended practice or standard best conveys the skills, strategies, or guiding principles that are illustrated in your story? Your story should touch on a personal experience with early intervention or early childhood special education services. Relate that experience to something that was done well, or something that could have been done better. If it was negative, be sure to tell how the experience could have been better. What do you want them to do differently?	
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Slide 22	<section-header><section-header><section-header><text><text><list-item><list-item><list-item><list-item><list-item><table-container><table-row></table-row> <b>Coming up in Part II</b>       Baricular skill, strategy or guiding principle related to the E/ECSE Standards.</table-container></list-item></list-item></list-item></list-item></list-item></text></text></section-header></section-header></section-header>	Part II will dive deeper into the elements of a good story, and how to develop your story so that it conveys the right message and has the greatest impact on your audience.	
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### Using Your Story to Teach | Part II

Developing Your Story



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Slide 2	Objectives for Part II • Learn how to craft a meaningful story that will convey a clear message to pre-service or in-service personnel in early childhood intervention. • Develop a story that will illustrate a particular skill, strategy or guiding principle related to the EI/ECSE Standards.	Read the slide aloud to the audience.
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Slide 4	<text><list-item><list-item><image/><image/></list-item></list-item></text>	As you write your story, there are some things to keep in mind to help your story stick with the audience.

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Slide 8	<section-header><image/><image/><image/><image/><image/><image/><image/><text></text></section-header>	Just because you lived it chronologically, you don't have to tell it that way. Organize your story so it makes the most sense to your audience.

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Slide 9	<text><list-item><list-item><list-item></list-item></list-item></list-item></text>	Make sure your audience has the information they need to understand your message. <i>Read the text message exchange aloud to the audience.</i>
Slide 10	<section-header></section-header>	Read the text message exchange aloud to the audience. Make your message matter. Choose carefully which information you feel comfortable sharing. This is very important. Do not leave room for misinterpretation or assumptions. Make sure your story conveys the right message.
Slide 11	<section-header></section-header>	What do you want them to know? What do you want your audience to understand by telling this story? There might be things that don't fit inside the frame.
Slide 12	<text><list-item><list-item><list-item><ul> <li><b>Learn How to Frame an Issue</b></li> <li>frame a story is to withhold some information or prioritize some facts over others.</li> <li>It is the selection of, and emphasis on, particular attributes for the audience when talking about something.</li> </ul></list-item></list-item></list-item></text>	You don't need to include every detail. You will need to take some of the good stuff out. A story that "tells it all" is likely to be ineffective. Focus on the details that enhance the purpose of the story and illuminate your message.
Slide 13	<u<section-header><list-item><list-item>          Bring Your Story to Life           • Describe the important people in your story in a way that allows your audience to know and care about them.           • Help them create images in their minds about thes.           • Help them create images in their minds about thes setting of your story.           • Pull out visuals - small things that make your experience come alive.           • Choose experiences that elicit feelings.</list-item></list-item></u<section-header>	Be sure to describe the important people in your story in a way that allows the audience to know and care about them. Help the listeners create images in their minds. Be sure to pull out visuals - the small things that make your experience come alive. Choose experiences that elicit feelings.

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Slide 14	<text><text></text></text>	The journey your audience takes should be different from your experience. It should be uplifting and a teachable moment for them. What powerful examples are you willing to share? A challenge or setback? A moment of personal growth or triumph? Pause to let participants know that they only have to share what they choose to. They do not have to share a personal experience unless they are comfortable with it. There will be some things about our stories that are off limits to other people, and that's okay.	
Slide 15	<ul> <li>What did you learn?</li> <li>What did you learn?</li> <li>This is the part of your story that makes or breaks your authenticity.</li> <li>Who did you become?</li> <li>Are you wiser, stronger?</li> <li>How could this situation have been improved?</li> </ul>	Every detail, decision, person or plot that you presented in your storytelling was there intentionally because you lived it and learned from it.	
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Slide 18	<text><image/><list-item></list-item></text>	Practice telling your story out loud, in the mirror, record yourself, etc. Then ask a friend or someone else to listen and provide feedback. Your story is a process. It should never be finished. Change it for your outcome or your teaching objective. Continuously enhance and adjust your story over time.	

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Slide 19	<section-header><section-header><list-item><list-item><list-item><list-item></list-item></list-item></list-item></list-item></section-header></section-header>	How much time do you have to present? Will the presentation be face to face or virtual? Live or pre- recorded? How will you facilitate follow-up questions or a discussion?
Slide 20	Be Prepared Think about: • What to do if you become emotional: some of our stories are hard to talk about. • How to deal with problem participants: defer questions, "parking lot", time constraints. • It's okay to say "I don't know" or "I had not considered that". It's okay to ask the audience for their own ideas on how to resolve an issue.	What will you do if you become emotional? Remember to breathe – take a drink of water, take a break, ask for a moment to collect yourself. Our stories can be messy and difficult to tell. Stay positive and solutions focused even if it's a story about overcoming obstacles.
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Slide 23	<text><list-item><list-item></list-item></list-item></text>	<i>If time allows, have participants pair up to share the outline of their stories and get feedback.</i>

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Slide 24	ACTIVITY: CRAFTING YOUR STORY         9. Use the Story Board to guide you in telling your story.         9. Beat to ver silently, or out loud if you can find a private place to practice.         1. Find a partner and ask them to complete the Story Rubric while you tell them your story.	Allow participants about 45 minutes to craft their story. For this activity, their story does not need to be more than 10 minutes long.
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