

State: **Minnesota**

What is your team's biggest strength around telehealth programs?

We are able to provide coverage for telehealth under the state's Autism Early Intensive Development and Behavioral Intervention (EIDBI) Benefit. The benefit provides medically-necessary early intervention and supports.

Describe your team's biggest challenge around telehealth programs.

Utilizing telehealth for diagnostic evaluation of young children with developmental concerns.

HIPAA/privacy compliance and reimbursement barriers in setting up telehealth with providers of applied behavioral analysis.

Describe ONE current strategy that your state is using around telehealth.

Developing interagency partnerships to help improve the system. These partnerships enable us to more easily learn of gaps and opportunities within the system when it comes to assessment, diagnostics, and interventions. For instance, a wealth of research is being conducted by researchers from the University of Minnesota on delivering parent coaching interventions via telehealth. This has helped to address barriers to service access faced by many families in the state.

What's one interesting thing about your state?

We've had a lot of success on our outreach work related to cultural groups. Specifically, implementing a cultural delegate model.

This has helped tremendously in spreading awareness of developmental milestones and the importance of early intervention.

What does your team hope to gain from this meeting?

Learning how others have navigated logistics related to telehealth - including: licensure requirements, reimbursement, HIPAA/privacy.

Learning about logistics for utilizing telehealth for diagnostic evaluations.