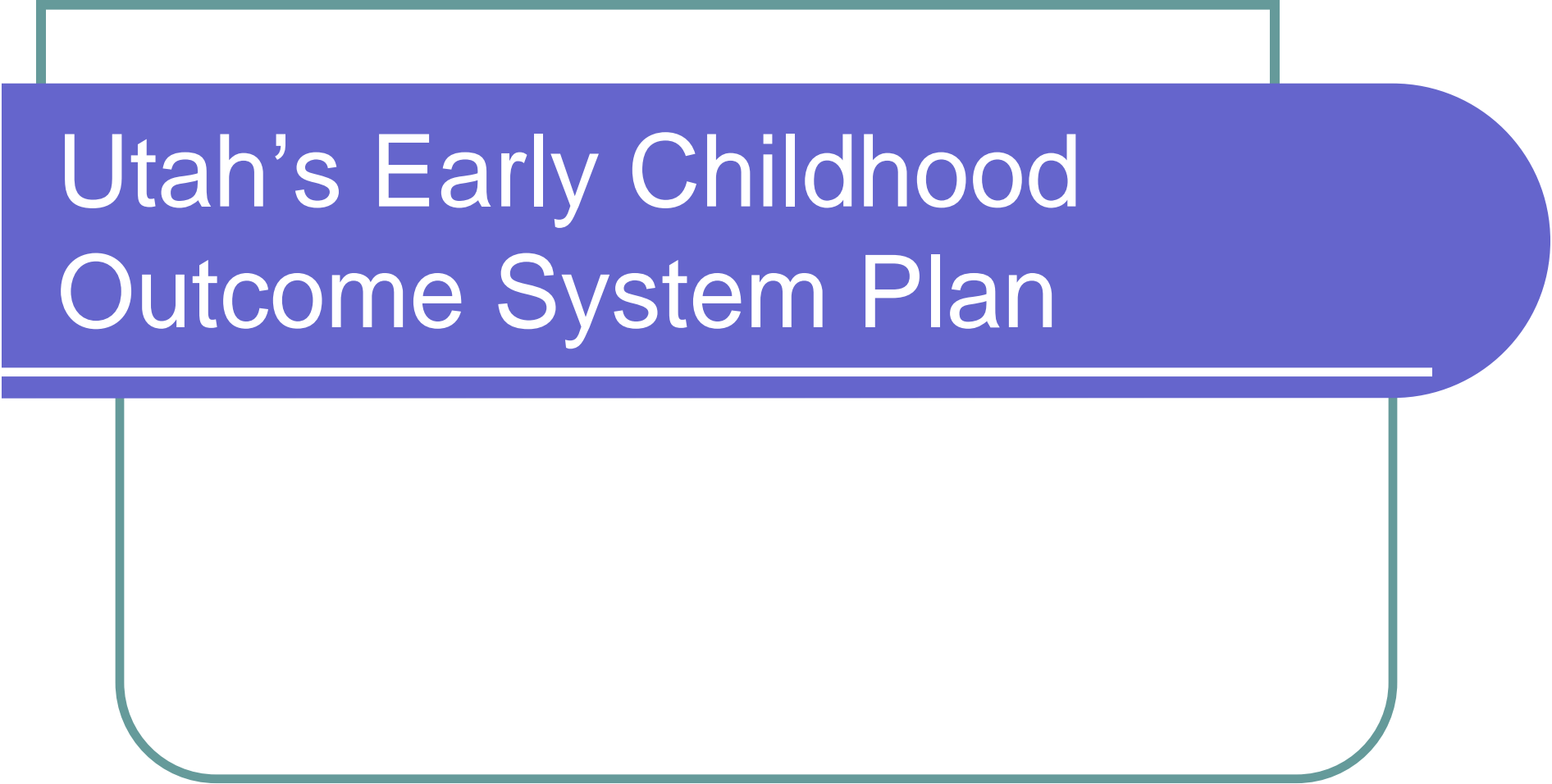


# Early Childhood Outcomes in Utah

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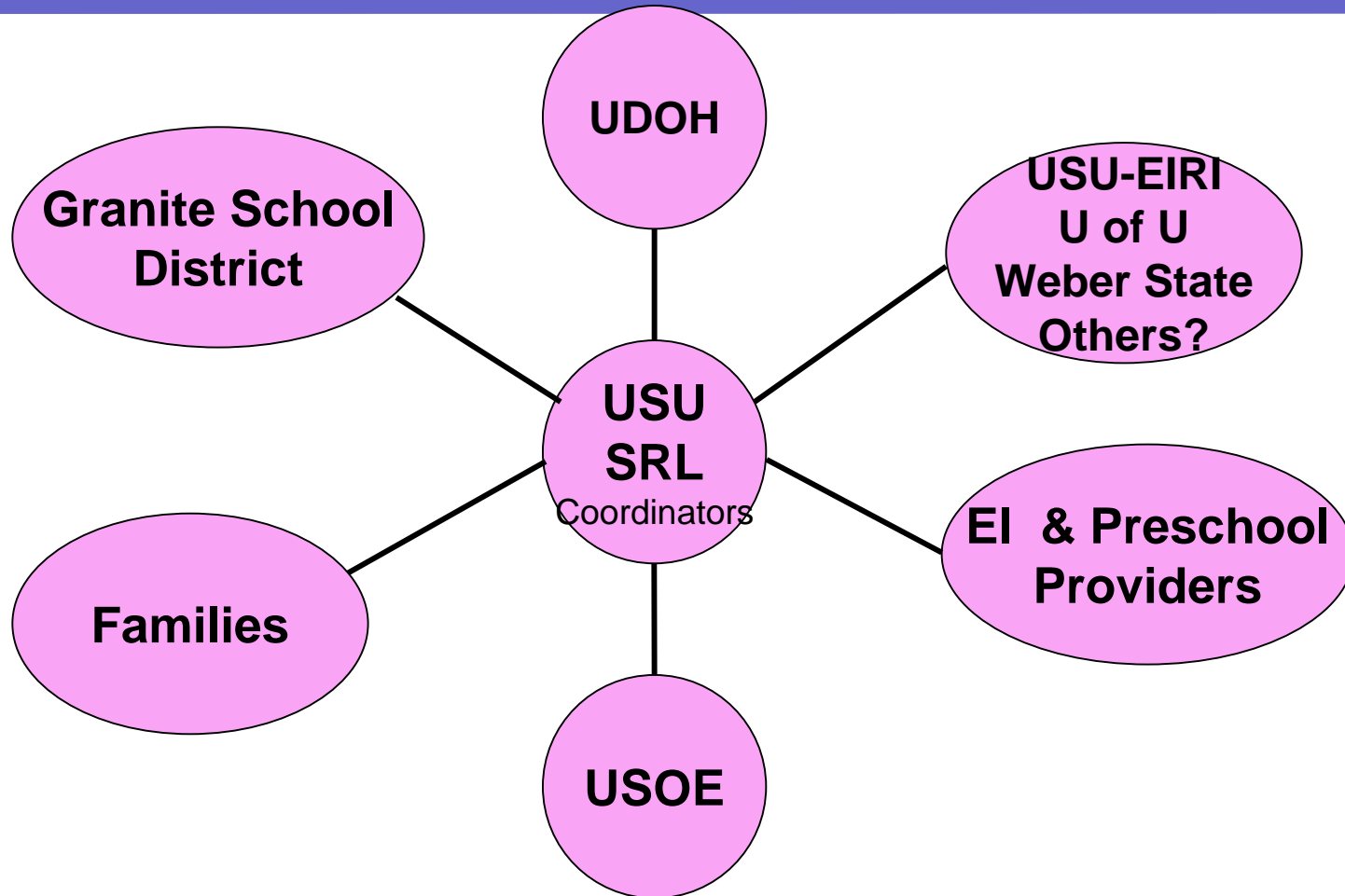
# Utah Early Childhood Outcomes will--

- Establish an outcome system that provides data to:
  - **Meet National reporting requirements (OSEP-APR)**
  - **Improve program services**
  - Gather effectiveness evidence for Utah legislature
  - Monitor and alter interventions



# Utah's Early Childhood Outcome System Plan

# Partners



# Utah EC Outcome Goals

- Goal #1: Defining and Measuring Outcome Indicators.
- Goal #2: Validate Part C Data Collection Systems.
- Goal #3: Improve the Tracking and Services of Transitioning Children.

## Goal #1: Defining and Measuring Outcome Indicators

Using a Participatory Action Research (PAR) model, this project will develop Part C and Part B 619 preschool outcome indicators, measurement methodology, and evaluation tools

## Goal #1: Defining and Measuring Outcome Indicators (cont.)

that take into account critical demographic and program service variables for measuring the progress of and adapting the services for our infants, toddlers, and young children with disabilities.

# Expected Outcomes

1. Individuals who use the *Outcome Indicator Systems*, and/or are impacted by them, will be involved in the development and decision-making process.
2. The Outcome Indicator System measurement design and evaluation tools will be easy to use.
3. USOE and UDOH will consider and approve the outcome indicators and evaluation tools.

# Expected Outcomes

4. Outcome indicators will contribute to improving results for children with disabilities.
5. Program Outcomes and Indicators will be used as a framework for verifying, analyzing and reporting data.
6. Validation Reports will be helpful in terms of assessing impact of services.
7. Early Childhood Transition and Child Find systems will operate more efficiently and effectively.

# Commitment

Whenever possible we will....

- Use available data
- Collect data through existing mechanisms
- Embed child and family outcomes data in overall evaluation efforts
- Not require that one method of assessment be used
- Minimize the data collection burden
- Collect valid and reliable data

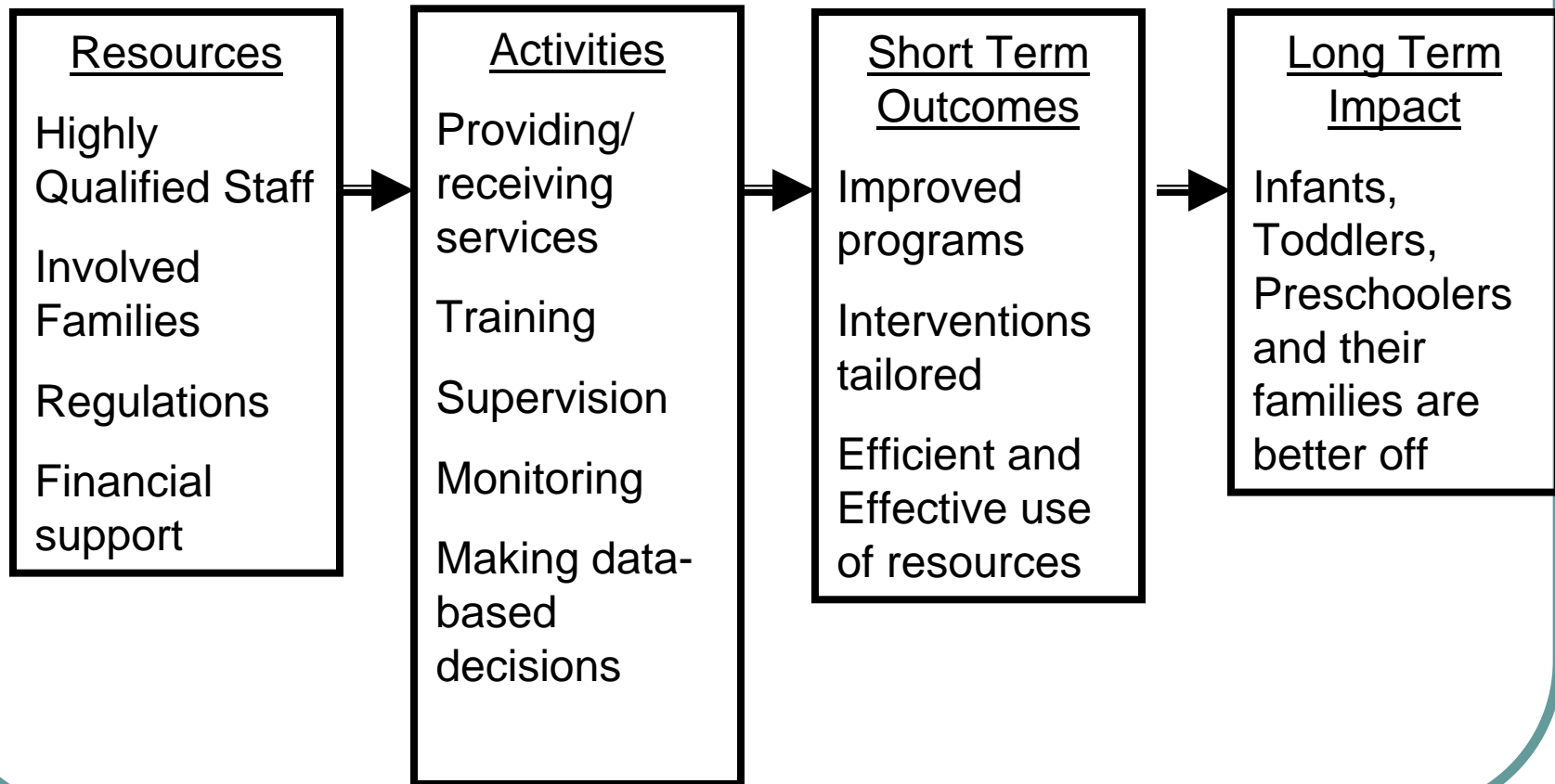
# Outcome(s)

- A statement of a measurable condition(s) desired for the population of children\* or their families.
- **The plan is to establish developmental outcomes for all children.**
- **Examples:**
  - *Children demonstrate physical and motor competence*
  - *Families advocate for the services they need*



# Putting the Outcome System in Context

# A Comprehensive Evaluation System includes:





# Getting Started

# Steps in Developing the Outcomes System

1. Clarify overall purpose
2. Identify outcome areas for children and families
3. Develop outcome statements
4. Formulate evidence statements
5. Identify measurement approaches
6. Identify approaches for analyzing the data

# Steps in Developing the Outcomes System (continued)

7. Build infrastructure for collecting and reporting
8. Collect data
9. Analyze data
10. Report data
11. Refine the approach

# Step One: Stakeholders

- Identify key stakeholders
- Establish a process for their involvement
- Decide how to best get input from families
  
- *We want your involvement and partnership—to learn from one another so that we may better serve the children we share*

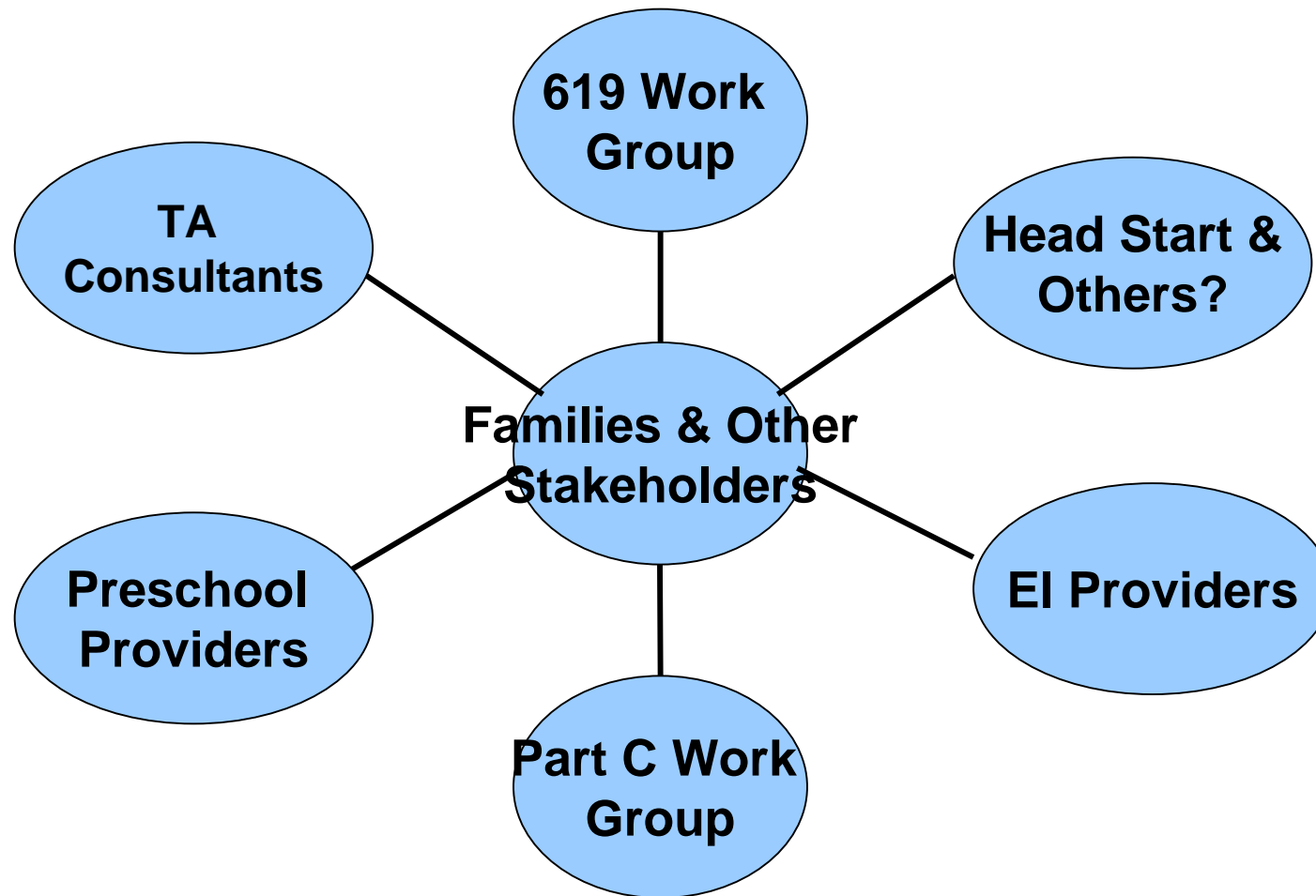
# Activities

- Communication
- Consensus building
- Collaboration
- Technical assistance based on research

# Challenges

- Getting all partners involved
- Establishing a common understanding of the design and implementation of the system
- *That is why we invited you here today... to share the process we intend to use*

# Structure for gathering input



# First Steps ----See “Deliverables”

## Goal #1: Develop Child Outcome Indicators for Part B 619 Program and Develop Child and Family Outcome Indicators for Part C Program.

Objective 1.1 Establish workgroups and feedback stakeholder groups

- Workgroup will contribute expertise
- Stakeholders will provide helpful and constructive feedback
- Workgroup members, stakeholders, USOE and UPDC personnel will share the importance of outcome indicators and the outcomes vision and be inspired to participate and contribute to the development and testing process

- List of members
- Meeting minutes
- Contact log
- =====
- Document review
- Informal interviews

# First Steps-See “Deliverables”

**Goal #1: Develop Child Outcome Indicators for Part B 619 Program and Develop Child and Family Outcome Indicators for Part C Program.**

1.2 Review existing outcome indicators and associated documents

- High quality methods and materials
- Useful products and services
- Time will be saved in developing Utah outcome indicators

Recommendations  
  
Comparison Document

Document review  
  
Informal interviews

Website:

[www.utahecoutcomes.org](http://www.utahecoutcomes.org)

Please check our website for information on our outcomes systems development. Stakeholders who are registered on our website will receive email messages regarding updates to our website. Feedback can be submitted on line as well.

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Thanks for participating

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