Plan a Test of Change

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Two representatives from the EI program our staff meeting on July 25th. Good questions were asked. There was some confusion among the physicians about the referral process. A lengthy discussion followed about how communication and information sharing by EI with our practice needs to be improved. The program manager left her card and encouraged the physicians and staff to call her in the future with any questions or concerns related to these issues.

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All participants completed the evaluation form but it up took too much time. Overall, everyone thought the presentation and information shared was useful. The physicians especially liked the face-to-face interaction. Feedback included that next time 1 or more parents/caregivers who use or have used the services of the invited org/agency should be invited to attend that part of our meeting. Three physicians would like to learn more about the Family-to-Family Health Information Centers.

ACT:  ARE WE READY TO MAKE A CHANGE? Modifications or refinements to the test?
Plan for next cycle:  There is no August meeting. Mary Jo will contact our state’s Family-to-Family Health Information Center and invite them to attend our Sept. meeting. We will also identify 1 or more family(ies) who use the support and/or services that they offer and invite them to attend that portion of our meeting. Rather than collecting the evaluation/feedback on paper, we will test using Survey Monkey and send the URL via email to each meeting attendee after our next meeting.