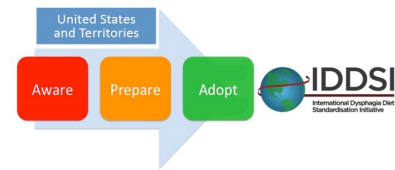


USTIRG e-bite for May-June 2021



Happy Better Hearing & Speech Month to our SLP colleagues. The USTIRG brings you good tidings & exciting updates from our committees as Spring in the USA gets blooming!

A multidisciplinary Regulatory Workgroup has been created to help clear the air about one major question, “Is IDDSI mandatory?” While the response remains no, IDDSI is not mandatory, it *will be the only professional standard*. This group is working on a survey readiness tool and IDDSI implementation checklist to help different practice settings more easily identify the regulatory standards that apply to their site. Look for these resources to be posted to our US & Territories resources tab by the end of May.

The Implementation/Advocacy workgroup is pleased to announce that our Environmental Survey Scan is currently open and available for participation until May 31st. The results of this scan will provide information for developing resources for IDDSI implementation across the US & Territories.

Education/Training is hard at work on finalizing their PowerPoint 101 Introduction to IDDSI series. This will be made available to the public to customize for specific audiences including: 1) Food Service Workers, CNAs and Caregivers, 2) Food Service Operation Leaders, Culinary Staff, RDNs, SLPs and RNs, 3) Doctors and RNs and 4) Administration. They are also releasing a pantry/floor stock reference guide for your after-hours team to safely select IDDSI-compliant foods. Look for these

items coming this month! Their next project will be creating a competency checklist for diet office and tray-line staff.

Research/Data Collection is getting set to analyze results from the Environmental Survey Scan sent out by Implementation/Advocacy earlier this month. Over 1,200 responses have already been collected. This tremendous undertaking will indicate IDDSI implementation status and areas that need support across healthcare settings all over the US & Territories.

The Best Practice Committee continues to develop language use recommendations for IDDSI, stay tuned for their upcoming Q&A releases.

Resources continues to organize & grow the IDDSI library and has developed a rubric for evaluating external documents submitted to the USTIRG to be considered for featuring on the website.

Communications/News is gearing up for more social media features through Insta, LinkedIn & Twitter and is eager to welcome new USTIRG members.