

# The EDEN Project

## **Evaluating the Development and Impact of Early Intervention Services (EIS) in the West Midlands.**

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The EDEN study has been funded by the NCCSDO programme of research on models of service delivery and organisation. It aims to describe EIS development, explore the relationship between different EIS configurations and outcomes and to see how closely different EIS are following the Department of Health guidelines in this area of health care.

The three-year study, which uses a case study approach involving both qualitative and quantitative methodologies, started in July 2003. Each of the 14 EIS across the West Midlands have participated in the study. We have interviewed team leads and team members every 6 months and the four sets of case study interviews have now been completed. We continue to interview service users and carers and also team leads of voluntary and community sector services allied to EIS.

Data analysis will be completed by Spring 2006.