



# I-Suite Update

SEM ARU (SM)<sup>2</sup> (TR)<sup>2</sup> (SA)<sup>2</sup>



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**We are pleased to introduce our newest team members:**

Dena Simonek

and

Sherry Galindo

Dena joins us from Wills Point ISD and will be providing technical support. Sherry, a trainer, will arrive in June after completing her contract in Schertz-Cibolo-Universal City ISD.

## Special Education Manager Spring Update Addresses Client Input

**You asked for it, you got it!**

The upcoming release of the *Special Education Manager* version 7.4 will include 100+ enhancements derived from client comments and suggestions. A few of these changes include:

- ARD/LPAC supplement addressing exit criteria for English Language Learners
- More sources of data in the FIE addressing RTI
- Post-secondary goals for transition
- Added IEP goals and objectives for early childhood, PK, and TAKS-Alt

### TREx Compliance

After the spring update, users will be able to create PDF files that include any, or all, documents in a form set. The PDF files can be saved to your workstation for e-mailing, printing, etc. In addition, upon locking a form set, a PDF file of all the forms in a set will be created and stored automatically. Each district/co-op will be able to customize the order in which the forms are inserted into the PDF files. To take advantage of this new feature, the free Adobe Acrobat reader must be loaded on your server.



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### The IEP—We Listened

- Service providers will have the option of using a “multi-select” screen to add new goals and/or objectives. Users can select any number of items at one time.
- Complete wording of goals and objectives will be visible in filterable lists.
- IEP tabs will be re-ordered, defaults will be re-arranged, and clarity will be provided on the TEKS that span multiple grade levels.
- Districts will have the option of whether the goal coding appears on the printed IEP.

## (SA)<sup>2</sup> Implemented at Multiple Beta Sites

The Student Assistance Administration System (SA)<sup>2</sup> is being installed in districts of various sizes throughout the spring. The challenge of implementing a system that manages the entire intervention process means involvement of the Superintendent’s office, Principals, Directors, Supervisors, Team Leaders and Classroom Teachers. A team effort is required to help all students succeed.

### It Has It All!

(SA)<sup>2</sup> is truly a comprehensive early intervention/intervention system. Documentation and tracking of the following areas are included in one system:

- Response to Intervention
- Section 504
- Language Proficiency Assessment Committee
- Personal Graduation Plans
- Student Success Initiative
- Gifted and Talented
- Behavior Management, including FBAs



(SA)<sup>2</sup> is directly linked to our Texas Test Results Reader (TR)<sup>2</sup> and identifies students in need of intervention based upon TAKS scores. A bank of peer reviewed, research-based strategies is embedded in (SA)<sup>2</sup> to assist teachers in developing intervention plans. Strategies can then be tracked to note progress.

Contact GG Consulting for more info about (SA)<sup>2</sup>.

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### 3 User Conferences Planned

Three summer conferences/new user training sessions will be held (Austin: 8/5 & 8/6, Dallas 8/12 & 8/13, and Houston 8/14 & 8/15). More information will be sent out soon. Our semi-annual user conferences will no longer be held in conjunction with TCASE (no worries, lunch is still a go!!); therefore, it is important that each district/co-op attend one of these conferences. A wide selection of workshops will be offered, including what's new in 7.4, and special sessions for (SM)<sup>2</sup> and (SA)<sup>2</sup> users. Other topics include Reports, Student History, FIEs, IEPs, File Maintenance, customizing pull-down lists, Case Management, and Administrative Functions.

### Year-end Rollover

It's time to start thinking about preparing for your year-end rollover. In the next few weeks, GG Consulting will be sending out documentation on how to prepare for it. This will include tasks like:

- Locking forms—staff should start now
- Identifying retained students
- Verifying school information
- Scheduling the rollover—how and when
- Etc.

There finally seems to be a lull in the changes required for Medicaid claims. Recently, however, HHSC did inform everyone that beginning next September you will no longer be able to bill Medicaid for specialized transportation..

Last summer, GG Consulting was the first to pass EDI's complete NPI submittal testing. To facilitate use of the program, we have created a new look by highlighting required fields. Additionally, other changes to improve program performance have been implemented.

### Service Tracking at your Fingertips



## The S<sup>2</sup> Side of (SM)<sup>2</sup>

More and more, districts are expressing an interest in tracking ALL services for “non-Medicaid” related reasons. A few districts may have the unpleasant experience of preparing for due process hearings only to discover that records have been lost or services provided were not consistent with the ARD. Having a centralized database that contains documentation for all services has been extremely useful to our clients, be it in meetings with parents or when preparing for a hearing.

In a future release of (SM)<sup>2</sup>, options will be available to turn off those features required

## In the Pipeline

### *Special Education Manager*

- New IEP user interface
- Expanded PDF file creation
- Integration of IEP progress reports with (SM)<sup>2</sup> service ticket notes

### *Student Assistance Administration System*

- GG Consulting, LLC consultations to promote successful implementations
- Additional research-based strategies

### *Student Services Medicaid Manager*

- Integration of service ticket notes into *Special Education Manager* progress reports
- Optional interface for non-Medicaid claims users
- Required fields highlighted
- A new module to calculate IEP Ratios, Transportation Ratios etc. will be installed on (SM)<sup>2</sup> user servers in the next few days.

## IMPORTANT:

**Within the next year we will transition to support Windows 2003 Server and later only. If you are using earlier versions of Windows (Windows 2000 Server), please budget for upgrades. More information about this upgrade will be sent shortly.**

**More information about our ASP (Application Service Provider) option will be sent out soon.**

only for Medicaid filing. This will streamline the service tracking process for districts/coops not using the system to file claims.

### (SM)<sup>2</sup> and the IEP

We listen! Many of our users have asked that we provide a way to use service notes in the students' IEP progress reports. After all, “why enter the same thing twice?” In the next release of (SM)<sup>2</sup>, you'll find a link between (SM)<sup>2</sup> and the IEP Progress Report fields. Users will be able to select any, or all, of the progress notes on each ticket.

Did you know there are reports in the Admin/Report Utility to help you with your IEP Ratios?