

## March CSPD TA Update

### **Comprehensive System of Personnel Development (CSPD) Update**

The Integrated Training Collaborative coordinates Virginia's professional development system for early interventionists who provide supports and services to eligible children and families under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

### **Creating Connections to Shining Stars**

Registration will soon be open for this summer's Creating Connections to Shining Stars. The conference is scheduled for July 22-24 in VA Beach. Registration links will be sent to all certified EI providers. We hope you will join us!

### **CCSS 2014 Survey**

We recently sent a survey to all certified EI providers to gather input regarding your preferences for the 2014 early childhood conference. Respondents can share their opinions regarding conference format, location, etc. If you did not receive an email announcement with the survey link and you would like to make share your opinions, please contact Cori Hill at [cfhill@vcu.edu](mailto:cfhill@vcu.edu) and she will forward the link.

### **CoPA at the Beach**

We are delighted to announce that Rebecca Landa, Ph.D., CCC-SLP from the Kennedy Krieger Institute in Baltimore, MD will be our special guest for the CoPA at the Beach session during this summer's CCSS conference. Dr. Landa is the founder and director of the Center for Autism and Related Disorders (CARD). She will share her wealth of knowledge on early identification and strategies to support very young children with autism. Hope to see you there!

### **Kaleidoscope Training** **NEWS FOR KI AND KII**

Mother Nature threw us a bit of a curve ball with the recent March snowstorm. KI, which was scheduled for March 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> in Short Pump, had to be cancelled due to snow and ice. The following plans outline the changes for KI and KII. Please read carefully.

- We will hold **KI on April 11th and 12th at the Wingate Hotel in Short Pump** (same location and times as originally planned.)
- We are **postponing KII until October**. This decision was made for several reasons:
  - We had a relatively small number of registrants and it was determined that we could easily incorporate all participants into one training;
  - The hotel where we were to hold KII does not have any available space through August 2013; and
  - It is hoped that new funding will decrease the burden to local systems in the new fiscal year.

The Part C office will work with all SCs to extend time requirements/deadlines without penalty.

The fall KI and KII trainings will be held in the Valley region. Specific dates and location will be available soon.

## **What's New at the Professional Development Center?**

### **Talks on Tuesdays**

Talks on Tuesdays webinars are held on the first Tuesday of each month from noon-1:00 pm. Sessions are archived for those who are not able to participate during the live webinar.

Our next session will take place on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Molly Dellinger-Wray from the Partnership for People with Disabilities will share her expertise on preventing child abuse and neglect of young children with disabilities

**Registration is available now at:** [http://www.eipd.vcu.edu/webinar/march\\_webinar\\_index.html](http://www.eipd.vcu.edu/webinar/march_webinar_index.html)

Upcoming ToT topics include:

- May 7<sup>th</sup> - Encouraging Language Development (Dr. Lissa Power-deFur, Associate Professor and Director, Center for Communication, Literacy and Learning at Longwood University)

### **New Resources on the Training Website**

Check out the Virginia Early Intervention Professional Development Center website at [www.eipd.vcu.edu](http://www.eipd.vcu.edu) for new resources, including:

#### **NEW Blog Feature – Strategies Q&A**

Got a question about EI practices? Do you need a fresh idea? If you want to ask about a strategy or get ideas for professional development, then go ahead and ask! We've added a new feature to the blog, **Strategies Q&A**, where you can submit a question to help you in your work with children and families. You can also browse through the questions and answers we've posted so far!

The idea for this resource came from Jennifer, an early interventionist with the I&TC of Rappahannock-Rapidan. Thanks for the great idea! ☺

- ✓ Find the Strategies Q&A page on the *EI Strategies for Success* blog at <http://veipd.org/earlyintervention/faqs/>

#### **NEW Blog Posts**

Subscribe to the blog where you can learn about and share practical strategies with other early interventionists! Check out these recent posts and leave a comment!

- You Can Teach Anything with Bubbles & a Ball!
- Why Determine Outcomes Before Services?
- To Give Homework or Not To Give Homework
- You're Invited...What Do You Do?

- ✓ Find it at <http://veipd.org/earlyintervention/>

#### **NEW Module Series**

If you haven't found these yet, check out our newest series of online modules!

#### **Data Analysis Process for Local System Improvement – 4 Modules**

The goal of these modules is to assist local system managers in integrating data into the ongoing administration of local early intervention systems. The modules cover preparation, inquiry, and action planning.

Find them on the VEIPD eLearning site at <http://www.veipd.org/elearning/>

## **ARCHIVED WEBINARS**

In case you missed the last *Talks on Tuesdays* webinars, look out for the archived versions:

### **Visual Impairments and the Effect on Development Tying the Knot: Engaging Families Beyond Early Intervention Visits**

- ✓ Find them under *Talks on Tuesdays 2013 Recordings* at [http://www.eipd.vcu.edu/sub\\_2013\\_talks\\_tuesdays.html](http://www.eipd.vcu.edu/sub_2013_talks_tuesdays.html)

## **GREAT RESOURCES**

### **Resource Landing Pads - Dual Language Learners & Cultural Competence**

Visit the Dual Language Learners landing pad for resources related to supporting children who are learning more than one language in the home. The Cultural Competence landing pad will provide you with more information about supporting families using culturally competent practices.

- ✓ Find them under *Cultural Competence* at [http://www.eipd.vcu.edu/sub\\_cult\\_comp.html](http://www.eipd.vcu.edu/sub_cult_comp.html)

### **Virginia's Part C Early Intervention Vision Screening Process**

Dept. for the Blind and Visually Impaired (DBVI)

This 5 part training series has been developed by the Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired to help identify possible vision problems (Parts 1 & 2) and to clarify the suggested methods in Virginia's Early Intervention Vision Screening process (Parts 3, 4 & 5). Use this training package to learn or review at your own pace.

- ✓ Find them under *Visual Disabilities* at [http://www.eipd.vcu.edu/sub\\_visual.html](http://www.eipd.vcu.edu/sub_visual.html)

### **QMR Guidance**

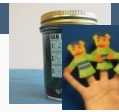
Access a variety of resources related to preparing for quality management reviews.

- ✓ Find them under *Local System Oversight & Management* at [http://www.eipd.vcu.edu/sub\\_local\\_sys\\_mgt.html](http://www.eipd.vcu.edu/sub_local_sys_mgt.html)

### **Training Calendar**

Don't forget to visit the Training Calendar for upcoming professional development opportunities available in Virginia, online, and nationally as well!

- ✓ Find it at [http://www.eipd.vcu.edu/training\\_calendar.html](http://www.eipd.vcu.edu/training_calendar.html)



## What's Sprouting Up at AcornDreams?

February 2013 Newsletter

Highlights from AcornDreams.com, a service of Wingspan, offering tips, blogs, and resources for developing young children's social skills and healthy habits.

### This Month's Focus: Helping Young Children Manage Their Strong Feelings

#### Our Most Popular Blog Post

We've all seen children's feelings go from 'cheerful to tearful' in the blink of an eye. Our blog post, [Children Can Practice Calming Down By "Shakin' it Up!"](#) offers a new twist on how you can guide children to deal with those big emotions. See how a sparkly glitter jar can help remind children to calm themselves down.



#### AcornDreams Calm Down Pinterest Board

Take a look at our [Calm Down Pinterest](#) board. You'll find activities, tools, and pictures to help children (and you!) calm down. Feel free to re-pin anything you find useful. And please let us know if you have ideas that we can add to our board. While you're there, see our other boards to help children build positive social-emotional skills.

#### Newest Free Resource: A Quiet Place

Download our newest [free resources](#) available in the Store and Resource Center. "A Quiet Place" can help children choose to calm down when they are experiencing strong feelings. AI's Place serves as a Quiet Place for programs already using *AI's Pals* and *AI's Caring Pals*. Others may find this free download helpful in setting up and using a Quiet Place to help children develop self-control. There's also a handout to send home so parents can further reinforce the use of a Quiet Place by their children.

#### AI Finger Puppet Helps Children Develop Self-Control

Some educators are finding it helpful to keep an [AI Finger Puppet](#) in their pockets. This makes it easy for children to talk to AI when they have big feelings. We'd love to hear your creative ways to use the finger puppet.

#### Coming Soon!

*Healthy AI Healthy Me* is our new 7-Lesson curriculum that teaches young children about healthy food choices and the importance of physical activity. The interactive lessons engage children through brainstorming, movement, games, stories, music, and basic scientific discovery. If you are interested in learning more right now, call us at 804-967-9002.

For more ideas and resources to help develop children's social-emotional skills and healthy decision-making visit [AcornDreams.com](#), a service of Wingspan, LLC.



### Take Note-Professional Development Opportunities

*Please note that any shared professional development activity requires each practitioner to ascertain relevance to his/her work. No endorsement of any activity not offered through the state Part C office should be assumed.*

### **Home Visiting Consortium Trainings**

The Home Visiting Consortium is offering numerous training across the state over the next several months. Topics include Family Engagement and Retention, Adult Mental Health, and Substance Abuse and Pregnancy. For a detailed schedule, visit:

<https://aceware.jmu.edu/wconnect/ShowSchedule.awp?&Mode=GROUP&Group=COMHVC&Title=Home+Visiting+Consortium>

### **DSS Training Calendar**

The Department of Social Services has released their current training calendar. While many of the topics are designed for childcare providers, early interventionists may also find relevant sessions such as Ages and Stages Questionnaire training. Many sessions are offered online. For details visit:

<http://www.ccwa.vccs.edu/pdf/DSSCatalog.pdf>

### **CHILDSavers Winter/Spring Play Therapy Training**

ChildSavers announces their upcoming winter/spring play therapy professional development activities. For a calendar of events and details, visit:

<http://www.childsavers.org/playtherapytraining.htm>

### **Speech and Hearing Association of Virginia (SHAV)**

March 21-23, 2013

Richmond, VA

For details, visit: <http://www.shav.org/conference.html>

### **Virginia's Child Abuse Prevention Conference**

April 15, 2013

Richmond, VA

For registration, see: <http://vapreventionconference2013.eventbrite.com/#>

### **SAVE THE DATE:**

#### **Integrating Music and Communication Therapy – *The TuneUps Approach***

April 20, 2013

Norfolk, VA

For more info, contact: Carrie Cilento, M.A.CCC-SLP at: [Carrie.cilento@chkd.org](mailto:Carrie.cilento@chkd.org) or 757-668-2418

### **Early Childhood Inclusion Institute**

May 13-15, 2013

Chapel Hill, NC

For details, see: <http://inclusioninstitute.fpg.unc.edu/>

### **Got Culture? Exploring the Relationship between Culture and Children's Mental Health**

The Office of Child and Family Services in partnership with the Office of Cultural and Linguistic Competency is pleased to offer regional workshops on Cultural Competency as it relates to child and family services.

For dates, locations and registration, visit: <http://www.eventbrite.com/org/1536575258>

### **2013 Carolina Summer Institute in Auditory-Verbal Therapy**

The UNC School of Medicine's Ear and Hearing Center is sponsoring this conference.

June 8-14, 2013

Durham, NC.

For more information or to register, please visit their website:

<http://www.med.unc.edu/earandhearing/events/carolina-summer-institute-in-auditory-verbal-therapy>

**RBI Certification Institute**

July 15-19, 2013

Chattanooga, TN

For more information, visit: [www.siskin.org/RBI](http://www.siskin.org/RBI)

**Creating Connections to Shining Stars**

July 22-24, 2013

VA Beach, VA

The call for proposals is available at: [http://www.eipd.vcu.edu/annual\\_conference.html](http://www.eipd.vcu.edu/annual_conference.html) Registration will be available in early spring.