

November 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).

Kaleidoscope Training

Data are currently being collected regarding all certified EI TCM/SC providers to determine which localities still have service coordinators in need of KI and KII. The next trainings will be in the months indicated below with dates and locations to be determined soon:

- March 2012 KI
- April 2012 KII
- June 2012 KI (only if data supports the need for additional training)

Outcomes Training

A special thank you to our colleagues in Abingdon and Roanoke for welcoming us for training on “A Family-Centered Approach to Developing Quality Outcomes” on November 7th and 8th. We had great turn outs for both events, training over 160 providers and service coordinators. We are also very appreciative of the collaboration and support from the VT T/TAC. For more information or to schedule an Outcomes training in your location, please contact Cori Hill (cfhill@vcu.edu) to learn more.

Quik Reference Guides

Speaking of outcomes, does your system need more copies of the “Writing Good Outcomes” Quik Reference laminated cards? If so, please contact Deana Buck at dmbuck@vcu.edu or (804)827-0198. Supplies are limited.

Also NOW AVAILABLE: Quik Reference laminated cards on “Asking Good Questions with Families.” Participants who attend the Outcomes training in November will receive copies. If you are not in the Roanoke or SW regions and you are interested in receiving copies of this laminated tool for your region, please ask your LSM to order copies in bulk from Deana Buck at the number/email above.

What’s New at the Professional Development Center?

Talks on Tuesdays

Talks on Tuesdays 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.

Mark your calendars for our next Talks on Tuesdays webinar on **December 6th**. The topic is: **“Thinking Outside the...Bag: Coaching in Natural Environments”** with Dr. Corey Herd. Registration information will be emailed in the near future.

The November Talks on Tuesday with Tracy Miller on Sensory Processing archived webinar is now available online at:
http://www.eipd.vcu.edu/talks_tuesdays.html

Talks on Tuesdays will continue in February, 2012. **Please note that we will not hold a “Talks on Tuesdays” in January due to the holiday schedule.** Please mark your calendars for 2012 and join us on the first Tuesday of each month from 12:00-1:00PM.

New Resources on the Training Website

Check out the Virginia Early Intervention Professional Development Center website at www.eipd.vcu.edu for new resources, including:

NEW Online Module

The ITC is delighted to announce the launch of another new interactive online module! This module may be used toward recertification and can be found by following the links below.

1-3-6 Process: A Roadmap for Newborn Hearing Screening and Follow-Up

This module is the second in a series of modules designed to help early intervention practitioners, and medical doctors navigate the Early Hearing Detection and Intervention process in Virginia. You can also find the first module in the series, **Rules of the Road: A Foundation for Understanding Early Hearing Detection and Intervention**, can also be accessed at the urls above.

- ✓ Link to the module via
<http://www.eipd.vcu.edu/onlinetrainings.html>
OR find it on the VA Early Intervention Professional Development Center’s new elearning site at
<http://veipd.org/elearning/>

Sensory Processing in Infants & Toddlers - Archived Webinar now available!

In case you missed the last Talks on Tuesdays webinar with Tracy Miller, you can catch the archived version. Many participants requested the ability to download a pdf of the PowerPoint slides, so these are now also available.

- ✓ Find it at http://www.eipd.vcu.edu/talks_tuesdays.html

New resources for Child Development & Play:

Check out the Resources tab under Child Development & Play for links to new video, podcast, and print resources, including:

Brain Rules for Baby Videos

This series of videos are based on the book, *Brain Rules for Baby* by John Medina and were recommended by our October Talks on Tuesdays presenter. Brain research related to a variety of topics, such as discipline, breastfeeding, and communication, are covered in an accessible, easy-to-understand format.

“Little Kids, Big Questions” Podcast Series

Zero to Three

Little Kids, Big Questions is a series of 12 podcasts with leading experts that translates the research of early childhood development into practices that mothers, fathers and other caregivers can tailor to the needs of their own child and family.

Learn the Signs. Act Early. - Virginia Handouts

A series of handouts from the CDC’s Act Early campaign have been adapted for Virginia. These handouts are available in English and Spanish and cover the following topics:

- Asperger Syndrome
- Autism Spectrum Disorders
- Cerebral Palsy
- Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy
- Developmental Screening
- Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders
- Fragile X Syndrome

✓ Find links to all of these resources at http://www.eipd.vcu.edu/sub2_child_dev_resources.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

Check It Out

To support your ongoing professional development, be sure to visit these resources:

- ✓ **Shifting Perspectives: Images of Down Syndrome**
Be sure to take a peek of the beautiful work of this father who photographs children with Down syndrome. Visit: <http://beta.wosu.org/artzine/shifting-perspectives/>
- ✓ **Tots 'n Tech October 2011 Newsletter: Smart Tables**
Source: Tots 'n Tech Research Institute - Retrieved November 10, 2011
The Tots 'n Tech Research Institute's October 2011 newsletter is now available online. It contains information about the SMART Table, which is an extension of the SMART Board. The SMART Table allows children to work together on one surface and it was designed specifically to promote collaboration, discussion, and social relationships. This issue and previous issues of the Tots 'n Tech newsletter are available online at <http://tnt.asu.edu/home/news>
- ✓ **Side-by-Side Comparisons of the 2011 Final Part C Regulations to the 1999 Regulations**
Source: Council for Exceptional Children, Division for Early Childhood, and the Infant Toddler Coordinators Association - October 17, 2011
To help special educators and early interventionists understand and implement the recently released and updated IDEA Part C regulations, the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC), its Division for Early Childhood (DEC) and the IDEA Infant Toddler Coordinators Association (ITCA) have released a side-by-side comparison of the 2011 final Part C regulations, published on Sept. 28, 2011, to the 1999 Part C regulations. It is available for downloading in its entirety or by subparts at http://dec-sped.org/PolicyAdvocacy/IDEA_Part_C_Changes

ITCA is also developing topical side-by-side charts comparing the 2011 final Part C regulations with the 1999 regulations by topic. These side-by-sides are being published online as they become available at <http://www.ideainfanttoddler.org/regulations.htm>
- ✓ **"Tele-Intervention" - Bringing Specialized Services to Families of Young Children with Hearing Loss**
Source: National Center for Hearing Assessment and Management - Retrieved October 17, 2011
Tele-intervention (TI) is a growing method for bringing specialized services to families of young children with hearing loss. The National Center for Hearing Assessment and Management (NCHAM) has recently released a new Tele-Intervention Resource Guide (October 2011), which reflects the pioneer efforts of six EI programs from across the country. It highlights recommended practices for conducting TI sessions and includes

- information about technology considerations, licensure and reimbursement, and how to ensure privacy and security. Information about a learning community of TI providers is also provided. To learn more, go to <http://www.infanthearing.org/ti-guide>
- ✓ **ZERO TO THREE's podcast series, Little Kids, Big Questions**, addresses some of the most common (and challenging) issues facing parents of babies and toddlers, such as: helping a baby learn to sleep through the night; dealing with a picky eater; and learning to set limits on children's behavior. These questions—and more—are covered in this series of 12 podcasts, hosted by Ann Pleshette Murphy, a past contributor to ABC's Good Morning America Parenting Segment and author of several parenting books. Each podcast features an interview with an expert that focuses on how to apply the research of early childhood development to your daily interactions with your baby or toddler. Available at: <http://www.zerotothree.org/about-us/funded-projects/parenting-resources/podcast/creating-healthy-connections.html>
 - ✓ **New Tutorial on Partnering with Families in Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation**
Source: Center for Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation - Retrieved October 13, 2011
The Center for Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation (CECMHC) has published a new toolkit designed to provide early childhood mental health consultants with an understanding of key practices that support strong, relationship-based partnerships with families. Consultants can use the information to strengthen their own relationships with families and to coach other caregivers of young children to strengthen their bonds with families. Tutorial 8: Partnering with Families in Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation is available online at <http://www.ecmhc.org/tutorials/family-engagement/index.html>

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.

Square One (Hampton Roads Area)

Square One is offering numerous training opportunities to support early childhood providers. Topics include infant-toddler developmental milestones, relationship building, working with families with substance abuse concerns, building infant brains, and more. Sessions are offered throughout the months of October, November and December. Some scholarships are available and certificates are awarded for in-service training hours. For more details and to register, visit: www.SqOne.org and click on "online trainings."

DEC 2011: The 27th Annual International Conference on Young Children with Special Needs and Their Families

November 17-19, 2011

National Harbor, MD

Watch for upcoming information available at: <http://www.dec-sped.org/Conference>

DEC members who are willing to volunteer for 4 hours may receive a 50% discounted registration fee. For more details contact Sandy Wilberger at slwilber@vcu.edu

VCU Commonwealth Institute for Child and Family Studies Annual Fall Conference in Psychiatry-“Exploring High Fidelity Wraparound-Pennsylvania’s Model”

November 18, 2011

Richmond, VA

For more details, see: <http://www.cicfs.vcu.edu/springfall.htm>

2011 TASH Conference-“No Excuses: Creating Opportunities in Challenging Times”

November 30-December 3, 2011

Atlanta, GA

For more details, see: <http://tash.org/conferences-events/tash-conference/>

Commonwealth Autism Services: 11th Annual Autism Conference, “Autism: Imagine the Possibilities”

March 7-8, 2012

Richmond, VA

For more information, check out: <http://www.autismva.org/2012conference>