

THE COMPREHENSIVE SYSTEM OF PERSONNEL DEVELOPMENT (CSPD)

The Integrated Training Collaborative (ITC) continues to work on the expanded professional development deliverables through ARRA funding. The professional development portal which will house Virginia's early intervention professional development opportunities will soon be live. For details regarding the professional development work plan, please see: <http://infantva.org/documents/pr-ITC-ARRA-Grant-ProfDevel-201008.pdf>.

Assistive Technology

The ITC sponsored a webinar with Dr. Pip Campbell entitled, "Using Assistive Technology to Promote Children's Participation" on assistive technology for young children. Dr. Campbell provided practical strategies and simple accommodations to promote increased participation. The webinar will be posted on the professional development portal within the next few weeks. Following the webinar, Dr. Campbell provided two follow-up sessions in Tidewater and NoVA. The Tidewater session was telecast live to three additional locations to provide statewide coverage. It is anticipated that Dr. Campbell will continue to collaborate with Virginia to assist in the development of local "AT Teams" in some localities. Watch for further information.

Kaleidoscope

Kaleidoscope, Level I (KI), will be held on October 25th and 26th in Fairfax. This session is full. There will be another KI offered in April 2011 in Waynesboro. Please note that this is the final KI for this grant year so please plan accordingly. More details will be available and distributed via the listserv soon. Additionally, plans are underway for KII. Please watch the listserv for dates and location.

SpecialQuest Birth to Five Resource Materials

SpecialQuest (SQ) Birth to Five is a national effort that is designed to touch the "head, heart, and hands" of families and professionals working together to create inclusive communities for young children with disabilities. This relationship- and team-based approach enhances and sustains inclusive services, family leadership skills, and integrated, collaborative service delivery. The vision of SQ Birth to Five is that states and local communities, including Early Head Start and Head Start programs and their community partners, collaborate to provide high quality inclusive services for young children with disabilities and their families. This work is supported by embedding the SpecialQuest approach, materials, and resources into professional development and service systems.

Virginia received long-term technical assistance from SpecialQuest Birth to Five and the state's Leadership Team continues to work to share the materials and approach with early childhood providers across the state. The training materials are packaged in a Multimedia Library. SpecialQuest Birth to Five has agreed to provide a Multimedia Library for each local Part C system in Virginia. They will be distributed in this fall to LSMs during upcoming regional meetings.