

**Integrated Training Collaborative Meeting**  
**July 20, 2015**  
**Agenda**



Attending: Cori, Dana, Beth, Erin, Tracey, Sheryl, Anne, Beth, Adele, Kris, Carol, Patty, Pam, Mira, Adrienne, Deana, Catherine, Corey, Cathy

1. Welcome, Announcements, & Celebrations

Kris – GMU T-TAC is hosting an EC Institute on impact of bilingualism on social-emotional development. Dr. Amy Santos (Univ. of Illinois) is presenting on August 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. Expecting great attendance numbers, lots of Part C folks coming.

Cori – Dana is receiving DEC doc student award at DEC conference.

Welcome to new members – Mira Williams (JMU professor) and Tracy Phillips Edman

2. State & National Activities

*I&TC office, T/TACs, VCPD, universities, local systems, Partnership, others*

- Dawn Hendricks is new Early Childhood Specialist (619 Coordinator for ECSE) and will be starting soon (9/25). Phyllis Mondak retired in April.
- JMU Content Teaching Academy – held every summer for all age groups with different subject matter; usually about 20 different academies. EC academy focused on *Mind in the Making* book. 30 invited attendees across agencies, across EC activities. Attendees will now be in a regional cadre as they were trained as trainers and will go out and train others. Everyone is required to train at least 2 groups over the course of 2 years.
- Workshop on integrated central intake at VCU in August – several staff from Erin’s program will be attending. Goal is to help localities set up centralized intake. Trying to get Richmond to be the next group to do this. Erin will send flyer/link.
- State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP) for Part C – currently in 6 year planning and implementation process. Leadership teams are working on planning now; teams include Data, Coaching/Natural Learning Environment Practices, Assessment, and Local System Capacity. Will include lots of planning and stakeholder input. Look under Supervision & Monitoring and SSIP on [infantva.org](http://infantva.org) to see notes from leadership team meetings. Stay tuned for lots more info. Activities of SSIP will impact the work of the ITC during implementation phase as we will be building PD resources.
- VCPD (VA Cross Sector Professional Development) team – Includes all VA agencies who work on early childhood; focuses on those who provide PD. Planning a revitalization of Institute of Higher Education (IHE). IHE feel by the wayside several years ago. Planning a faculty institute October 22-23 with invited attendees (2 and 4 year faculty, training and TA reps). Trying to build capacity and collaboration.
- Part C applied for and was granted specific TA for fiscal initiatives through the Center for IDEA Early Childhood Data Systems (DaSy). Will address how to advocate for system and track data to make decisions.
- Early Childhood Personnel Center (ECPC) – addressing PD for early childhood systems. VA sent a team this year, including reps from Part B, DSS, Part C, Arc, VCPD, doc student (Christie Johns –

ITSN), and Child Care Aware. Identified priority areas. Could get some TA including on-site support. Plan to see where this work intersects with SSIP work.

- New article available for free from Dunst's work on evidence-based practices in EC professional development. Available on *Infants & Young Children* journal site. Deana will send link. (link is posted in chat)

### *Upcoming Conferences*

- DEC – Oct 7-9 in Atlanta
- Children's Mental Health Symposium – Oct 16 in Richmond
  - Through Bonnie Grifa and early childhood mental health initiative.
  - Look on [ecmhva.org](http://ecmhva.org) for info.
- Zero to Three – Dec 2-4 in Seattle

### 3. Updates on current ITC work and tie to ITCVA Priorities and SSIP

- ITC workplan – under development, will share once it is ready
- CCSS2015 – Had conference on July 8-10 in VA Beach at Wyndam. App for conference program worked well, used to send updates, complete evals, maps, find sessions, etc. First year conference went all green and had an app. Had a little trouble with wifi in hotel but worked it out. Tech support was wonderful. Liked how sessions were organized into 0-3, 2-5, 0-5 areas. Sessions were great and more interactive this year. Very enthusiastic participants, shared stories, asked questions. 488 registered participants (500 was max). Nice array of vendors and really broad array of participants from different agencies across the state. Had about 166 people who had identified as affiliated with EI (rough count). Planning meeting to debrief 2015 conference in August and discuss planning for next year. Great collaboration among people. Everything was put together really well for volunteers/session hosts. Many direct service providers from EI were presenters. Check out VEIPD facebook page for pics of EI presenters. Feels like an intimate environment, people were very comfortable sharing and learning, really wanted to participate in learning about practice. Great opportunities for collaborating with colleagues from other fields.
- Certification Modules Revisions
  - THANKS to the testers for the Overview module – helped us identify issues to make things run more smoothly for actual users; Overview module is first in series and provides info about mission and key principles of EI. In final stages. Had to test to ensure that data transmitted to Part C certification system. May need to test one more final time to ensure glitches are fixed. Need testers: Pam, Carol, Mira, Tracey, Erin, Adele, Patty (if needed). Testers will get an email from Carrie (eLearning Specialist) once the module is ready for testing.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> module package – EI Process, includes one module on steps in the EI process and a second short module on outcome development.
  - Both Overview and EI Process module packages will hopefully launch this Fall together.
  - Next 2 cert modules under development: FCPs and an iteration of the old practitioner requirements module
  - Sneak peek at Family-Centered Practices
    - Beth – planning to look at results on child outcomes; parent participation is critical to child learning so want to get across the concept of the importance of this and not judging families; including joint plan; planning to capture this throughout this package, and especially in the Supporting Caregiver Learning module (3<sup>rd</sup> in this package)

- Video collaboration with Home Visiting Consortium
  - We are developing an element with the HVC on professional boundaries based on our blog post scenarios. These will be short elements to be incorporated into new projects.
- Coaching Facilitation Guide
  - The Guide is almost ready – thanks to the small group that has worked with Dana to develop this resource. The Guide follows the structure of the Coaching Handbook (from Dathan and M’Lisa) and provides resources, links to tools, questions for supervision, etc. Jeanne is formatting the document now. We are discussing how to disseminate this resource so that people know how to use it in action. Tracy Miller and Dana have been using this at the community level and have made final revisions. It will also be posted with a power-point that is being used in the Valley to orient new staff. We would love to have feedback about this tool as you begin using it.
- SSIP meetings and PD initiatives (see above)
- VCPD Faculty Institute (see above)

#### 4. Request for Assistance from ITC Members:

- Final recommendation about Talks on Tuesdays
  - Traditionally host 9 of these per year. They are time-consuming. This year we tried some strategies to increase participation, including the use of the blog. Beth and Anne shared very positive feedback from the field (mostly shared at regional meetings). LSMs depend on the ToT for professional development. The issue of reducing the time of event to 1 hour may increase our participation as the 2 hour issue was a problem. Some LSMs also mentioned holding them at alternate times of the day. We may also need to have options/slots for additional webinars for the work of the SSIP groups.
  - We have surveyed LSMs about changing the day or time of the ToTs – perhaps we should also survey providers for topics, too.
  - Topics for us to consider? Please let us know.
  - Is it possible to embed a question (in chat) about how many people are with you during the session so that we can get a better picture of the actual number of participants? We will try this in the fall.
  - We will proceed with the survey of topics for the future and also time/date for them in the future.
  - We can also “sell” these as a way to meet professional development requirements in announcements in the future.
  - Anne also shared that they Part C staff often use the archived webinars as part of support for local systems that need to make improvements.
- Ideas needed for most pressing PD needs for next year
  - See above
  - Please let us know about urgent issues from your setting.
- Input on Procedural Safeguard module for providers
  - As part of the module revisions, there is already a PS module in the SC module. There is some discussion about offering this to all providers. If you are interested in helping with this project, specifically what is needed by providers regarding procedural safeguards please let Dana know. She’s also looking for providers to help with this project.
- Input on additional disability specific resources needed
  - Traumatic Brain Injury

- Let us know if you have other ideas
  - Ideas for blogs
    - Managing multiples? – We do have a blog post on this topic: [Twins & Siblings: Supporting Families of Multiples](#)
    - We would LOVE more ideas for blog postings! Please contact Dana with ideas and can also help if providers want to contribute an idea.
5. Other Business?

Do you have a colleague who might be interested in the work of the ITC? Let us know!