

April 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

The FINAL Kaleidoscope training for this fiscal year (ending 6/30/11) is scheduled for June 9th and 10th in Richmond. The training is booked to capacity, however, if you would like to be placed on a waiting list, please contact Cori Hill at cfhill@vcu.edu.

Outcomes Training

In March, the Integrated Training Collaborative worked with the JMU T/TAC to offer a training session for Part C providers, administrators, and service coordinators in the Valley region. The training is entitled, "A Family-Centered Approach to Developing Quality Outcomes." This interactive session explores the differences between the medical model and a supports and services approach to early intervention. It also includes discussion of natural environments, natural learning opportunities, and effective tools to gather family information to write good outcomes. Participants practice writing outcomes, short term goals and identifying the service provider(s). If you are interested in learning more about this training or scheduling in your region, please contact Cori Hill (cfhill@vcu.edu) to learn more.

What's New at the Professional Development Center?

Talks on Tuesdays

Mark your calendars! Talks on Tuesdays will resume on May 3rd from 12:00-1:00 p.m. In recognition of May as Infant Mental Health Month, our featured speaker will be Mary Mackrain, a national consultant on social emotional development and a level IV endorsed Michigan provider. Mary will present on, "Ready, Set, Resilience: Understanding and Supporting Infant Toddler Protective Factors (attachment, initiative and self-regulation)."

Please hold these dates for upcoming, exciting Talks on Tuesdays (topics are tentative):

June 7 – Data Management

July 5 - Transition

August 5 – Collaborating with Families

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:

Using Webinars for EI Re-Certification Info - Did you know that you CAN use webinars to meet re-certification requirements for your VA early intervention certification? Check out ***How You Can Use Webinars for EI Re-Certification*** for lots of ideas for how to combine a 1-hour webinar with another professional development activity so that it will “count” towards recertification.

- Find it on the Talks on Tuesdays page at http://www.eipd.vcu.edu/pdf/webinars_ei_recertification.pdf

Coming Soon!

Be sure to check the website often for these upcoming resources:

Deafness and Hard of Hearing Resource Landing Pad – Our latest landing pad is almost ready to be posted!

NEW Tools of the Trade and Supervisor’s Toolbox Resources – Several new resources will be posted soon, including tracking charts (for tracking child specific info, timelines, etc.) and timeline calculators.

Online Modules – We have several online modules in the works that we hope to have ready in the coming months:

- IFSP 101: Introduction to the *Infant & Toddler Connection of Virginia’s* IFSP Development Process
- Autism Spectrum Disorder in Infants and Toddlers: What Every Early Interventionist Needs to Know
- The Social-Emotional Development of Young Children
- Data Management

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

Check it Out!

Updated Teaching Tools Includes Strategies for Toddlers

TACSEI’s Teaching Tools for Young Children (TTYC), a resource that gives teachers practical strategies to create a plan to support young children who are having challenging behavior, is now available in an updated version that includes strategies for toddlers! The teaching tools routine-based guide includes prevention, intervention, and response strategies that might be used to support toddlers with challenging behavior. In addition, there is an expanded manual that includes using TTYC with toddlers, a decision tree, forms for teaming, tips for consultation to the classroom, and guidance on assessing implementation and outcomes.

These great new tools are all in addition to the valuable resources that were made available in the original TTYC including:

1. easily accessible ideas and materials such as handouts, worksheets, techniques, strategies, and visuals to support children in the classroom and other learning environments, and
2. ideas of effective intervention approaches for children who do not need a functional assessment to determine the function of the child's problem behavior or a team-based process to address persistent challenging behavior.

Be sure to visit the TACSEI website to download these valuable materials to use in your classroom!

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.

Essentials for Healthy Home Practitioners Course

May 4-5, 2011

Location: Northside Family Learning Center

800 West Graham Road Richmond, VA 23222

Time: 8:30 am- 4:30 pm

This two day workshop is designed to provide attendees with an understanding of the connection between health and housing and how to take a holistic approach to identify and resolve problems, which threaten the health and well-being of residents. The training complements hazard-specific training in lead-based paint, radon, mold, pests, and asbestos. It identifies root causes of health problems in a home and links them to seven principles of healthy housing. CEUs provided. For more information, see:

<http://www.healthyhomestraining.org/Practitioner/index.htm>

CEC 2011 Convention & Expo (National Harbor, MD)

April 25-29, 2011

The Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) 2011 Convention & Expo is the largest professional gathering of the special education community. This event offers you an unparalleled experience with more than 800 sessions to help you learn the latest in evidence-based practices; explore innovative technologies, products, and services; and network with other professionals working with children with exceptionalities and their families.

For more information visit:

<http://www.cec.sped.org/Content/NavigationMenu/ProfessionalDevelopment/ConventionExpo/default.htm>

USF Offers Fully Online Certificate in PBS

The *Florida Center for Inclusive Communities* of the *University of South Florida* is currently recruiting graduate students for a **fully online Graduate Certificate in Positive Behavior Support (PBS)**. This certificate program offers an evidence

based approach to resolving challenging and supporting prosocial, behavior in children and youth within schools and early education settings. Courses include Intensive Individualized Positive Behavior Support, Consultation and Collaboration, Addressing Challenging Behaviors in Young Children, and School-Wide Positive Behavior Support that are taught by PBS leaders in the field (Drs. Don Kincaid, Heather George, Bobbie Vaughn, Kwang Sun Blair, and Lise Fox). For information on the program, please see the [web site](#) or contact Dr. Bobbie Vaughn at bvaughn@usf.edu.

**Abuse and Neglect of Children with Disabilities: A Collaborative Response
An Interdisciplinary Video Teleconference for Parents of Children with
Disabilities and Professionals Serving Children with Disabilities**

This training is offered by the Partnership for People with Disabilities, in collaboration with the Virginia Department of Social Services, the Virginia Department of Education, the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services, and Norfolk State University.

May 12, 2011 Fairfax, Richmond, Norfolk, Fishersville

For more information visit: www.vcu.edu/partnership/pnstraining/news

Project Connect Home Visitor Training

Please note that registration numbers are low in Arlington (May 9, 2011) and Winchester (May 23, 2011). Please sign up now so that sessions are not cancelled! The training dates and registration are available at www.jmu.edu/outreach For more information, contact: taylo2hl@jmu.edu

VDSS Child Care Training Schedule

REGISTRATION IS NOW AVAILABLE!

The Virginia Department of Social Services, Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Development, in partnership with the Community College Workforce Alliance, will offer more than 60 classes this spring including THREE NEW OFFERINGS:

- Building a Healthy Brain
- Early Math for Infants and Toddlers
- Growing up WILD

. . .and many more topics! Take advantage of these great class opportunities to meet your training requirements and/or to learn something new and different. Visit online at: www.ccwatraining.org/VDSS.cfm

The World of Autism: Understanding, Treating and Living with Autism Disorders

April 28, 2011

Abingdon, VA

For more information, contact: Letitia Barrett at 276-619-5315.

Beyond the NICU: Serving Premature Infants and Their Families

May 23, 2011

Raleigh, NC

Understanding the potential impact of prematurity, medical conditions and the NICU experience on infant development and family stress is critical to supporting premature infants and their families. This workshop will provide a framework for understanding medical risk factors, neurobehavioral development, intervention strategies as well as the impact of the NICU experience on families. For more information contact: Brenda Nabors 919-350-8545 or bnabors@wakemed.org

Positive Practices in Behavioral Supports through Nonlinear Applied Behavior Analysis

June 21-24, 2011

Richmond, VA

The Institute for Applied Behavior Analysis® was cofounded in 1981 by Drs. Gary W. LaVigna and Thomas J. Willis. IABA® provides supported employment, supported living and youth services to individuals with challenging behavior in California. IABA® is committed to providing the most advanced and highest possible quality services in support of people with challenging behavior. For more details visit: www.iaba.com

NAEYC Annual Conference & Expo

November 2-5, 2011

Orlando, FL

NAEYC conferences bring together early childhood educators representing many roles -- teaching staff, program administrators, students, researchers and teacher educators -- to discuss the latest ideas and learn from one another. The NAEYC Annual Conference & Expo is the largest early childhood education conference in the world, where tens of thousands of educators choose from hundreds of presentations and exhibits. For more information visit: <http://www.naeyc.org/events>

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-spced.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