

August 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

WOW, what a great conference! Thanks to those who were able to join us for The Creating Connections to Shining Stars conference that was held July 16th-18th in VA Beach. Four hundred ten (410) early childhood providers from Part C, Part B, Head Start, and private childcare joined together for our collaborative conference. Participants enjoyed the keynote from Dr. John Almarode on early brain development. CoPA at the Beach featured Dr. John Harrington sharing current autism research. The coaching institute with Dr. Dathan Rush and Dr. M'Lisa Shelden geared us up to begin our focused efforts on coaching in early intervention. Participants shared comments such as, "This is the best one yet. I really liked the collaborative focus", "There were so many more EI options this year," and "This is fabulous. Let's do it again." Thanks to members of the I&TC of VA staff and ITC members for all of their efforts to make this a success.

Kaleidoscope Training

The fall Kaleidoscope trainings have been scheduled and registration is open:

- KI-September 27th and 28th in Lynchburg. To register: www.vcu.edu/partnership/KI
- KII-October 22nd and 23rd in Charlottesville. To register: <http://www.vcu.edu/partnership/KII>

Spring KI and KII trainings will be held in March and April. Detailed information will be provided when available.

IMPORTANT REQUIREMENT PRIOR TO KI:

Please be advised that effective immediately, there will be a new prerequisite requirement for all service coordinators prior to attending Kaleidoscope, Level I training. This new prerequisite has been implemented at the request of numerous supervisors and service coordinators who have requested detailed IFSP training.

Each participant, prior to registering for KI, is required to successfully complete the online training module: **IFSP 101: Introduction to the Infant & Toddler Connection of Virginia's IFSP Development Process** available at: <http://www.eipd.vcu.edu/onlinetrainings.html>. If you are a new user to this online module site (which is a different site than the one used for initial certification), you will be required to register. This one-time registration process will allow you to access future modules on this website. **KI participants will be required to bring their certificate of completion to the KI training in which they are enrolled.**

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 **September 4th from 12:00-1:00 PM**. The topic is currently being confirmed so watch for the registration announcement coming out soon!

Here are more upcoming topics for Talks on Tuesdays webinars:

- Oct 2nd – Effective Documentation Practices
- Nov 6th – Medicaid Waivers
- Dec 4th – Receptive Communication Strategies

To help you prepare for our ToT webinars, keep these tips in mind:

1. Check your system requirements by visiting <http://bit.ly/webinarcheck> and complete steps 1 and 2.
2. Login 15 minutes early----every time.
3. Keep Blackboard's technical support information handy: 1-877-382-2293.
4. Use a wired internet connection versus a wireless connection.
5. Use the phone for audio, and mute your computer's sound.

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:

ARCHIVED WEBINARS

In case you missed the last few *Talks on Tuesdays* webinars, be sure to catch the archived versions:

- Where is "Near Somewhat?": Integrating Indicators into the IFSP**
- The Foundation of the Pyramid: Social Emotional Development within the Context of Nurturing Relationships and Supportive Environments**
- ✓ Find them at http://www.eipd.vcu.edu/talks_tuesdays.html

Looking for the archived Implementation webinars? Parts 1 & 2 are archived under *EI Topics & Trends*, under the *Local System Oversight & Management* tab.

- Put Away the Panic Button! Implementing the New Part C Federal Regulations in Virginia, Part 1 and Part 2**
- ✓ Find them at http://www.eipd.vcu.edu/sub_local_sys_mgt.html

NEW RESOURCE LANDING PAD

Check out this new Resource Landing Pad for lots of helpful information related to supporting families of children with visual impairments:

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

GREAT RESOURCES

Concerns about Autism: Talking to Families

This handout provides EI practitioners with guidance for how to talk to families about autism spectrum disorders under two common circumstances: when the practitioner has a concern and when the parent expresses a concern. This handout was adapted with permission by the Community of Practice in Autism (CoPA) group from a similar resource from the CDC's Learn the Signs. Act Early Campaign.

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

CASEtools – Coaching Practices Rating Scale for Assessing Adherence to Evidence-Based EC Intervention Practices

This CASEtool includes a brief overview of coaching practices, a description of the Coaching Practices Rating Scale, and an explanation of how to use the scale to determine the extent to

which a practitioner uses the characteristics of coaching as part of his or her work with a family member or in supporting a colleague.

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

Using Primary Service Providers & Coaching in Early Intervention Programs

Definition and Characteristics of Primary Coach Approach to Teaming: Moving Beyond Multidisciplinary Practices

This technical assistance/training packet includes handouts and quizzes providing information about coaching and the transdisciplinary primary provider model to service delivery and teaming. This resource was developed by the Life Span Institute at Parsons, University of Kansas.

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

Home Visiting Consortium Offers New Training

Plan First: A Tool for Home Visitors is a specialized training offered by Virginia Department of Health for the Virginia Home Visiting Consortium. The training will introduce home visitors to the Virginia Medicaid Family Planning Program known as Plan First. Through this training, home visitors will learn how Plan First is an important resource for families to plan if and when to have more babies. Participants will learn who is eligible, what services are covered and not covered, and how to apply.

Upon completing this training, home visitors will be prepared to help eligible persons enroll in and use Plan First. To access the course, visit: http://homevisitingva.com/?page_id=1114 For more information, contact Heather Taylor: taylo2hl@jmu.edu

Mandated Reporter Training

The Mandated Reporter training offered by Virginia Department of Social Services has been updated and is available by following the link below:

http://www.dss.virginia.gov/family/cps/mandated_reporters/cws5692/CWS5692%206.21.12.htm

Additional information about Child Protective Services and Mandated Reporter information and training can be found at: <http://www.dss.virginia.gov/family/cps/index2.cgi>

Zero to Three-New Video Resource

Starting Life Without a Home: Supporting Homeless Families in Nurturing Their Infants and Toddlers
This short video from Zero to Three is based on a Congressional briefing, which tells the story of how to support homeless infants and toddlers. Click the link above or try:

<http://link.brightcove.com/services/player/bcpid4853363001?bckey=AQ~~,AAAAAP1OrgE~,Pg4k-7G5h8q5f5a18Ed-9RBn57qq9pZW&bctid=1543532738001>

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.

Family, Infant and Preschool Program 40th Anniversary Speaker Series

In celebration of their 40th anniversary, *the Family, Infant and Preschool Program* in Morganton, North Carolina is sponsoring a series of three, one-day workshops this Fall featuring Winnie Dunn, Ph.D., OTR, FAOTA, Robin McWilliam, Ph.D., and Gerald Mahoney, Ph.D. The cost for each workshop is only \$25.00. Continuing education credits are available for an additional \$20.00 through Northwest AHEC. Space for each workshop is limited, so register early. We hope you or someone from your program will be able to join us. For more information, please see:

<http://www.fipp.org/speakerseries.html>

Building Bridges II: Developmental Disabilities in Racially, Culturally, and Linguistically Diverse Communities

September 28, 2012

Eastern Henrico Recreation Center

Henrico, VA

Building Bridges II is a one of a kind conference that explores issues relative to developmental disabilities in multicultural communities. Nationally recognized presenters will explore models and best practices for supporting diverse populations. For more information contact:

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The Arc's National Convention and International Forum: Achieving Inclusion Across the Globe

October 25-28, 2012

Washington, DC

Join The Arc and Inclusion International at the 2012 National Convention and International Forum to connect with members of the intellectual and developmental disability community from across the globe. For details visit:

<http://www.thearc.org/page.aspx?pid=2824&srctid=1&erid=2940132&trid=bbba0996-88cb-4234-b285-43df3cd0b9b5>

28th Annual International Conference on Young Children with Special Needs & Their Families

October 28-30, 2012

Join colleagues from around the world to explore the evidence, consider practical strategies, and engage in discussions that will change the way you think. This comprehensive professional development experience will offer over 300 outstanding presenters who will inspire your work with transformative approaches. Go to <http://www.dec-sped.org/Conference> for details.

OCALICON 2012: The Premier Autism and Disabilities Conference

November 14-16, 2012

Columbus, OH

For more information, visit: <http://conference.ocali.org/>