

## **Comprehensive System of Personnel Development (CSPD) Update**

The Integrated Training Collaborative coordinates Virginia's professional development 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**

Kaleidoscope, Level II was held in Williamsburg on December 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> for approximately 65 service coordinators. We appreciated the collaboration with our colleagues at the College of William & Mary who helped us secure meeting space and logistics.

A final KII will be offered in the spring in the Fredericksburg area. Dates and location will be announced soon.

The last KI for this contract year will be held April 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> in Waynesboro. Registration is open and space is limited so please register early. Details and registration are available at:

<http://www.vcu.edu/partnership/Kaleidoscope/index.html>

### **What's New at the Professional Development Center**

EVERYTHING! 😊 Come check it out at <http://www.eipd.vcu.edu> We have new Resource Landing Pads, two archived webinars, a mini-lesson on Outcome Development and links to national resources. Lots more is on the way!

### **Talks on Tuesdays**

The first Talks on Tuesdays was held on 12/7/10 and featured a field trip to the new Early Intervention Professional Development Center website [www.eipd.vcu.edu](http://www.eipd.vcu.edu) as well as an overview of the CONNECT modules which also provide outstanding professional development materials <http://community.fpg.unc.edu/connect-modules> Thanks so much to all who joined us. For those who were not able to participate, please access the archived file available on the EI Professional Development website.

Our next Talks on Tuesdays will be held on **January 4<sup>th</sup> from 12:00-1:00 p.m.** This webinar will focus on prematurity and the efforts of the Virginia Prematurity Work Group. Speakers will include NICU and Early Intervention providers. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us. Registration information will be available soon.

The February Talks on Tuesdays will take place on February 1<sup>st</sup> from 12:00-1:00 p.m. This session will provide information on the use of informed clinical opinion in eligibility determination. Our speakers will be Part C staff.

Following each Talks on Tuesdays, participants will receive an email survey to provide feedback and suggest additional topics. We value your input and look forward to hearing from you.

Integrated Training Collaborative (ITC) is pleased to announce a pilot professional development opportunity during the months of December, January, and February. On the **first Tuesday of each month from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.**, the ITC will sponsor “**Talks on Tuesday**” which will feature a webinar on an identified priority training need based on the professional development surveys that were conducted last winter. Topics may include: assistive technology, outcome development, use of the Practice Manual, etc. Presenters will include national consultants, Part C staff, the EI training staff and experts in the field. Several days prior to each webinar, participants will receive an email for registration and details regarding how to access the webinar. Following each webinar, participants will be asked to complete a brief (5”) survey to determine efficacy, desire to continue the webinar series, and input on additional topics.

The first “Talks on Tuesdays” will be held on **Tuesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> from 12:00-1:00 p.m.** This talk will feature an exploration of the new EI web portal and the CONNECT modules. Additional information including registration process and webinar access will be sent soon. **All** early intervention providers are encouraged to mark their calendars join us!

### **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.*

**The Play Lab Course-**The University of Mary Washington is currently registering for the spring session of “The Play Lab” class. This course, EDSE 547: Special Topics in Special Education: Autism, will meet on Monday evenings from 6-8:40 starting in January. We are receiving great reviews of this course from students and families currently involved in the Play Lab! No previous experience is necessary! Students also receive a 300.00 tuition reimbursement for this course. Students may take this class for up to 2 semesters. Spots will fill up quickly so please contact Connie Gallahan as soon as possible if you are interested in taking this class at cgallaha@umw.edu or (540) 286-8032 to get registered.

**AT Resources-** Do you want to know more about best practices in assistive technology? Are you wondering how you might infuse this information into your work? Here are a few resources that you may find helpful.

The Virginia State Directed Assistive Technology Project has a new website that provides a wealth of this information. You can easily link to this at

<http://ttaonline.org:2177/> . In addition, keep abreast of cutting edge changes/trends in assistive and learning technologies by checking out the AT Blog at <http://www.assistivetechology.vcu.edu> . The blog has been recognized nationally by readers and experts in assistive technology around the country. You might even consider subscribing to our blog through an RSS reader such as [Google Reader](#) for convenience and to receive daily updates.

**Medicaid Waiver Workshops**-The Waiver Training and Information grant program has scheduled Medicaid Waiver Workshops and webinars. For more information please visit: [..\Medicaid workshop list 9.30.2010.doc](#)