

January TA Update

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

The FINAL Kaleidoscope trainings for this fiscal year (ending 6/30/11) are now scheduled. Please be sure to register early as space is limited.

KI will be held April 12th and 13th in Waynesboro. Registration is open. Details and registration are available at:

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

KII will be held March 23rd and 24th in Fredericksburg. Registration is open at:

<http://www.vcu.edu/partnership/Kaleidoscopelevel2/>

What's New at the Professional Development Center

Have you checked out the EI Professional Development Center at <http://www.eipd.vcu.edu> ? Make a point to tour the site at least monthly to see the new items posted.

Talks on Tuesdays

We are excited about the enthusiasm surrounding our "Talks on Tuesdays" or ToTs as we call them. On January 4th, the ToT featured information about prematurity including the new changes in VA for eligibility for premature infants. A special thank you to Tina Hough, Nancy Brockway, and Ginny Heuple, our "in the field experts" for their hard work in preparing and presenting. The archived webinar will be available soon.

The February Talks on Tuesdays will take place on **February 1st 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 Kyla Patterson and Bev Crouse from the Part C office.

Initial survey evaluations from the December and January ToTs indicate that this is a professional development method that is working well for many. We will review the results from the February ToT and make a determination about continuing these webinars. Stayed tuned!

Outcomes Training

In September, the Integrated Training Collaborative worked with the ODU T/TAC to offer a training session for Part C providers, administrators, and service coordinators in the Tidewater region. Providers in two additional regions have

requested the training and plans are now being finalized to offer the training in those localities. If you are interested in learning more about this training content, please contact Cori Hill (cfhill@vcu.edu) to learn more.

QMR and Documentation Webinar

Thanks to Dana Childress, ITC Training Specialist and Mary Anne White, Part C Monitoring Consultant, for their work on a webinar about the Quality Management Review process and effective documentation. The webinar, hosted on January 10th, provided an overview of the QMR process and also provided examples of quality documentation practices. The webinar content will be posted on the early intervention professional development center website (www.eipd.vcu.edu) in the near future.

Faculty Institute

The ITC is pleased to announce the upcoming **Virginia Early Childhood Faculty Institute: Embedding CSEFEL and SpecialQuest Birth – Five Materials into Higher Education** which will be held February 28th and March 1st at JMU. This institute is designed for two and four year faculty to increase their awareness of professional development activities that are occurring in Virginia for children birth to five. They will also be assisted in embedding social-emotional and inclusive practices resources into their current coursework.

Work with National Projects and Initiatives

Staff members from the Integrated Training Collaborative's training team have been working closely with staff from national training projects and initiatives, in order to bring those resources to Virginia. Virginia continues to receive assistance through the National Professional Development Center on Inclusion (NPDCI), and priority work relates to conducting a survey to gather information about professional development providers in VA's early childhood system. Our SpecialQuest team remains strong in Virginia, and plans are underway to host additional training of trainer activities in the near future. Staff from the ITC have been attending regional meetings to share SpecialQuest Multimedia materials with all LSMs. If you are interested in learning more about SpecialQuest, please contact Deana Buck at dmbuck@vcu.edu or Selina Flores at selinaf@vt.edu.

Project staff continues to work with Pip Campbell, OTR, through the Tots-N-Tech initiative to bring additional assistive technology expertise to Virginia. Project staff is also working with the Center for Early Literacy and Learning (CELL) initiative at the Orelena Puckett Institute. Project staff are working with Rob Corso from the Center for Social Emotional Foundations of Early Learning (CSEFEL) to share his expertise with faculty members at the upcoming Faculty Institute. Finally, project staff are working closely with Part C staff at the Data Accountability Center (DAC) to develop learning modules related to the use of data for performance management, compliance, and quality practices.

Resources Needed!

We are collecting resources to share and post on the Professional Development Center website and we need your help! We'd like to post resources such as **checklists** and **charts** that you use in your daily work to keep track of the families you support, keep yourself organized, monitor timelines, train new staff, etc. Please send us what you use so that we can share the wealth of knowledge and resources we have across the state. You can send your resources to Dana Childress at dcchildress@vcu.edu. Thank you!

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.

Evidence-based Intervention for Toddlers with Autism Spectrum Disorders

This webinar will provide an overview of the Early Achievements model of early intervention for Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD). Important ingredients of very early intervention for ASD will be discussed. Following the presentation there will be time for questions and answers.

Presenter: Dr. Rebecca Landa, Director, Center for Autism and Related Disorders, Kennedy Krieger Institute Associate Professor, Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine

Date and time: Tuesday, January 25th from 4:00PM to 5:00PM EST
To register, visit <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/574069600>

Developing Social Emotional Skills in Infants and Toddlers - course sponsored by ODU TTAC. For more information, see:

http://ttac.odu.edu/public/file/Developing%20Social%20Emotional%20Skills_Feb23.pdf

Project Connect Home Visitor Training Series has added/confirmed additional training dates and sites. Please visit:

<https://aceware.jmu.edu/ShowSchedule.awp?~~GROUP~COMHVC~Home+Visiting+Consortium~COM>

A FREE video lecture on **Early Signs of Autism Spectrum Disorder** recorded in 2005 by Dr. Stanley Greenspan is available for all to view at:

<http://www.icdl.com/portal/>

The **Down Syndrome Association of Greater Richmond** Education Committee has developed workshops for the next six months. Topics include: sexuality and developmental disabilities, oral motor therapy and more. Visit the following site for details: www.dsagr.com

Same Sky Sharing: Program Overview and Facilitation is a JMU program for children in military families, designed to help them successfully navigate deployment. For more info, visit:

<http://vapt.cisat.jmu.edu/sameskysharing/index.html>

The **ABC (Advanced Behavioral Competencies) Project** at the Children's Center in Franklin is offering courses in social-emotional development. The series includes: Early Brain Development, Nurturing Secure Relationships and more. For details, please contact: Corrie Walker at cwalker@thechildrenscenter.cc or (757) 562-6806

Shining Stars 2011 Conference – Call for Proposals

Virginia's 8th Annual Early Childhood Conference "Shining Stars: Charting the Future for Today's Children" will be held at The Cavalier Hotel in Virginia Beach, VA, from Monday, July 18th through Wednesday, July 20th, 2011. This statewide conference will focus on evidence-based practices that facilitate the social and emotional development of infants, toddlers, and preschoolers in inclusive settings. The conference is designed for early childhood special educators, early childhood educators, Head Start personnel, Title 1 personnel, Even Start providers, early intervention providers, administrators, paraprofessionals, and families.

If you would like to submit a proposal for a conference session, please visit

http://ttaonline.org/staff/s_events/s_event_detail.asp?cid=1674

New Resources

ZERO TO THREE has been at the forefront of promoting reflective supervision as an essential feature of working effectively with young children and their families. This Insider features our latest publications along with classic resources to help you build your library and enrich your work with infants, toddlers, and their families.

NEW!

Reflective Supervision and Leadership in Infant and Early Childhood Programs

By Mary Claire Heffron and Trudi Murch

ISBN: 9781934019900

Item No: 422-OLB

Price: \$39.95

240 pages

Free *Zero to Three* article:

Reflective Supervision: Supporting Reflection as a Cornerstone for Competency

http://main.zerotothree.org/site/DocServer/31-2_Weatherston.pdf?docID=11942