

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).

Welcome to Rebecka Anderson

Rebecka Anderson was recently hired as the technology specialist at the Partnership for People with Disabilities. She will be working on two grant projects including The ITC/ARRA project and the Early Detection and Hearing Intervention Project. Rebecka was formerly the technology specialist with SpecialQuest. She will be telecommuting from California.

Kaleidoscope Training

Kaleidoscope, Level I was held in Fairfax October 25th and 26th for 54 service coordinators. Additionally, eight new K trainers participated and “learned the ropes” about the preparation and set up, training, and the wrap up activities.

KII will be offered at the College of William & Mary on December 9th and 10th. Register early; space is limited. Registration is now live at:

<http://www.pubinfo.vcu.edu/partnership2/kaleidoscope2/kaleidoscopelevel2.asp>

The last KI for this contract year will be held April 12th and 13th 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>

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

Supports and Services Training

Training on supports and services was provided in the Tidewater region for approximately 125 providers in late September. Despite torrential downpours, flash flooding, and tornado watches, providers had the opportunity to learn more about family-centered practices and the developmental approach to EI services. A special thanks to ODU TTAC for their collaboration with this professional development opportunity. Watch for upcoming information about Part II to be scheduled for the spring. If your region would like this type of training, please contact Cori Hill at cfhill@vcu.edu

ASQ Training

Training on the Ages & Stages Questionnaire was held in Western Tidewater in October in collaboration with the Home Visiting Consortium. Fourteen providers from local Healthy Families, Health Department, nursing students, and early intervention programs attended the half day training. For information about trainings offered through the Consortium, visit <http://homevisitingva.com/>

Online Credentialing Modules

Do you still need to take any of the online credentialing modules? Log-in information for these modules is now editable. Providers may change their demographic information and have their password re-set if they've forgotten it. The modules are available at: <http://www.eitraining.vcu.edu>

Early Intervention Web Portal

Development continues on the Early Intervention Web Portal. As content modules, resources and other tools are finalized, we hope to begin posting them to the portal in the next month and to have the portal "live" by January, 2011.

On November 2nd, Larry Edelman from the University of Colorado joined the EI training staff for an informative consultation session about web-based professional development. In response to feedback from local system managers and practitioners, several efforts are proceeding to develop high quality, interactive, accessible online learning opportunities that will be available via the EI web portal.

For example, several new online modules are being developed related to IFSP development and autism spectrum disorders that will be available on the early intervention web portal in the coming months. The autism modules will address an introductory level overview of autism spectrum disorders in infants and toddlers; intervention strategies; and sensory processing. For the sensory processing module, the ITC is partnering with the Virginia Autism Council (VAC) to modify parts of its Strategies face-to-face training to be available in an online format.

To support local systems and practitioners in compliance with documentation requirements, a training opportunity is being developed related to the QMR process and documentation. It is anticipated that this opportunity will be provided in a webinar format in early January 2011. Other tools such as checklists are also being developed to help local systems and practitioners manage documentation, timelines, and other requirements from the Practice Manual.

Other information is also in the works to be available on the portal, including mini-lessons about IFSP development and the supports and services approach that LSMs and supervisors can use to support the professional development of their staff. Resource landing pads are almost completed, and a general resource list of state and national initiatives will also be available.

Talks on Tuesdays

The 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 7th 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://ttaconline.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.assistivetechonology.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](#)

