

❖ STATE and NATIONAL ACTIVITIES

- VA DEC Updates:
 - Voting for professional development coordinator and treasurer will occur soon (Serra do you have the date for this?)
 - Social media presence: website (<https://www.vadec.org>) and Facebook where blogs and merchandise are available
- CEC VIRTUAL Legislative Summit July 13-4. [Registration info](#)
- DEC Conference will be held virtually. Dates TBD.
- Zero to Three Conference (virtual) Oct 5-9. [Registration info](#)
- DEC EI CoP Webinar, Implementation of a Primary Service Provider Teaming Approach: Lessons Learned-Boots on the Ground, is scheduled for Sept 23 from 3-4:30PM. Registration opens closer to Sept. (Reminder-you do NOT have to be a DEC member to participate in DEC Communities of Practice.)
- The EI Universal Curriculum is developing “Teaming Tidbits”-five short modules highlighting various challenges related to teaming and collaboration. Goal is to be ready by late fall.
- The National SC Leadership Workgroup is finalizing the Knowledge and Skills of Service Coordinators which will be available for state use by late fall.
- The DEC Service Coordination Community of Practice is reviewing feedback on the draft Joint Position Statement on the Role of Service Coordination. We did receive feedback from VA practitioners. Overall, feedback was very positive. The final version of the position statement will be submitted to the DEC Executive Board this summer.

❖ HIGHLIGHTED WORK PLAN DELIVERABLES

- Kaleidoscope-currently scheduled for November 2020 pending pandemic situation.
- Sept/Oct Talks on Tuesday-planning underway possibly with an ECMH topic.
- Functional Assessment Learning Path-95% completed. Finalizing last video. Hope to go into the testing phase at the end of July.
- SC Chat, Your Powerful Role in the Child Outcome Summary Process, will be held July 28 from 12-1PM. [Registration](#) is robust with 75 SCs registered.
- Lisa Terry continues to provide intakes, support and technical assistance to ITC of Portsmouth. An RFP is out for a new lead agency/fiscal agent for this system.
- Plans under development for two provider online professional development opportunities including one for new providers (less than one year on the job) and another for seasoned providers (more than 18 months on the job.)
- Collaboration underway for a new EI/Preservice Consortium consisting of JMU, GMU, ODU and VCU. Focus is on sharing resources, supporting preservice development for future early interventionists, and assisting with field placements.
- EI on the Fly - All episodes in our [first series on functional assessment](#) have been posted. We are recording episodes for our next series on teaming, which will be launched soon. We have over 7,000 downloads from Podbean so far with more from other host sites.
- Blog - Posting to the blog is paused while we update the template. We currently have 1,463 subscribers.

- Learning Bytes - Three new learning bytes about tele-intervention and tele-assessment have been posted. Each new LB is a multi-session plan that supervisors can use to facilitate virtual staff development across 2-3 sessions. Look for links to them beside “NEW” on the [LB’s home page](#).
- Research - Dana is collaborating with faculty from Salem State University in MA on a survey study about the experiences of providing and receiving EI via telepractice for practitioners and families. We hope to launch the survey in VA and two other states by the end of the summer. ITC staff are also working on a research project examining the Kaleidoscope training process.
- Telelections Series- We ended with our 27th Telelections video highlighting all 26 videos from early interventionists around the state. To view the entire Telelections series, click on the Video tabs button of the [COVID-19 and EI Tele-Intervention Updates](#) page.
- Help us continue to build our followers and subscribers on all our social media platforms: [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [YouTube](#). Our social media is an easy way to stay-up-to-date on our current events and access resources.
- aRPy Ambassador: Lisa is the VA DEC Recommended Practices (aka: aRPy) Ambassador. She is working with Telisha Woodfin from Part C office to develop a handout about Coaching and Telehealth: Implementing the RPs (one for providers and one for families) as well as creating an infographic on the overarching connections between OSEP, ECTA, DEC, DBHDS, and why it matters.

❖ NEXT MEETING

- October 26 from 10:30-12:00