

## *ESSO WEEKLY MEMO*

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## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### **1. Webinar: Using Video to Enhance Early Intervention Services**

**Tuesday, April 22, 2014, 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM ET**

*A Webinar from AUCD's Early Intervention/Early Childhood Special Interest Group*

This webinar will illustrate the many ways that digital video can be used to enhance a number of key early intervention practices, including assessment, evaluation, documentation, planning, family support/engagement, self-reflection, coaching, reflective supervision, professional development, virtual participation, and more. The session will review recommendations for equipment, shooting, file management, editing, security, and sharing video files. An in-depth resource guide will accompany the session.

#### **Presenters:**

Larry Edelman, M.S., is a Senior Clinical Instructor at JFK Partners, of Pediatrics, University of Colorado School of Medicine. As an ongoing consultant to the Colorado Department of Education's Results Matter Initiative and the California Department of Education's Desired Results access Project, he assists with the development of approaches to assessment, child and family outcomes measurement, professional development, technical assistance, and dissemination.

Currently, the emphasis of Larry's work is on the use of digital video and other technology to enhance early childhood service delivery, professional development, technical assistance, dissemination, and strategic communication activities.

See: <http://www.cde.state.co.us/resultsmatter/RMVideoSeries> and <http://draccess.org/videolibrary/>

#### **Please Note:**

- There is NO cost for this webinar.
- CEUs are not offered for this webinar.
- For disability accommodations contact [Anna Costalas](#) or call 301-588-8252 a minimum of five days in advance.
- This webinar will NOT be recorded.

## MEDICAID UPDATES:

### **2. Medicaid Alerts and Questions**

The Florida Medicaid program has created an e-mail alert system to supplement the present method of receiving Provider Alerts information and to alert registered subscribers of "late-breaking" health care information. An e-mail will be delivered to your mailbox when Medicaid policy clarifications or other health care information is available that is appropriate for your selected area and provider type. Visit the **Florida Medicaid's Health Care Alerts** page at <http://ahca.myflorida.com/Medicaid/alerts/alerts.shtml> to subscribe now, or to unsubscribe or update your subscription at any time.

Please direct questions about Medicaid policies to your local Medicaid area office. The Medicaid area offices' addresses and phone numbers are available on the **Area Offices** web page at [http://portal.flmmis.com/FLPublic/Provider\\_AreaOffices/tabId/37/Default.aspx](http://portal.flmmis.com/FLPublic/Provider_AreaOffices/tabId/37/Default.aspx).

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## [MEDICAID UPDATES, continued:](#)

### **3. Clarification Regarding Children's Medical Services in Medicaid Managed Medical Assistance**

The Agency for Health Care Administration would like to make you aware of important information regarding children who are receiving services through the Department of Health, Children's Medical Services and who are also required to enroll in the Managed Medical Assistance component of the Statewide Medicaid Managed Care program.

#### ***Children who are Currently Enrolled in Children's Medical Services***

Medicaid recipients who are enrolled in the Children's Medical Service (CMS) program and who are clinically eligible for the program can continue to participate in CMS until the statewide implementation of the Children's Medical Services Network (CMSN) plan on August 1, 2014. At that time, they will be automatically enrolled in the CMSN plan, but can choose a different Managed Medical Assistance plan if they desire. All recipients must meet the clinical eligibility criteria for enrollment into the CMSN plan (i.e., children with special health care needs or chronic conditions); this includes siblings. Siblings who are not clinically eligible for the CMSN plan will need to choose a different Managed Medical Assistance plan. Children who are clinically eligible for CMS, but who receive a letter in error requiring them to choose another plan should call the Statewide Medicaid Managed Care hotline toll-free at 1-877-711-3662 (TDD: 1-866-467-4970) to remain in the current CMS program.

#### ***Children who are eligible for both the CMSN Plan and the Child Welfare Specialty Plan***

An exception to the statement above is for children who have an open case in the Florida Safe Families Network. Those children or their representative will receive a choice letter during the Managed Medical Assistance rollout for their region. At that time they can choose to enroll in the child welfare specialty plan, enroll with the CMSN plan, or choose any of the standard plans available in their region. If a choice is not made within the required time frame, the child will be assigned to the child welfare specialty plan. However, the recipient or their representative can call the Statewide Medicaid Managed Care hotline toll-free at 1-877-711-3662 (TDD: 1-866-467-4970) to remain in the current CMS program until the new CMSN plan is available on August 1, 2014.

If you have any additional questions, please contact your local Medicaid area office.

## INFORMATION & RESOURCES:

### **4. Two New Roadmaps to Effective Intervention Practices**

*Source: Technical Assistance Center on Social Emotional Intervention for Young Children - April 8, 2014*

The Technical Assistance Center on Social Emotional Intervention for Young Children (TACSEI) has published two new additions to its [Roadmap to Effective Intervention Practices series](#).

- [Roadmap #6: Statewide Implementation of the Pyramid Model](#) (March 2014) by Glen Dunlap, Barbara J. Smith, Lise Fox, and Karen Blas - Provides important guidance on the implementation of the Pyramid Model, structures for implementation, and the activities needed at each stage of implementation and scaling-up.
- [Roadmap #7: Data Decision-Making and Program-Wide Implementation of the Pyramid Model](#) (March 2014) by Lise Fox, Myrna Veguilla, and Denise Perez Binder - Provides guidance on how to collect and use data to ensure the implementation of the Pyramid Model with fidelity and decision-making that improves the provision of implementation supports, delivery of effective intervention, and the promotion of meaningful child outcomes.

Learn about the [Pyramid Model for Supporting Social Emotional Competence in Infants and Young Children](#) here.

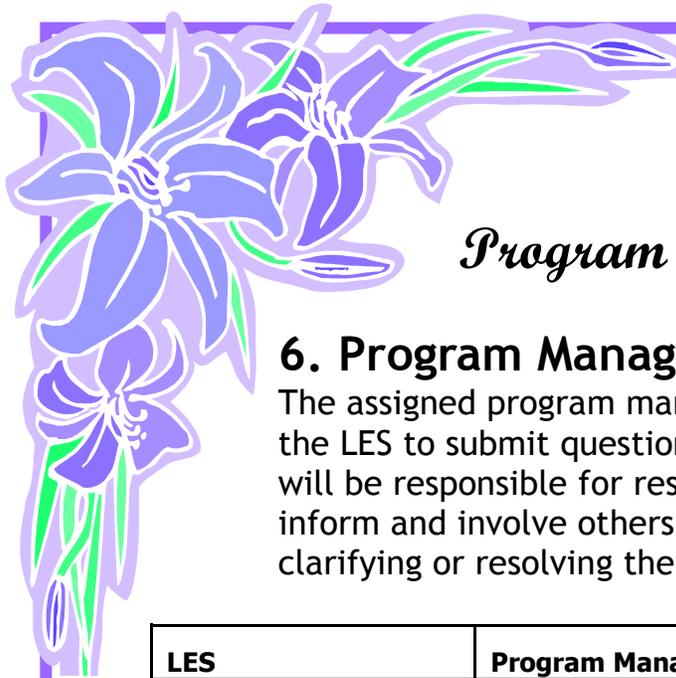
## EMPLOYEE AND LES SPOTLIGHT

### **5. Please Submit Your Employee and/or LES Spotlight**

Has one of your co-workers received an award or gone above and beyond? Has your LES hosted a successful event or been mentioned in the media? Then this section is for you! Please submit items for recognition of major accomplishments, awards, and milestones reached by either **LES/ESSO Employees OR Local Early Steps Programs**. All entries must be emailed to Katie Williams and Patricia Herring by 5:00 EST on Tuesdays. The subject line should read "ESSO Weekly Memo Entry." **Please include a picture when possible.**



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## Program Manager Information

### 6. Program Managers & Contact Information

The assigned program manager at ESSO is the primary contact person for the LES to submit questions, issues or concerns to. The program manager will be responsible for responding to the LES and prior to responding, will inform and involve others in the ESSO, when necessary, to assist in clarifying or resolving the issue. ESSO Phone Number - (850) 245-4444

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