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UPCOMING EVENTS:

1. Webinar: Oral Health Care Training for Caregivers

The University of Miami Mailman Center for Child Development and the Florida Developmental Disabilities Council are offering a FREE webinar for professional and family caregivers of individuals with developmental disabilities. Dr. Luisa Utset-Ward, a dentist, will show you how to perform oral hygiene techniques like brushing, flossing and positioning, in order to help you improve the oral health of the individual you care for.

Don't miss this opportunity!

Attendance is limited, so sign up early.

WHEN: Friday May 2, 2014

TIME: 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (EDT)

To register for this webinar, please click on the link below:

<https://www.fuzemeeting.com/webinar/register/1013903>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. For more information, please call 305-243-6135.

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.

INFORMATION & RESOURCES:

3. Early Steps Professional Claims Training

Availity has made training opportunities available for providers to further assist in the transition to using their system to submit electronic billing. There are three separate occasions offered and a provider may participate in one or all three if desired. Attached is information to be shared with the Early Steps Provider Network for these sessions. Each agenda contains the call in phone number and conference code, a WebEx link, meeting number and password.

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INFORMATION & RESOURCES, continued:

4. Request for Information (RFI): Impact of DSM-5 Changes to Diagnostic Criteria for Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) on Research and Services

Notice Number: NOT-HD-14-012

Key Dates

Release Date: April 14, 2014

Response Date: May 12, 2014

Purpose

The purpose of this request for information is to seek input from the scientific community, health professionals, self-advocates and patient advocates about the research implications of recent changes to the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, Fifth Edition (DSM-5) diagnostic criteria for Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD).

For more information and to read the full Request for Information, please click below:

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-HD-14-012.html>

ESSO/LES STAFF SPOTLIGHT

5. Please Submit Your Employee and/or LES Spotlight

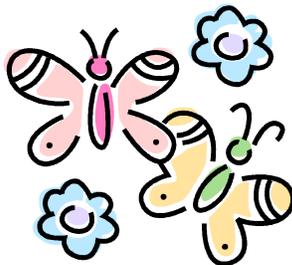
Has one of your co-workers received an award or gone above and beyond? Has your LES hosted a successful event or been mentioned in the media? Then this section is for you! Please submit items for recognition of major accomplishments, awards, and milestones reached by either **LES/ESSO Employees** OR **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.**

6. Special Thank You to Space Coast Early Steps

Submitted by Trina Puddefoot and Marie Nashatker

We would like to thank [Althea Puzio](#) and [Dianne Taylor](#) (Space Coast Early Steps) for spending so much time and effort to help **Gulf Central** and **Southwest Early Steps** with billing through PM. Both Althea and Dianne were very patient, and gave us a significant amount of time to help us with the difficult billing process.

Thank you!



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Program Manager Information

7. 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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