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UPCOMING EVENTS:

1. 2014 One Goal Summer Conference

July 16th –18th in Tampa.

The conference begins with keynote speaker, **Dr. Cathy Grace**, a very motivating and inspirational speaker with a message of encouragement. The Closing Session features a “back by popular demand” keynote speaker, **D.J. Eagle Bear Vanas**, a dynamic, passionate, and entertaining speaker, who will send us on our way feeling energized and ready to conquer the world!

Registration for the conference is only \$75 per person and made possible by so many generous sponsors who work so hard to keep costs low so that everyone can benefit. If you have any questions or need assistance registering, please call the Conference office at (850) 893-6270.

[Register for the One Goal Summer Conference](#)

[Download the One Goal Conference Brochure](#)

[Download the Conference Schedule for a Listing of Workshops](#)

2. Webinar: Infant, Toddler, and Early Child Mental Health Competencies: A Comparison of Systems

The ZERO TO THREE Policy Center invites you to join us on **June 5 at 2:00 pm Eastern Time** for a webinar on states’ infant, toddler, and early childhood mental health competency systems. The webinar will highlight a new ZERO TO THREE/Erikson Institute policy paper, *Infant, Toddler, and Early Childhood Mental Health Competencies: A Comparison of Systems*. Representatives from Michigan and California will discuss their work to develop competencies and state-level competency systems.

As interest increases in addressing the mental health needs of our youngest children, so has concern about supporting the development of the multidisciplinary providers who work with these children and their families. No one professional guild has taken the lead in establishing standards for providers who work with young children around social-emotional development or mental health challenges. Yet, there are a variety of state efforts to identify competencies that providers should have to engage in effective promotion, prevention, and treatment strategies with infants, toddlers, young children, and their families.

[Register Today!](#)

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UPCOMING EVENTS, CONTINUED:

3. Webinar: Early Intervention & School Readiness for Infants and Toddlers with Special Needs

June 26, 2014 from 1:00 to 2:00 PM EST

Register at <https://zerotothree.ilinc.com/register/xmctjkr>

This webinar will focus on the importance of early intervention services for infants and toddlers with special needs. The birth-to-five perspective will be used to highlight practical approaches, experiences, and interventions for Early Care and Education staff to support early development.

Topics for the Webinar Include:

- Information on activities, interventions and strategies for all infants and toddlers that promote school readiness;
- Creating and strengthening strategies, supports, and resources to support timely services for infants and toddlers with special needs;
- Discussion of novel approaches for crafting early intervention funding strategies to effectively support services for very young children with special needs.

Who Should Participate?

Early Childhood Care and Education Community, Early Head Start Staff, Directors, Managers, Administrators, T/TA Managers, T/TA Providers, Federal and Regional Office Staff, State Collaboration Offices, Child care providers.

MEDICAID UPDATES:

4. 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.

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MEDICAID UPDATES, CONTINUED:

5. CMS Network & Specialty Plan Welcome Letters

Florida Medicaid recently began sending welcome letters to children currently enrolled in the CMS Network (MediPass) or the CMS Reform Specialty Plan letting them know that come August 1 they will be transitioned into the MMA CMS Network Specialty Plan. The template letter is attached to the Weekly Memo email. If the family does nothing, the child will automatically be added into the new line of business effective August 1.

INFORMATION & RESOURCES:

6. Governor Rick Scott Appoints Seventeen to Florida Interagency Coordinating Council for Infants and Toddlers

Please go to <http://www.flgov.com/recentappointments/> to view the press release.

7. *Florida Resource Guide for Families of Young Children with Hearing Loss* - now accepting revisions

Attention SHINE Coordinators/Providers and Family Resource Specialists:

Revisions to the [*Florida Resource Guide for Families of Young Children with Hearing Loss*](#) are now being accepted through June 30th for the next version. Follow the instructions on the [request for revisions flyer](#) to submit your suggested changes. Parent input is also needed, so please share [request for revisions flyer](#) with families of children with a hearing loss. Hard copies of the current [*Florida Resource Guide for Families of Young Children with Hearing Loss*](#) may be [ordered](#) at no cost. Thanks in advance for your input!

INFORMATION & RESOURCES, CONTINUED:

8. Special Issue on Maternal Depression and Home Visiting Appears in the *Zero to Three Journal*

Maternal depression is a significant issue in home visiting. Interest in this topic has increased dramatically in recent years. In response, the May 2014 issue of the *Zero to Three Journal* is devoted to this topic. Co-Edited by Robert T. Ammerman and Stefanie Powers and entitled *Addressing Maternal Depression in Home Visiting Programs*, the issue contains eight articles from leading experts in the field. View the **Table of Contents** and to access one of the articles on an innovative program for depressed mothers, follow this link: <http://www.zerotothree.org/zttjournal/article/moving-beyond-depression-ammerman.pdf>.

9. News from Florida's Transition Project

The Getting to Know document (the new name is Getting to Know Me and My Family) for parents to complete about their child at transition times has been updated. The updates are available in English, Spanish and Haitian Creole for Getting to Know Me and My Family. The Transition Book has also been updated and the new version has been posted on the website. A printed version will be available later this summer.

Please visit the website and download the new documents. You may also request a CD with the documents, if needed. www.floridatransitionproject.com.

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