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ACTION NEEDED:

1. 2013 Family Survey Process

The Early Steps State Office is finalizing plans for the 2013 family survey process which will soon be communicated to Local Early Steps. In the meantime, we ask that each Local Early Steps identify a local family survey lead to serve as the point of contact between ESSO and each LES to assist throughout the process. Please select a local family survey lead and provide the name, email, and physical address to Kelly_Rogers@doh.state.fl.us no later than June 21, 2013.

2. Workgroup to Review the Early Intervention Services (EIS) Plan of Care

The Early Steps State Office (ESSO) is looking to convene a small workgroup to review a proposal to remove components of the Early Intervention Services (EIS) Plan of Care (POC) from the Individualized Family Support Plan (IFSP) so that the Plan of Care will be documented on a separate form. The purpose of the group will be to assist ESSO in determining how this change will impact work flow, considering such issues as how to provide and document direction and support of an Infant-Toddler Developmental Specialist (ITDS) by a licensed healing arts professional and how to ensure that timely provision of services is not negatively impacted. We are looking for internal or external providers who have had involvement in IFSP and POC development, review and implementation, including ITDSs and other EIS providers, evaluators, service coordinators. The ideal size for the work group is no larger than 8 to 10 individuals. If you would like to volunteer or recommend an individual to participate in this time-limited work group, please provide name, position title/discipline, e-mail and physical mailing address to Renee_Jenkins@doh.state.fl.us no later than Friday, June 21, 2013. Thank you!

FOLLOW UP:

No Items.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

3. Webinar - Infant Family Mental Health Concepts and Considerations

[**Save the Date Flyer**](#)

When: Thursday, June 27, 2013, 9:30 AM—11:00 AM

Overview:

The webinar, Infant-Family Mental Health: Concepts and Considerations provides an overview of core principles and practices of Infant-Family Mental Health with a special focus on socioemotional development and the co-parenting, family, and system dynamics that support or damage infant and toddler adjustment. This webinar should provide insight into care as well as provoke thought into your own practice with young children and their families. This webinar is presented by Dr. James McHale of the USF St Petersburg, Infant-Family Mental Health Graduate Certificate program. Funding for this event is through Florida's Project LAUNCH grant.

Registration:

Attendees must register prior to the event at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Y2TW2VF>

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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 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.

5. Rule 59G-4.001, Medicaid Providers Who Bill on the CMS-1500 - Notice of Public Meeting

The Agency for Health Care Administration has scheduled a public meeting for Rule 59G-4.001, Medicaid Providers Who Bill on the CMS-1500.

The public meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 13, 2013, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the:
Agency for Health Care Administration
2727 Mahan Drive
Building 3, Conference Room D
Tallahassee, FL 32308

Although this meeting has already taken place, it will likely be repeated. Please be on the lookout for future related public meetings.

There will not be a phone call-in number available.

Official notice of the public meeting was posted in Volume 39, Number 105 of the Florida Administrative Register (FAR) on May 30, 2013. A copy of the notice may be found on the [FAR](#) Web site.

You may also download a copy of the agenda located on the [Draft Handbooks, Fee Schedules, and Other Documents](#) Web page.

INFORMATION AND RESOURCES:

6. Florida Fact Sheet on the Impact of President Obama's Early Learning Proposal

The White House released [factsheets](#) detailing the State-by-State impact of President Obama's [Early Learning Proposal](#). The White House fact sheets explain how the President's plan will:

- Provide high-quality preschool for all 4 year olds
- Invest in high-quality infant and toddler early learning and development and
- Expand effective parent and family supports

[Click here to view Florida's factsheet.](#)

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INFORMATION AND RESOURCES, continued:

7. ESSO Weekly Memo now available online

Current and past editions of the ESSO Weekly Memo will now be available on the Early Steps website at http://www.cms-kids.com/providers/early_steps/memos/memos.html

STAFF AND LES SPOTLIGHT:

8. New Guidelines

This section of the ESSO Weekly Memo will now be used for recognition of major accomplishments, awards, and milestones reached by either **LES/ESSO staff OR local 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.**

9. Family Café Spotlight:

Click on the link below to read or listen to a story about Family Café on WMFE Radio's website.

http://www.wmfe.org/site/News2?page=NewsArticle&id=14553&news_iv_ctrl=1041



Early Steps Early Wishes

Submitted by Sue Cannon, Early Steps State Parent Consultant

"More than 200 people (not including ESSO staff, LES FRS's and staff, or collaborating agencies) attended this year's Early Steps Early Wishes event at the Family Café. Early Steps families were engaged with their children playing with toys, bubbles, and parachutes, getting tattoos and face painting, making adaptive toys, books, and puppets, and getting their photos taken. They were also engaged with Family Resource Specialists, discussing their experiences in Early Steps. Most importantly, families shared with each other. Every child there was a prince or princess, and each one is loved and cherished.

A picture is worth a thousand words --- so no more words, just enjoy this special time through the [photography](#) of Eliana Tardio & Paula Keyser."

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BUREAU UPDATE:

10. Performance Improvement Unit Update

Staff in the Performance Improvement Unit have focused this month on identifying opportunities that could lead to improvement strategies to promote Results Driven Accountability. We have analyzed child outcome data by service area, licensed mental health provider enrollment, and status of local CAPTA agreements. We participated with other Bureau Staff and Local Early Steps representatives in a strategic planning meeting to hear about how New Mexico's Part C system is infusing Infant Mental Health into service delivery and consider possible strategies for Florida's Early Steps system, and attended the FAIMH conference.

We have participated in conference calls and meetings to prepare for the continued roll-out of CMS-KIDS and have provided test files in preparation for upcoming initial load of demographic and service authorization data. We have also participated in problem-solving and training for changes in Practice Management related to billing profiles.

We have reviewed and are making modifications to the Annual Quality Assurance Monitoring forms and instructions in preparation for our next cycle which will begin in August. Stay tuned for a conference call announcement for reviewing the changes.

Lastly, we continue to support Local Early Steps' efforts to implement improvement strategies and demonstrate correction of non-compliance and provide technical assistance related to data collection and reporting.

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PROGRAM MANAGER INFORMATION:

11. List of Program Managers and their 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.

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INFANT FAMILY MENTAL HEALTH

CONCEPTS AND CONSIDERATIONS



THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 2013

9:30 AM to 11:00 AM



The Florida Department of Children and Families, Project LAUNCH Initiative, and the USF St. Petersburg - Infant-Family Mental Health Graduate Certificate Program, invite you to join us for a webinar. This webinar, *“Concepts and Considerations,”* is an overview of Infant-Family Mental Health and the role it plays in creating health and wellness in children. The presenter, Dr. McHale is an internationally recognized speaker and expert in the field of Infant Mental Health

Attendees must REGISTER prior to the event at:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Y2TW2VF>

For more information or questions please contact Kathleen Roberts at (850) 717-4313 or Kathleen_roberts@dcf.state.fl.us

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