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ACTION ITEMS:

1. Subcontractor's Expenditures Report

Effective immediately, the LES areas that have migrated to CMS-KIDS should no longer include expenditures made by MED3000 for direct services in their Subcontractor's Expenditures Report with the monthly invoices. Only subcontractor expenditures made directly by the LES need to be reported.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Andrew Johnson at

Andrew.Johnson@FLHealth.gov.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Partnering for Success

2. 2013 Partnering For Success Statewide Meeting

It's finally here!!! The 2013 Partnering for Success statewide meeting on November 13 – 15, 2013 at the Wyndham Orlando Resort is next week! We are very excited about this wonderful opportunity to provide training, technical assistance, and opportunities for networking and collaboration among early intervention and early childhood professionals. There are three general sessions with outstanding keynote speakers and 48 excellent breakout sessions. Licensed professionals have the potential to earn 12.5 Continuing Education Credits (CEUs).

If, by chance, you have not already made hotel reservations, you may still be eligible to receive the special group rate of \$99 per night by calling 1-800-421-8001 and specifying that you are attending the 2013 Partnering for Success Statewide Meeting. In addition, if you have not paid the meeting registration fee of \$45 to attend any part of the meeting, you can still register on-site. Please plan to pay by check made out to Children's Forum with a notation of "Partnering for Success."

The **Program** or **Agenda** for the meeting that contains the schedule for all three days and a brief description of each session is attached to the Weekly Memo. (Note: The *At-a-Glance* dated 10/16/13 contains the same schedule.) Please use it as a guide to determine the sessions that you plan to attend.

As usual, we are "going green" and not printing handouts for the breakout sessions. Most presenters have shared their handouts and they have been posted at the following link in order for you to make personal copies of the sessions you plan to attend:

http://www.cms-kids.com/providers/early_steps/training/Partnering4Success2013.html

Please share this information with everyone who would find this of interest. We look forward to seeing you next week on November 13!

Reminder - We are asking that each LES bring a scrapbook (or "memory book") to showcase your history. Please include pictures, articles, promotional materials, and anything else that was a part of your journey to provide services to children in your community.

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UPCOMING EVENTS, continued:

3. ELC of the Big Bend Parent Training Event - November 9th, 2013

Originally ELC was putting on this parenting training for court mandated parents. With the registration not filling to capacity, we wanted to offer it to ANY and ALL parents. The session will start at 9am and run until 12pm covering multiple topics. From 12pm-2pm, the parents will have the option to participate in the opportunity to win tons of raffle prizes and visit vendor tables as they wish before exiting. The participants will receive in service hours and an ELC certificate of completion. Please pass this on to any parents you think would benefit.

Please click [here](#) to view the flyer and RSVP for the event.

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. Medicaid Provider Self Audits

The Early Steps State Office has received reports that Local Early Steps Offices and providers have received letters from Xerox State Healthcare – the entity that the Florida Agency for Healthcare Administration (AHCA) has contracted with to review potential provider overpayments involving Medicaid accounts – directing that they conduct a self audit.

Local Early Steps Offices and providers who would like more information about conducting self audits should contact the Agency's Office of Inspector General, Bureau of Medicaid Program Integrity's Self Audit Coordinator, Pam Fante, at Pam.Fante@ahca.myflorida.com or the Division of Medicaid, Fraud and Abuse Liaison, Kelly Bennett, at Kelly.Bennett@ahca.myflorida.com. Additional resources are available to assist in conducting self audits, such as the [MPI self audit guide](#) [PDF 35KB], a [Medicaid compliance video](#) [MP4 116.5MB]*, and a [provider self audit example](#) [PDF 30KB].

Additionally, information about self audits and other compliance-related issues are published in the [Medicaid Provider Bulletins](#). Bulletins include "Medicaid Compliance Corner", a series of articles addressing provider obligations to ensure compliance with program rules and other substantive policy matters that are relevant to providers' compliance efforts.

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MEDICAID UPDATES, continued:

6. Compliance Tips Video for Florida Medicaid Providers

Florida Medicaid presents the video “**Compliance Tips for Florida Medicaid Providers.**” The video is posted at the AHCA YouTube channel at: <http://www.youtube.com/AHCAFlorida>. The video presents several compliance tips that are common areas of non-compliance and we would like to make sure our Medicaid providers are aware of and are actively taking steps to avoid them.

Watching this video will assist you to increase your understanding of a Compliance Program, as well as your understanding of the value of keeping informed on Florida Medicaid policy.

If you have any questions about the video, please contact the: elibrarytraining@ahca.myflorida.com.

INFORMATION & RESOURCES:

7. Early Steps Document Compatibility with Office 2010

The Early Steps Case Note dated 10/1/2013 (Component 4 Attachment) and the current eIFSP (Component 5 Attachment) that are currently on our Policy website are only compatible with Microsoft Office 2003. Our staff is currently working on versions that will be compatible with Microsoft Office 2010. You can try and use the current case note and eIFSP if you have Office 2010, but be aware that you may receive a message about debugging and/or a request for a password. We will notify the local Early Steps offices through the weekly memo as soon as we have resolved this issue.

8. Early Steps Provider Information & Update

Beginning January 1, 2014, providers enrolling in CMS Provider Management for Early Steps will have to complete the Early Steps Orientation Modules as part of enrollment prior to being approved.

9. Child Exposure to Parental Violence and Psychological Distress Associated with Delayed Milestones

OBJECTIVE: To examine the association between parental report of intimate partner violence (IPV) and parental psychological distress (PPD) with child attainment of developmental milestones.

CONCLUSIONS: Screening children for IPV and PPD helps identify those at risk for poor developmental outcomes who may benefit from early intervention.

<http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/early/2013/10/30/peds.2013-1020.abstract>

STAFF AND LES SPOTLIGHT:

10. 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.**

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STAFF AND LES SPOTLIGHT, continued:

11. LES Spotlight

Submitted by Lori Sang

Treasure Coast Early Steps

Treasure Coast Early Steps was recently recognized by the Martin County Children's Services Council in the November 2013 issue of their "From The Heart" newsletter.



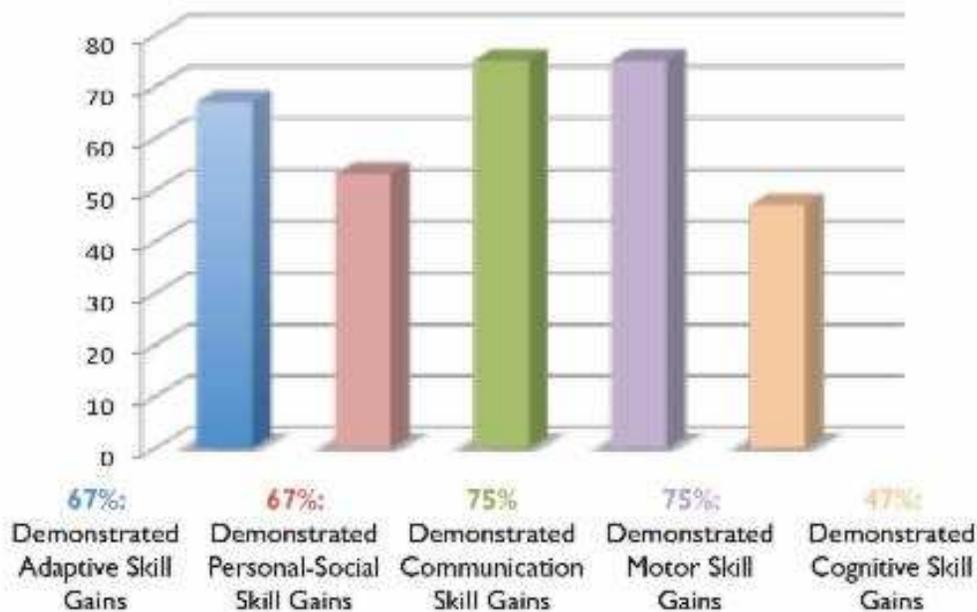
Success:

Reaching Their Full Potential

Note: All programs funded by the Children's Services Council of Martin County receive substantial programmatic oversight, including negotiated performance measures to determine measurable impact.

Below are results from these tracked outcomes from July 1, 2012-June 30, 2013:

Children Participating in Easter Seals Florida's Treasure Coast Early Steps Program Show Improvement in Many Areas:



PROGRAM MANAGER INFORMATION:

12. 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. **Early Steps State Office Telephone Number - (850) 245-4444**

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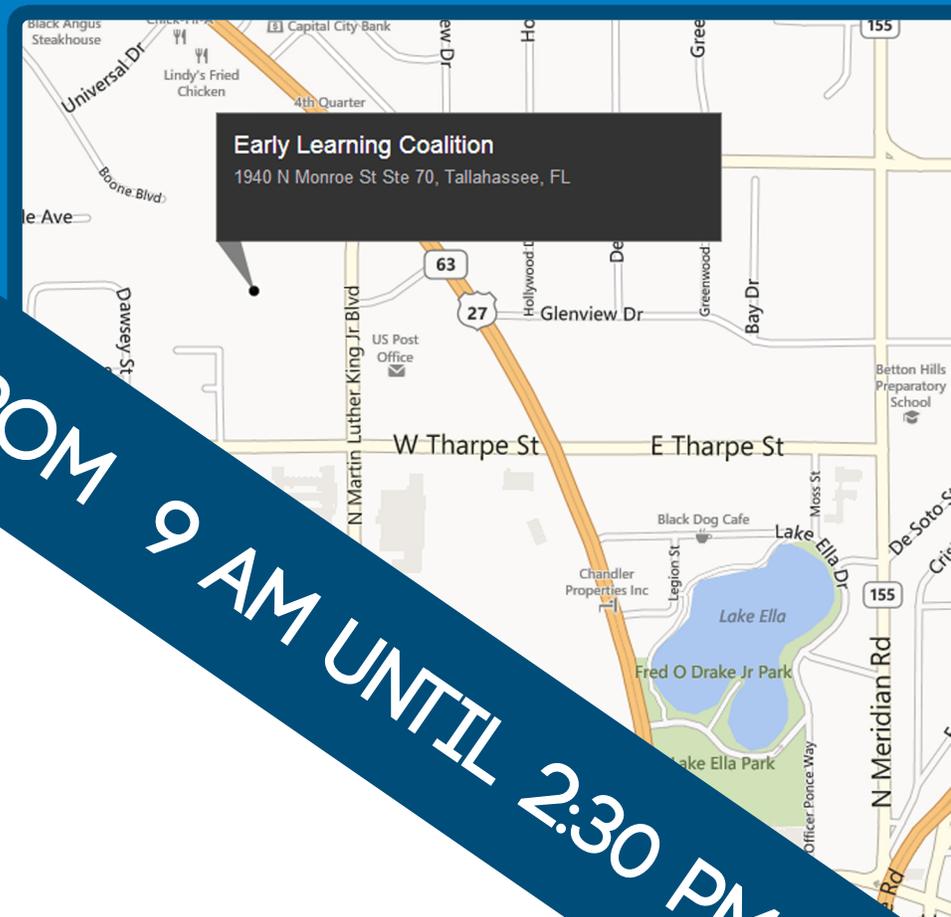
I'M A TEACHER:

GUIDING CHILDREN THROUGH PROACTIVE CHANGE

Join us November 9th at the Early Learning Coalition for a comprehensive overview of child development that every parent should know. We will be specifically reviewing prenatal care, developmental milestones from zero to five, nutrition, and violence on TV/video games.

For more information and to R.S.V.P. by November 6th:
parents@elcbigbend.org

SATURDAY NOV. 9 FROM 9 AM UNTIL 2:30 PM



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