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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **1. FICCIT Quarterly Meeting - January 14-15, 2014**

The Florida Interagency Coordinating Council for Infants and Toddlers (FICCIT) announces the next quarterly meeting on January 14-15, 2014 in Tallahassee, FL. The meeting will start on January 14, 2014 at 9:00 am at the CMS Area Office located at 2390 Phillips Road, Tallahassee, FL 32308. The meeting will conclude on January 15, 2014 at 1:00 pm.

#### **Hotel Information:**

Homewood Suites by Hilton  
2987 Apalachee Parkway  
Tallahassee, FL 32301

The group rate is \$109.00 per night.

There may be additional charges for more than two adults staying in one room.

#### **Hotel Reservation Link:**

[www.tallahassee.homewoodsuites.com](http://www.tallahassee.homewoodsuites.com)

Reservation Cut-off Date: 1/4/2014

Group Rate: \$109.00

Group Code: DOH-FICCIT

### **2. Facilitator Training: Triumph Through the Challenges of FAS**

*\*\*please note: this is an in-person training near Toledo, Ohio*

Triumph Through the Challenges of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders is an evidence-based curriculum for parents raising children with FASD.

Double ARC has developed and tested a training curriculum for parents describing the core deficits of children with FASD and related conditions, teaches effective parenting techniques addressing these deficits, and directs parents to service resources for children with FASD, including school programs. Double ARC has also created a video on FAS available for use with the curriculum. Double ARC offers training for facilitators who will be teaching the parent classes. These materials have been tested with more than 400 participants in sessions for parents.

Please consider participating in the Triumph Through the Challenges of Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Facilitator Training or share the attached flier with your colleagues or others who may be interested and encourage them to attend.

This training will equip participants to facilitate a 6-session comprehensive series to parents. It is very interactive and parents find these sessions very helpful in raising their children with FASD.

Please see attached [flyer](#) for more information.

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## **MEDICAID UPDATES:**

### **3. Medicaid Alerts and Questions**

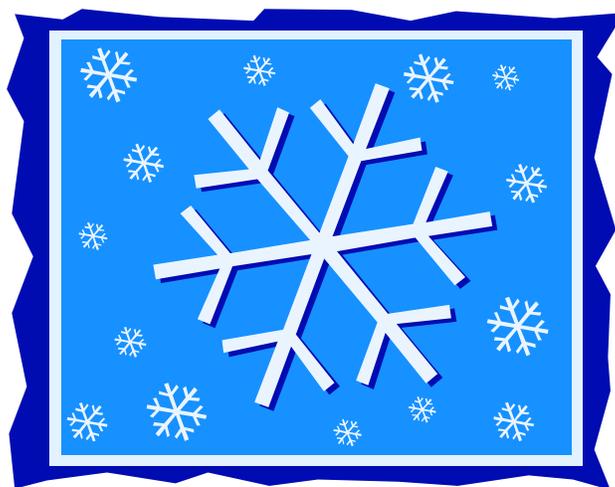
The Florida Medicaid program has created an e-mail alert system to supplement the present method of receiving Provider Alerts information and to alert registered subscribers of "late-breaking" health care information. An e-mail will be delivered to your mailbox when Medicaid policy clarifications or 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.

### **4. ICD-10 Web Based Training Now Available on the Public Web Portal**

An ICD-10 Web Based Training (WBT) module is now available on the Florida Medicaid Public Web Portal.

You can view this interactive WBT under the Training section of the ICD-10 pages. The WBT includes narration and an overview of ICD-10 basics, benefits, and coding structure, as well as other important ICD-10 information.

The [ICD-10](#) pages are updated often, so please visit regularly for the most current information.



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## **MEDICAID UPDATES, continued:**

### **5. Therapy vs. Early Intervention Services/Sessions: Info from AHCA**

Therapies are generally governed by the discipline's practice acts. The therapists should be very familiar with them. They can get their practice acts from their related associations or they can research the DOH website for the licensing requirements.

The following refers to therapy and early intervention sessions as they relate to an Early Steps enrolled/Medicaid eligible child:

- A therapy is conducting therapeutic repetitions of movements, interactions or highly specialized techniques within the scope of practice as guided by the discipline specific practice act and within the regulations of the licensure boards.
- A Medicaid enrolled therapist must follow the policies as provided in the Medicaid Therapy Coverage and Limitations Handbook, August, 2013.
- A therapist develops and completes therapy goals within their own discipline but not those of other disciplines.
- A therapist will change the levels of therapeutic services as the child's functioning progresses.
- The therapist, under Medicaid, is required to train the caregiver on activities in daily routines that will enhance the child's development of the specific functional outcome.
- A therapist should consult with the EIS provider to assist in developing an EIS plan of care, as appropriate.
  
- An EIS provider performs services which are authorized in the EIS plan of care, which include goals and outcomes for the service period.
- EIS sessions are face to face encounters of at least 30 minutes with the child, parent, family member or caregiver (with the child present).
- The session must be related to the child's identified developmental delay or delay due to an associated established condition, and documented outcome on the IFSP or POC.
- EIS sessions must be medically necessary services designed to alleviate or minimize the child's developmental disability or delay, and optimize the child's functioning ability through integrating individualized activities in the child's daily life.
- EIS sessions must be documented and each session must be described as follows:
  - Whether an individual or group service was provided
  - Details of the activities provided
  - How activities will be imbedded in everyday routines
  - Progress achieved toward the goal and objective for which the service is being provided during the authorized period.
- **EIS SESSIONS CANNOT SUPPLANT, DUPLICATE, OR BE USED TO REPLACE OTHER MEDICAID SERVICES, SUCH AS OT, PT OR SLP.**

Always refer to the appropriate Medicaid services handbook for policies regarding therapies and EIS services.

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## INFORMATION AND RESOURCES:

### 6. Standard Software Requirements of Early Steps Data Systems

Internet Explorer 9 and Windows 7 is the standard software to access all Early Steps data systems. The data systems have not been tested for compatibility with Internet Explorer 10 and do not work with Internet Explorer 11 at this time. Due to the individuality of version, work with your Information Technology staff to get a screen that best meets your needs. At ESSO, we use a standard of two 17-inch screens with 1024 by 1280 resolution for desktops and 17 inch screens on our laptops, and have been able to meet our staff requirements.

### 7. Taxonomy Change

The Medicaid audiology taxonomy rates have changed and these changes have been posted to the UF Data System website and provided to MED 3000. Please remember that if a physician performs a service, they may be eligible to receive a differential payment, and *if you are using the UF Data System*, you may need to use an exception code to submit the claim if over the posted rate.

### 8. Video from the National Scientific Council on the Developing Child, “InBrief: The Science of Neglect”

Extensive biological and developmental research shows significant neglect can cause more lasting harm to a young child’s development than overt physical abuse, including subsequent cognitive delays, impairments in executive functioning, and disruptions of the body’s stress response. A new 6-minute video from the National Scientific Council on the Developing Child, InBrief: The Science of Neglect, explains why significant deprivation is so harmful in the earliest years of life and why effective interventions are likely to pay significant dividends in better long-term outcomes in learning, health, and parenting of the next generation. Click on the link below to view the video.

[http://developingchild.harvard.edu/resources/multimedia/videos/inbrief\\_series/inbrief\\_neglect/](http://developingchild.harvard.edu/resources/multimedia/videos/inbrief_series/inbrief_neglect/)

## STAFF & LES SPOTLIGHT

### 9. Guidelines

This section of the ESSO Weekly Memo is 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.**



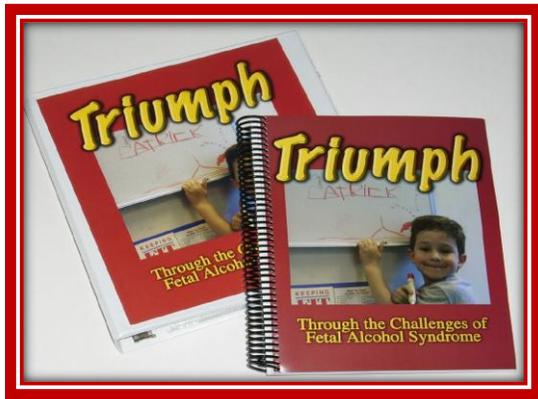
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## PROGRAM MANAGER INFORMATION:

### 10. 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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## Facilitator Training: Triumph Through the Challenges of FAS

Would you like to provide classes to parents raising children with FASD in your area?

Starts: Tuesday, **February 25, 2014** noon

Ends: Friday **February 28, 2014** noon

Cost: \$795 includes

- Course fee
- 3 nights lodging at retreat center
- 6 meals
- Facilitator guide, parent workbook, and supporting materials
- Early bird special \$695 – paid registrations received by **January 24, 2014**

Location: Lial Renewal Center, Whitehouse, Ohio (west of Toledo)

### Facilitator Training: Triumph Through the Challenges of FAS, Parent Classes

To offer these comprehensive classes on understanding and raising a child with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD), facilitators can attend a 3 ½-day training session to increase knowledge of FASD and facilitation techniques. The curriculum includes complete, easy-to-follow lesson plans, PowerPoint slides and parent workbooks with handouts and supplemental reading.

For more information on having someone in your organization trained to offer these classes in your area, contact Sister Suzette Fisher at 419.724.1353 or e-mail [sfisher@toledosnd.org](mailto:sfisher@toledosnd.org).



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I really enjoyed every bit of time I had at the Facilitator Training – learning, soaking in, and absorbing new information, stories, resources and techniques, and meeting everyone there. I am more determined than ever to get this program and resources out to the parents in our state. You two ladies are more than an inspiration to me than anyone has ever been.

– Shannon Esmeyer  
Special Education Resolution Center  
Oklahoma State University



**Triumph Through the Challenges of FAS**  
 Facilitator Training Registration  
 February 25 – 28, 2014

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Agency \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ County/Parish \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Certificate of participation will be provided to all participants.

Any food needs? \_\_\_\_\_

Projected number of parent workbooks you will order to teach classes \_\_\_\_\_

What are your goals for this training?

How will you use this training in your work?

**Experience**

	None		Moderate		Extensive
1. Knowledge of FASD	1	2	3	4	5
2. Experience working with families of children with FASD	1	2	3	4	5
3. Presentation experience	1	2	3	4	5

This information will help us tailor the facilitator training to meet the needs of the group.

Registration fee – **\$795**

Early bird registration & fee – **\$695** due by January , **2014**

Registration and payment due: **February 14, 2014**

Return to: Double ARC / NOFAS Ohio  
 3837 Secor Road  
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**Contact**  
 Sr. Suzette Fisher, SND, Ed.S.  
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 sfisher@toledosnd.org

Please return completed registration with check made **payable to Double ARC**. Thank you!

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Invoice #	Amt. Enclosed
Invoice Fee	Check #
Date payment received	

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