



WEEKLY UPDATE – JANUARY 23, 2009

ACTION NEEDED

CONTRACT AMENDMENTS

We are finally ready to start putting amendment packets together. Be watching your email for a reply to your Surplus/Deficit report submission with the amount you will be getting. We were able to get the department to waive the \$190,000 indirect cost on our TANF funds, but we had to put the 4% General Revenue that was held back at the beginning of the year, but restored to us in the legislative special budget session, to our Medicaid Match fund to ensure we can continue to use the Early Intervention Handbook service codes. This left us with enough remaining cash to fund 70.8% of the net total deficit we calculated in our analysis. We hope to have the amendments executed March 1, 2009. Further information will be forthcoming from your Contract Manager.

INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

NECTAC NEWS

For the most current issues of NECTAC eNotes go to <http://www.nectac.org/enotes/enotes.asp>

UPCOMING MEETINGS, TRAININGS AND CONFERENCES

2009 NATIONAL TA CONFERENCE CALLS

We invite you to sign up and participate in the 2009 national topical telephone conference call series. The National Technical Assistance Center for Children's Mental Health is again sponsoring this exciting and well-received monthly series of topical calls. The conference calls cover important and emerging trends in the mental health field. Presentations from expert resource persons are followed by open discussion in order for all participants to ask questions and enrich the conversation. We hope you will share this educational opportunity with others so that they may participate as well.

Please visit http://gucchd.georgetown.edu/programs/ta_center/tacalls2009.html for registration information and the full 2009 Calendar of Calls. Powerpoint presentations and reading materials for each call will be posted on the website and can be downloaded to view while listening to the calls.

The first call in the 2009 series was held **January 15th, at 1:00 p.m.**, ET on "*Unclaimed Children Revisited: The Status of Children's Mental Health Policy in the United States*". There are subsequent trainings scheduled throughout the 2009 year. If you are interested, please register for this call at http://gucchd.georgetown.edu/programs/ta_center/tacalls2009.html

All information about the national conference call series can be found on the NECTAC website, including announcements, registration forms, handouts, and evaluation forms. There are no registration fees for these calls. The only cost that you will incur will be the long-distance phone charges. You should register for each call at the website so that they know how many lines to set up and how to structure the call to meet your needs. If you have any trouble accessing the website, please call or e-mail MelKisha Knight at (202) 687-5000 so that they can arrange to mail or fax you the information.

Should you have any questions about the telephone conference series, please contact Marisa Irvine, Conference Call Coordinator, by e-mail at marisairvine13@hotmail.com

Data Matters Interactive Electronic Newsletter

Tied closely with the conference call series is Data Matters, an interactive electronic newsletter that highlights the importance of data, spreads the word about evaluation strategies and outcomes, and keeps readers up to date on the latest in the field of children's mental health. Data Matters is constantly updated to coincide with the conference call topic of the month. You can read through the main feature, peruse links to additional materials, review posted comments, and access our archives. We strongly encourage visitors to post comments to the site to facilitate greater interaction and dialogue. Think of Data Matters as a shared space to increase your knowledge in key topical areas and exchange thoughts and ideas with your colleagues across the country.

To browse through Data Matters, please visit: <http://gucchdgeorgetown.net/data/>

If you are interested in writing an article especially for publication in Data Matters or have any questions or comments please e-mail Lan T. Le at ltl5@georgetown.edu.

THE CENTER FOR INCLUSIVE CHILD CARE 2009 TRAIN THE TRAINER, SCHEDULE AND INFORMATION

The Center for Inclusive Child Care, Concordia University, St. Paul, is announcing the 2009 schedule for Train the Trainer online courses. Each of these courses prepares participants to use a specific curriculum to present material in many types of professional development formats for early childhood and school-age professionals.

Topics include Sensory Processing Disorder, challenging behaviors including Autism and ADHD, children's mental health, children's typical and atypical development and a general inclusion curriculum.

You may visit the Learning Center at <http://www.inclusivechildcare.org> for more information or contact Cindy Croft at croft@csp.edu.

Get the course descriptions and application form in PDF format at <http://www.inclusivechildcare.org/pdf/ApplicationAll2009CICCTOTs.pdf>

2009 Course Dates

* The Nurtured Heart Approach:

February 6 – February 20 Chats on Thursdays February 12 & 19 @ 8-8:45 PM CST

October 30 – November 12 Chats on Wednesdays November 4 & 11 @ 8-8:45 PM CST

- * Children and Challenging Behavior: Making Inclusion Work:
March 4 – April 2, Chats on Wednesdays March 11, 18, 25, April 1 @ 8-8:45 PM CST
July 30 – August 27 Chats on Wednesdays August 5, 12, 19, 26 @ 8-8:45 PM CST
- * Sensory Processing Disorder:
April 3-April 16, Chats on Thursdays April 9 and 16 @ 7-7:45 PM CST
November 23 – December 7 Chats on Mondays November 30 and Dec 7 @ 8-8:45 PM CST
- * Children's Development: What to Expect and When to Be Concerned:
February 20 - March 6, Chats on Thursdays February 26 and March 5 @ 8-8:45 PM CST
September 15 – 29, Chats on Mondays September 21 and 28 @ 8-8:45 PM CST
- * Six Keys: Strategies for Promoting Children's Mental Health in Early Childhood Programs:
March 3 – April 28, Chats on Monday April 6, 13, 20, 27 at 7-7:45 PM CST.
September 15 – October 13, Chats on Mondays September 21, 28, October 5, 12 at 8-8:45 PM CST
- * Consultation to Child Care - Best Practices and System Development:
February 10 – March 10, Chats on Mondays February 16, 23, March 2, 9 @ 10-10:45 AM CST
- * Project EXCEPTIONAL: A Guide to Training and Recruiting Child Care Providers to Serve Young Children with Disabilities:
March 26 – April 27, Chats on Wednesdays April 1, 8, 15, 22 @ 7-7:45 PM

CST Customized courses can be arranged for groups of 12 to 15 participants.
Contact Cindy Croft at 651-603-6465 or croft@csp.edu for more information.

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