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ACTION NEEDED

1. Early Steps Public Participation Period re: Proposed Policies and Annual Part C Application for Funds

Early Steps proposed policies and the renewal application for funds under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Part C are now available for public review at http://www.cms-kids.com/families/early_steps/public_participation.html. As required by the IDEA, the opportunity for public comment on the proposed policies and Part C application will be available for 30 days beginning February 21, 2011 through March 22, 2011. Public hearings will be held as indicated below. If you are not able to attend a public hearing, you may submit comments to the Early Steps State Office via postal mail, commercial/express delivery or hand delivery. Detailed information regarding the public participation process, including how to submit comments, is posted on http://www.cms-kids.com/families/early_steps/public_participation.html. Please do not submit comments prior to February 21. Thank you.

SITE	LOCATION	DATE/TIME
Ft. Lauderdale, FL	Children's Diagnostic & Treatment Center 1401 South Federal Highway Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33316	Tuesday, February 22, 2011 4:00 p.m. --- 7:30 p.m. (Eastern time)
Orlando, FL	Orlando Regional Medical Center 1414 Kuhl Avenue Orlando, FL 32803	Wednesday, February 23, 2011 4:00 p.m. --- 7:30 p.m. (Eastern time)
Tallahassee, FL	Children's Home Society 1000 W. Tharpe Street Tallahassee, Florida 32303	Thursday, February 24, 2011 4:00 p.m. --- 7:30 p.m. (Eastern time)

2. Private Health Insurance Carriers (With 1 Attachment)

The MED3000 staff who are working on the development of the Children's Medical Services Third Party Administrator system need a listing of the normal private health insurance carriers that each Local Early Steps deal with in their area. By **COB February 25**, please complete the attached **Insurance Carrier Info Excel file** and send it to David_Johnson3@doh.state.fl.us.

3. Executive Order 11-02

Effective January 4, 2011, contract providers must use the E-Verify system to verify the employment eligibility of all persons employed during the contract term. In order to ensure the department's compliance with this mandate, contract managers are required to include the clause below in the Special Provision Section of the Attachment I – Statement of Work of all new contracts, renewals and amendments as of January 4, 2011. However, while this provision is not contained in your current contract, as a contracted provider, you are subject to the requirements of the Governor's Executive Order 11-02.

Therefore, it is requested that you use the links provided below to access the E-Verify system and comply with the terms of the EO 11-02. You will be required to register in the system and sign an electronic Memorandum of Agreement pertaining to system use. **Please download and save a copy of the MOA and forward to Andrew Johnson** for his records at andrew_johnson@doh.state.fl.us and documentation of your compliance with this requirement no later than **COB Friday, February 18, 2011**. Please let Andrew Johnson know if you have questions.

E-Verify System:

<https://e-verify.uscis.gov/emp/vislogin.aspx?JS=YES>

Executive Order 11-02:

http://www.flgov.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/01/scott.eo_two.pdf

INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

4. Medicaid EIS Liaisons (With 1 Attachment)

The most up-to-date list of the Early Intervention Services/ Part C Medicaid Area Liaisons is attached to this memo for your convenience.

5. NEW WEBSITE ADDRESS FOR MEDICAID CHILD SERVICES

Medicaid has created a shortened address to their website for quick review of and access to all types of Medicaid Child Services. The new address is www.ahca.myflorida.com/chs [for what was previously (and still available) at <http://www.ahca.myflorida.com/medicaid/childhealthservices/index.shtml>].

6. NECTAC NEWS

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

UPCOMING TRAININGS, MEETINGS, CONFERENCES AND OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

7. Annual Family Cafe

The registration brochure for The 13th Annual Family Cafe is now available! To download a pdf version of the registration brochure, visit The Family Café website at www.familycafe.net. The 13th Annual Family Cafe is scheduled for **June 3–5, 2011** at the Disney Coronado Springs Resort and Convention Center. A full slate of events and activities are planned, with dozens of breakout sessions, a full Exhibit Hall and much more! Limited Financial Assistance is available for individuals with disabilities and their families, so make sure to note your request in the appropriate place on the registration form. **Rooms are available at the event hotel for the negotiated rate of \$109 per night.** You can contact the Coronado Springs at (407) 939-1020. Remember to tell them that you are with The Family Café to get our special rate. Even if you apply for financial assistance, you are advised to make a reservation as soon as possible. Completed forms can be sent to The Family Café by fax to (850) 224-4674, or by mail to 1332 N Duval St., Tallahassee, FL 32303. Online registration will officially begin on **February 14, 2011**. At that time, you will be able to register there on www.familycafe.net. Please feel free to distribute the registration brochure to families in your community that could benefit from attending!

8. Working with the Experts (WWE) for Occupational and Physical Therapists (OT/PT) – (With 3 Attachments)

We are pleased to announce that registration is now available for Working with the Experts for Occupational and Physical Therapists: *Embedding Related Services into the Classroom: A Realistic Goal*. The presentation will provide participants with ideas for embedding therapy interventions into the classroom and school campus setting, planning for and documenting student goals/outcomes, and developing instructional strategies for Response to Intervention (RTI). The attached files include details for locations, registration, learning objectives and continuing education units (CEUs). **Through March 14, 2011**, registrations will only be accepted from District OT/PT Coordinators and must be made using the on-line registration system at <http://www.flwwe.net>. A wait list for non-District OT/PT Coordinators will be maintained to fill on space available basis after March 14. Also, please note the new *Florida School-Based OT/PT Consortium Meetings* will occur at the end of each training day from 4:30-5:30 p.m.

The dates and cities are as follow:

- o March 21, 2011 Miami, Florida
- o March 23, 2011 Orlando, Florida
- o March 24, 2011 Gainesville, Florida

9. Center for Early Education and Development (CEED) College of Education and Human Development University of Minnesota

CEED welcomes registrations for the winter/spring 2011 sessions of online courses. The courses have easy registration and affordable pricing (check out the [group rates](#) too). Register now for the two courses that begin on February 14.

Continuing education certificates for 24 or 36 clock hours, approved and issued by the College of Education and Human Development at the University of Minnesota, can be earned by successfully completing course requirements.

The courses are also approved for members of the International Childbirth Education Association (ICEA) for 24 clock hours per course.

Click on the links below to learn more about each course and [how to register](#). Online registration now available!

February 14 to April 18, 2011 (9-week session):

Parent-Infant Pathways:

An Educator's Guide to Providing Information and Support to New Parents

(36 clock hours)

Instructor: Jolene Pearson, B.E.S., M.S., IMH-E® (IV), Minneapolis Public Schools, Early Childhood Special Education, Interagency Facilitator

February 14 to May 23, 2011 (14-week session):

Seeing is Believing:

Videotaping families and using guided self-observation to build on parenting strengths

(24 clock hours)

Instructor: Kathi Blomquist, PHN, MS, IMH-E®-III

February 21 to April 25, 2011 (9-week session):

Introduction to Infant Mental Health

(24 clock hours)

Instructor: Marit Appeldoorn, MSW, LICSW

February 28 to May 2, 2011 (9-week session):

Premature Babies and Their Parents:

Information and Insights for Early Intervention Personnel

(36 clock hours)

Instructor: Jolene Pearson, M.S., IMH-E® (IV), Minneapolis Public Schools, Early Childhood Special Education

March 7 to May 9, 2011 (9-week session):

Bridging Education and Mental Health

(24 clock hours)

Instructor: Leah Hjelseth, M.A.

March 14 to May 16, 2011 (9-week session):

Prenatal Development and Its Influence on Child Development:

A Foundational Course on the Parent-Infant Relationship

(24 clock hours)

Instructor: Joann O'Leary, Ph.D., MPH, MS

More Information

[CEED online courses](#)

[Costs and How to Register](#)

[Group rates:](#) There are discounted course fees for organizations who enroll a group of people.

[2011 CEED Online Course Schedule](#) (pdf)

Unfamiliar with distance education? [Learn how we conduct our online courses.](#)

If you would like a sample syllabus or have questions:

Please contact Karen Anderson, CEED online course manager, at 612-625-6617 or ander352@umn.edu.

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