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ACTION NEEDED

TRANSLATION OF POLICY DOCUMENTS

The following policy documents are in the final stages of being translated to Spanish: IFSP forms, Request for Mediation, Mediation Brochure, Parties Confidentiality Agreement, Due Process Hearings Brochure, Summary of Procedural Safeguards, Written Prior Notice form, and the Understanding Notification Brochure.

The Early Steps State Office is requesting your feedback regarding the need for these documents to be translated into either Creole or French. Please notify ESSO of the specific documents you need translated

and if the need is for Creole or French. [Please email Pam Porter](mailto:pamela_porter@doh.state.fl.us) at pamela_porter@doh.state.fl.us of your need **by Thursday, June 17, 2010**. Thank you!

INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

FLORIDA'S DETERMINATION UNDER IDEA

Florida has been determined by the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) to be "Need Assistance" in meeting the requirements of IDEA. The Determination is based on data submitted in the FFY 2008 Annual Performance Report (APR). As you will see, sanctions imposed by the Secretary of US DOE include seeking technical assistance related to Indicator 1, Timely Services, and Indicator 9, Timely Correction of Noncompliance. We must report to OSEP by 10/1/10 on the technical assistance we have received and on actions we have taken as a result.

You can view Florida's Determination letter and supporting documents on the Early Steps website at the following link. To view, scroll to the bottom of the page and click on OSEP response letter.

http://www.cms-kids.org/providers/early_steps/reports/program_performance.html

PROVIDER ISSUES SUBCOMMITTEE CONFERENCE CALL NOTES FROM FEBRUARY (With 2 Attachments)

Attached you will find the conference call notes from the call held on February 25, 2010 and May 20, 2010.

SHINE COORDINATORS MAY CONFERENCE CALL (With 2 Attachments)

Attached you will find notes from our last call. In addition, Pam Tempson has provided the following responses to issues raised during the call.

1. Can LES request a hearing aid listening test kit if the audiologist does not? *Yes, but until a systematic way of doing this is developed LES will need to contact newborn hearing screening at 1-866-289-2037 to request it. Eventually, the Diagnostic Hearing Evaluation form will be revised so that audiologists will state whether or not the child will have hearing aids and, if so, a hearing aid listening test kit will automatically be sent to the family.*
2. Is the Listen Little Star kit translated into Spanish? *Not yet, but the Bolesta Center is working on this through a grant.*
3. It was stated during the call that a form would be provided to use to request Florida Resource Guide for Families of Young Children with Hearing Loss Books. *The form is attached.*

NECTAC NEWS

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

UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS/TRAININGS

TRAINING COORDINATORS CONFERENCE CALL

The Early Steps Training Coordinator Conference Call scheduled for June 15 from 2:00 - 3:30 EDT has been cancelled. The next Training Coordinator Conference Call will be on July 27 from 2:00 - 3:30 EDT.

FAMILY CAFÉ (With 3 Attachments)

On June 17, 2010, 21 Early Steps Family Resource Specialists from around the state will meet at the Coronado Springs Resort at Disney World, to participate in an exceptional weekend of workshops, events and networking with and for families of children with special needs at the annual FAMILY CAFÉ.

In lieu of our regular FRS Spring meeting, FRS's will take part in a special workshop "Community Leadership and System Change" presented by Gary De Carolis, President of the Center for Community Leadership on Thursday, just prior to the Family Cafe. See attachment.

A special event only for Early Steps families, will be held between 9 - 11 am on Friday morning. See attachment.

In addition, this year, for the first time, there is a special track of workshops for families of children birth to five years. Attached is a summary of the workshops in this track.

FLORIDA INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL FOR INFANTS AND TODDLERS Quarterly Meeting

June 22 and June 23, 2010
Four Points by Sheraton
8520 Baymeadows Road
Jacksonville, FL 32256

Please visit the site below to make your reservations:

<http://www.starwoodmeeting.com/StarGroupsWeb/res?id=1002264129&key=48451>

SHINE COORDINATORS CONFERENCE CALL

The next SHINE Coordinators conference call is scheduled for August 10, 2010 at 2:00pm EDT.

CENTER FOR EARLY EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT (CEED) PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

College of Education and Human Development
University of Minnesota

Please feel free to forward this announcement message to those individuals and organizations who may be interested in these professional development opportunities.

Last call to register for Summer 2010 online course sessions.

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. (These courses are not currently offered for University credit.)

Courses are also approved for members of the International Childbirth Education Association (ICEA) (maximum: 24 clock hours per course but fee for 36 clock hour courses remains \$340).

Click on the links below to learn more about each course and instructor, to view a general course introduction video, and [to register](#).

June 14 to August 16, 2010

Premature Babies and Their Parents:

Information and Insights for Early Intervention Personnel

(36 clock hours), \$340 plus required materials

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

Prenatal Developmental Intervention:

For Professionals Working with Families During Pregnancy

(24 clock hours), \$225 plus required materials

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

Bridging Education and Mental Health

(24 clock hours), \$225 plus required materials

Instructor: Leah Hjelseth, MA, Doctoral candidate, Educational Psychology

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.

2010 CEED Online Course Schedule (pdf)

2011 CEED Online Course Schedule (pdf)

Unfamiliar with distance education? [Learn how online courses are conducted.](#)

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.