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### ***INFORMATION AND RESOURCES***

#### **MATERNAL, INFANT, AND EARLY CHILDHOOD HOME VISITING GRANT PROGRAM**

Request for public comment on evidence criteria for effectiveness of home visiting program models

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) and Administration for Children and Families (ACF) are soliciting comment by August 17, 2010 on how to assess evidence of effectiveness of home visiting program models for pregnant women, parents and caregivers of children birth through kindergarten entry. A Federal Register Notice will be published in the Federal Register tomorrow. However, it is available for public inspection today at the Federal Register's "Public Inspection Desk" at [http://www.ofr.gov/OFRUpload/OFRData/2010-18013\\_PI.pdf](http://www.ofr.gov/OFRUpload/OFRData/2010-18013_PI.pdf). It can also be found by going to

[http://www.ofr.gov/inspection.aspx#spec\\_H](http://www.ofr.gov/inspection.aspx#spec_H) and scrolling three-quarters of the way down the page to "Health Resources and Services Administration," where it is the first notice listed.

The Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program, authorized by Section 511 of Title V, as amended by the Affordable Care Act, is designed to strengthen and improve home visiting programs, improve service coordination for at risk communities and identify and provide comprehensive evidence-based home visiting services to families who reside in at risk communities. The legislation specifies that 75% of program funds supporting home visiting services must be used to support "evidence-based" home visiting program models.

This Notice proposes criteria to be considered in assessing whether home visiting models have evidence of effectiveness and describes the methodology for a systematic review of evidence, applying the criteria proposed in the Notice. The final criteria for evidence of effectiveness of home visiting models will be included in the program announcement inviting eligible entities to apply for funding under the Affordable Care Act Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program.

The criteria proposed in the Notice apply only to the home visiting program for States and territories authorized by Section 511(c) of Title V. Based on a careful review of available research evidence on home visiting interventions with Tribal populations, the Secretary will issue a separate Notice proposing alternative evidence-based criteria for identifying home visiting models likely to improve outcomes for families in Tribal communities.

## **PART C SYSTEM ORIENTATION**

The New Part C Coordinator Orientation committee which is a joint effort of OSEP, the RRCs, NECTAC and ITCA, has created a series of videotapes that are posted on the web for use by all individuals interested in an overview of the Part C system. Designed to accompany a written document titled *At-A-Glance*, there are ten topics that cover the requirements of the law, a description of the components of the early intervention system and an introduction to critical resources. While the target audience is the new Part C coordinator, the videos are a comprehensive introduction to Part C and would be an excellent orientation for state Part C staff, ICC chairs, and anyone else who would be interested in understanding the Part C system. The two hours and twelve minutes of video presents the material in twelve modules with most modules running between eight and twelve minutes. The videos can be viewed at <http://tadnet.org/partccoordinators>. The written At-A-Glance document is also available at this address.

## **UPDATED IFSP**

An updated version of the IFSP is attached for your information and use while web posting of the corrected forms is still pending. This version, dated "Rev 7/09/2010", corrects all reported glitches. The following are attached:

- English IFSP in print and electronic formats

- Spanish IFSP in print and electronic formats

Creole translation is still in process. If you have additional questions or concerns, please contact the Program Manager for the appropriate LES.

## NECTAC NEWS

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

### *UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS/TRAININGS*

#### **EARLY STEPS STATEWIDE MEETING**

**September 29, 2010 - October 1, 2010**  
**Hilton/ Walt Disney World Resort**  
**Orlando, Florida**

The 2010 Early Steps Statewide Meeting has been scheduled to take place in Orlando, September 29-October 1, 2010. The meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday and will end at 1:00 pm on Friday and will combine the typical Early Steps Statewide Meeting with the Service Coordinator Statewide Training.

The room rate is \$99.00 per night and will be valid 3 days before and 3 days after the meeting dates but are subject to availability. Reservations must be made no later than Wednesday, August 25, 2010. Please call 1-800-782-4414 to make reservations and be sure to indicate that you will be attending the Early Steps Statewide Meeting.

A draft agenda will be disseminated at a later date. The meeting will offer general sessions with keynote speakers, breakout sessions based on topics suggested by the field, and roundtable discussions.

Please plan to attend this exciting and very informative meeting and stay tuned for additional information regarding the agenda and participant registration! ESSO hopes to see you in late-September!

## **SERVICE COORDINATION WORKGROUP CONFERENCE CALL**

The next Service Coordination Workgroup Conference Call will be held on Wednesday, August 11 from 12:00 - 2:00 EDT. The conference call number is 1-888-808-6959 and the code is 6254120367. The Minutes/Notes from the July 14<sup>th</sup> call are attached.