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ACTION NEEDED

EARLY STEPS STATEWIDE MEETING HILTON/WALT DISNEY WORLD RESORT IN ORLANDO SEPTEMBER 29, 2010 – OCTOBER 1, 2010 Orlando, Florida

Please call **1-800-782-4414** to make hotel reservations and be sure to indicate that you will be attending the Early Steps Statewide Meeting.

Hotel Reservations must be made no later than Wednesday, August 25, 2010.

The meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday and will end at 1:00 pm on Friday. 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.

EARLY STEPS STATEWIDE MEETING DRAFT AGENDA AND REGISTRATION (With 1 Attachment)

The draft agenda for the statewide meeting is attached. The content and times of the break-out sessions are tentative and are subject to change. In addition to making a hotel reservation, you also need to register to attend the statewide meeting. Please go to the following link to register.
<http://cpeip.fsu.edu/FORM.CFM>

FEDERAL REGISTER NOTICE RE: PROPOSED CRITERIA FOR EVIDENCE-BASED HOME VISITING PROGRAMS

We understand that many of you have had difficulty locating the Federal Register Notice (FRN) seeking public review and comment on establishing proposed criteria for evidence-based home visiting programs. Here is the direct link:

<http://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2010/07/23/2010-18013/maternal-infant-and-early-childhood-home-visiting-program>

Comments are due Tuesday, August 17. Contact information is provided at the end of the FRN document.

INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

CORRECTION TO LAST WEEK'S CMS THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATOR

To submit questions about the CMS Third Party Administrator (TPA) project you can email them to CMSTPA@doh.state.fl.us.

CORRECTION TO LAST WEEK'S ELIGIBILITY WEBINAR QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS (With 1 Attachment)

Attached you will find the questions (with answers) that ESSO received based on the Eligibility Webinar conducted at the end of June.

FAMILY-CENTERED CARE TOOLS RELEASED

Newly published by the National Center of Medical Home Initiatives, the Family Centered Care Self-Assessment Tools are designed to give health care practices and families the opportunity to assess current areas of strength and identify areas for growth. They also help to plan future efforts and track progress toward family-centered care. To access the Tools, go to <http://www.familyvoices.org/pub/index.php?topic=fcc>

DIAGNOSING AUTISM

The Early Steps State Office often gets questions from Local Early Steps about who and/or what type of professional is specifically authorized to diagnose Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

Early Steps policy 3.1.3 states that autism is diagnosed by a "healthcare practitioner acting within his/her scope of practice." Policy staff have researched Florida Statutes and found nothing that specifically states who can diagnose ASD or any specific credentials they must have. Since the Early Steps State Office does not want to place additional restrictions on LESs regarding this issue that are beyond the scope of state statutes, no additional definitions regarding who can diagnose ASD are planned at this time.

CHANGE IN MEDICAID EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES (With 1 Attachment)

Florida Medicaid's policy regarding eligibility criteria as stated in the Early Intervention Services Coverage and Limitations Handbook, August 2007, has been changed. New eligibility criteria, which now match those in the Early Steps Rev July 2010 eligibility policies, will be included in the next issue of the Florida Medicaid Early Intervention Services Coverage and Limitations Handbook. Attached is the official letter of notice alerting Medicaid Early Intervention Services Providers of the change that includes the new criteria.

MEDICAID SERVICES REMINDER

Medicaid does not pay for any services following the death of a Medicaid recipient. This includes TCM services related to contacting providers, closing the file, etc. following the death of an Early Steps infant or toddler. If you submit a bill and receive payment, Medicaid audits may result in a recoupment of funding for services provided after the date of death.

MEDICAID ALERTS (With 4 Attachments)

NPI IMPLEMENTATION REMINDER: *Changes coming in Florida Medicaid that will impact most providers who submit claims to the Florida Medicaid program.* Starting January 1, 2011, Medicaid will require that all providers who must obtain an NPI include their NPI on all claims submitted to Medicaid. This will include all claims from these providers, whether submitted on paper or electronically. The Medicaid provider number will be allowed to accompany the NPI on claims; however, claims that do not contain the NPI will be denied. Look for further instructions in the near future for these new requirements. Medicaid claims submitted **on and after January 1, 2011**, will have new requirements for the use of the NPI

The 5010 version of the claims transactions will no longer allow providers to include the Medicaid provider number as part of the transaction and will allow only the NPI. This affects only electronic claims. Consequently, in preparation for the 5010 implementation, Florida Medicaid will no longer accept X12 claim transactions that contain the Florida Medicaid provider number **starting in April 2011**. Electronic claims that contain the Medicaid provider number will be denied. (AHCA Alert attached).

COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DOCUMENTATION TRAINING...Broward County only... August 23, 2010, at 9:00 am and 1:00 pm. (AHCA Alert attached).

CMS EDUCATION SERIES FOR PROVIDERS ON THE MEDICARE AND MEDICAID ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD (EHR) INCENTIVE PROGRAMS. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) are hosting a series of national provider calls addressing the specifics of the Medicare and Medicaid EHR incentive programs for hospitals and individual practitioners. Learn the specifics on what you need to participate in these incentive programs. (AHCA Alert attached).

FLORIDA MEDICAID ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD PROGRAM SURVEY being conducted this week by CMS. (AHCA Alert attached)

TAMPA BRIGHT FEATS WEBSITE

Pat Grosz has reported that the Early Steps program is featured on the cover of Tampa Bright Feats on line and also on the hard copy edition. Go to www.Tampa.BrightFeats.com to view.

NECTAC NEWS

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

UPCOMING CONFERENCE CALLS/ EVENTS/ MEETINGS/ TRAININGS

ONLINE COURSE FROM GALLAUDET UNIVERSITY... "GENETICS AND HEARING LOSS FOR EHDI PROFESSIONALS"

The Genetics Program at Gallaudet University is offering the online course "Genetics and Hearing Loss for EDHI Professionals" from September 13 - Nov 19, 2010. This course includes basic to more advanced information on genetics, inheritance, genetic counseling and genes for hearing loss with lectures by the Gallaudet staff as well as Drs. Walter Nance and Arti Pandya from Virginia Commonwealth University. The link to information about the course is below
http://genetics.gallaudet.edu/Genetics/Genetics_Education/Online_Course_Genetics_for_EHDI_Professionals.html

For registration information, go to http://cpso.gallaudet.edu/CPSO_Home.html

Gallaudet University, Department of Hearing, Speech and Language Sciences is approved by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) to offer 3.7 continuing education units for this activity.

Please contact Kathleen Arnos at kathleen.arnos@gallaudet.edu for more information after August 1, 2010.

INVESTING IN FAMILY SUPPORT CONFERENCE TO BE HELD OCTOBER 10-12, 2010

You won't want to miss the upcoming Investing in Family Support conference to be held on October 10-12 in Kansas City Missouri! More information is available at www.infanthearing.org/meeting.

CENTER FOR EARLY EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT (CEED)
College of Education and Human Development
University of Minnesota

CEED welcomes registrations for our fall 2010 sessions of online courses. Our courses have easy registration and affordable pricing (check out our [group rates](#) too).

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.

Our courses are 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](#). Please register for courses at least one week before the session start date.

September 6 to December 13, 2010 (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

September 13 to November 15, 2010 (9-week session): [Supporting Stressed Young Children Through Relationship-based Teaching](#) (24 clock hours) Instructor: Julie Nelson, Therapeutic Preschool Teacher, Families Together Program, Lifetrack Resources

September 20 to November 22, 2010 (9-week session): 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

September 27 to November 29, 2010 (9-week session): [Introduction to Infant Mental Health](#) (24 clock hours) Instructor: Marit Appeldoorn, MSW, LICSW

October 4 to December 6, 2010 (9-week session): [Bridging Education and Mental Health](#) (24 clock hours) Instructor: Cynthia Croft, M.A., Director of the Center for Inclusive Child Care and Faculty, Concordia University; Adjunct Faculty, Minneapolis Community and Technical College.

October 11 to December 13, 2010 (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

October 18 to December 20, 2010 (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.); [2010 CEED Online Course Schedule](#) (pdf); [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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CHILDREN'S MOVEMENT OF FLORIDA

A new initiative, called the Children's Movement of Florida, is growing statewide, led by a large non-partisan group of state leaders. As a spin on the successful "tea parties", this movement will kick off with a series of "milk and cookies" parties across the state, beginning in Pensacola and going to Key West. (See the Proposed September Schedule below for the dates, times and contacts in your area.)

The goal of the rallies is to have 1,000 people per location in order to attract the media and to make a statement to the Florida legislature that kids are our priority. Each site will attract families and advocates with giveaways, local bands & choirs, balloons, entertainment, local celebrities, milk & cookies, and buses to get folks to the event, etc. The events are backed by grants from the Kellogg Foundation among several others.

Week #1 September 6

Monday 6th, Labor Day, Pensacola

Chair: Randy Fleming, DCF

Coordinator: Audra Carter, Pamela Whitmore

Tuesday 7th, Tallahassee

Chair: Anna Johnson-Reidel, self employed public affairs

Coordinator: David Abrams, Pamela Whitmore, Susan Vodicka

Wednesday 8th, Gainesville and Ocala

Chair: Karen Brickelmyer, United Way

Coordinator: David Abrams, Pamela Whitmore

Thursday, Rosh Hashana - no event

Friday 10th, Jacksonville

Chair: Cecilia Bryant, Attorney and FL Steering Com

Coordinator: Tim Blydenburgh, Pamela Whitmore

Week #2 September 13

Monday 13th, Daytona Beach

Chair:

Coordinator: Leah Shepherd, Pamela Whitmore

Tuesday 14th, Orlando and Kissimmee

Chair:

Coordinator: Leah Shepherd, Pamela Whitmore

Wednesday 15th, Treasure Coast - St. Lucie, Martin, Indian River

Chair: Kathryn Hensley, St. Lucie School Board and FL Steering Com

Coordinator: Kerline Boursiquot, Pamela Whitmore

Thursday 16th, Tampa and Lakeland

Chair:

Coordinator: Adam Brown, Pamela Whitmore

Friday evening, Saturday, Yom Kippur - no event

Week #3 September 20

Monday 20th, St. Petersburg

Chair:

Coordinator: Adam Brown, Pamela Whitmore

Tuesday 21st, Sarasota and Bradenton

Chair:

Coordinator: Nick Duran

Wednesday 22nd, Naples and Ft. Myers

Chair:

Coordinator: Nick Duran

Thursday 23rd or Friday 24th, West Palm Beach
Chair: Marta Casas-Celaya, Comcast and FL Steering Com
Coordinator: Kerline Boursiquot, Pamela Whitmore

Week #4 September 27

Monday 27th, Ft. Lauderdale/Broward
Chair:
Coordinator: Pam Gadinsky, Nick Duran

Tuesday 28th, North Miami-Dade
Chair:
Coordinator: John Knight, Nick Duran

Wednesday 29th, South Miami-Dade
Chair:
Coordinator: John Knight, Nick Duran

Thursday 30th, Key West
Chair: John Padget (pending) State Board of Ed
Coordinator: Kelli Brower