



## ESSO WEEKLY UPDATE – AUGUST 15, 2008

### *Information / Resources*

#### **Providing Amplification**

In March and April Director's calls a concern was raised about only half of known children with permanent hearing loss receiving services from Early Steps. One outcome of resulting discussions was to develop documents for pediatric audiologists so that they are more aware of how to work effectively with Early Steps. Additionally, a list of hearing aids has been negotiated at excellent prices that will be distributed to audiologists as a convenience. They will not be required to select hearing aids from this list. Also included will be the most current diagnostic hearing evaluation form that is used by audiologists to report infants and toddlers with permanent hearing loss to the CMS Newborn Screening Program, who then in turn, faxes the form to the appropriate local Early Steps. For the convenience of the local Early Steps a list of the current codes and pricing of audiology services is also below. An updated SHINE brochure is also under development. If you have any questions please contact Karen Anderson at 850-245-4444 x 2269 or karen\_anderson@doh.state.fl.us.



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### *Announcements*

#### **Due Process Hearing Final Order**

Attached is a copy of a final order in a due process hearing conducted by the Division of Administrative Hearings, Florida Department of Management Services. Personally identifiable information has been redacted. The order is provided for informational purposes to assist Local Early Steps in the provision of early intervention services to infants and toddlers and is not intended to provide legal advice or assistance.



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### **2008 Family Survey Process**

The distribution period for the 2008 Family Survey process has concluded. Next steps include data analysis of the responses, distribution rate, response rate, etc. for federal and state reporting purposes and to gather meaningful information that enhances services and supports to children and families in Early Steps. We recognize the local efforts required to make this year's process a success. Many thanks for your continued hard work and dedication with this process!

### **Contract Payments Summary**

We acknowledge that you have not been receiving the summary of payments by funding source for your use in distributing your expenditures by funding source. Once the 2007-08 fiscal year contract payments are closed out we will send you a summary of the full year. Expect to receive these shortly after September 30. Beginning in the 2008-09 fiscal year you will receive the summaries quarterly.

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