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### **ACTION NEEDED**

**EARLY STEPS STATEWIDE MEETING RESERVATIONS DEADLINE AND REGISTRATION**

HILTON/WALT DISNEY WORLD RESORT IN ORLANDO  
SEPTEMBER 29, 2010 – OCTOBER 1, 2010

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

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.

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.

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>

## ASD LOCAL PRACTICES SURVEY

**Please update** the ASD Local Practices Survey that was sent via email Wednesday, August 18 and submit to [Sally\\_Golden-McCord@doh.state.fl.us](mailto:Sally_Golden-McCord@doh.state.fl.us) by **COB on Wednesday, August 25th**.

## INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

### EARLY STEPS DATA SYSTEM RECORD EDIT RULES CHANGING EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2010

As previously implemented last year, it is time again to advance the “edit date” in the ES data system by one year. Beginning September 1<sup>st</sup>, users will no longer be able to edit Intervention, FSPSA, Evaluation, and Appointment records older than 07/01/08 (from\_date, services beginning, etc.). For Demographic records, users will no longer be able to edit records for children born before 07/01/05.

### DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT (DME) PROVIDERS LEVEL TWO BACKGROUND SCREENING REQUIREMENT (With 1 Attachment)

AHCA has provided important new information regarding the requirement for Level two background screening, as described in s. 435.04, F.S., as a condition of employment for **provider staff in direct contact with and providing direct services to recipients of DME and medical supply services in or at their homes**. This requirement includes repair and service technicians, fitters, and delivery staff. The official AHCA alert is attached, and more information is available at:

<http://ahca.myflorida.com/Medicaid/dme/index.shtml> and  
[http://ahca.myflorida.com/Medicaid/dme/bsg\\_dme\\_provider\\_letter.pdf](http://ahca.myflorida.com/Medicaid/dme/bsg_dme_provider_letter.pdf).

## NECTAC NEWS

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

### UPCOMING CONFERENCE CALLS/ EVENTS/ MEETINGS/ TRAININGS

#### **MEDICAID ALERT: THERAPY SERVICES PUBLIC FORUM** (With 1 Attachment)

AHCA has announced a public forum to discuss subjects related to the Therapy Services program, including proposed and recent changes. The meeting is scheduled for **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2010, 10 a.m. until noon**  
Agency for Health Care Administration, 2727 Mahan Drive, Building 3, Conference Room A, Tallahassee, FL 32308

A copy of the meeting agenda has been posted on the Agency for Health Care Administration Web site: <http://ahca.myflorida.com/Medicaid/childhealthservices/therapyserv/index.shtml>. Questions should be directed to: John Loar, Therapy Services Program Analyst, Agency for Health Care Administration, Bureau of Medicaid Services, 2727 Mahan Drive, Mail Stop 20, Tallahassee, Florida 32308, or email: [john.loar@ahca.myflorida.com](mailto:john.loar@ahca.myflorida.com). The official notice is attached.

#### **SERVICE COORDINATION WORKGROUP CONFERENCE CALL** (With 1 Attachment)

The minutes for the August 11, 2010 Service Coordination Workgroup conference call are attached. The next call is scheduled for September 8th from 12:00 - 2:00 EDT. The conference call number is 1-888-808-6959 and the code is 6254120367.

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

CEED welcomes registrations for the first online course of the fall session, which begins Monday, September 6:

Seeing is Believing:  
Filming Families and Using Guided Self-Observation to Build on Parenting Strengths

A continuing education certificate for 24 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.

September 6 to December 13, 2010:

[Seeing is Believing: Filming Families and Using Guided Self-Observation to Build on Parenting Strengths](#)

(24 clock hours), \$225 course fee, plus required textbook

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

About the Course

Originally developed as part of the STEEP™ program, Seeing is Believing® is a unique practice that helps parents increase their sensitivity and responsiveness to their babies' cues by using a filming strategy. Through filming and guided viewing, Seeing is Believing® promotes perspective-taking by giving parents a chance to see, from the camera's point of view, what happens between them and their baby.

Using filming as a self-observation tool, we present parents with a way of seeing themselves and their babies from a new vantage point. Seeing is Believing® - Online is designed for *education* and *human service* professionals working in the homes of families with very young children. The purpose of the course is to teach you the techniques of filming and guided self-observation so that you can work more effectively with parents, helping them to strengthen their parenting skills.

About the Instructor

Kathi Blomquist is a public health nurse by background and has worked as a home visitor with infants and families in a variety of public health nursing and other community settings since 1979, providing relationship-based services to support parents in their developing relationships with their children. Kathi currently is a PHN Clinician (supervisor) in the Nurse-Family Partnership Program with Ramsey County Public Health. Previously she worked as a home visitor and group facilitator in the STEEP™ program and as an Infant-Parent Specialist (home visitor) in the Healthy Families/Infant-Parent Development Program at St. David's Child Center for Child and Family Development (part of the Metro Alliance for Healthy Families). She is also an NCAST (Parent-Child Interaction Scales) instructor and consultant. Her professional interests are in the areas of reflective practice, infant and early childhood mental health, and home visiting.

More Information

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[2010 CEED Online Course Schedule](#) (pdf)

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

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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](mailto:ander352@umn.edu).