



WEEKLY UPDATE – JUNE 12, 2009

ACTION NEEDED

2009 SERVICE COORDINATOR STATEWIDE MEETING EVALUATION

Please encourage staff who attended the Service Coordinator Statewide Meeting to complete the online evaluation if they have not already done so. After the deadline, Monday, June 15, the evaluation will not be available and there will not be a way to retrieve certificates of attendance. Participants should complete the online evaluation at http://cpeip.fsu.edu/html/doc/ES_Certificates/ by COB, **June 15, 2009** to obtain a certificate of attendance.

BDI2 PROTOCOLS AND MATERIALS ORDERS

Part of the spending of the Early Step American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds will be to order Local Early Steps BDI2 protocols and supplies. We will be doing a statewide order to take advantage of quantity discounting. Please complete the attached BDI2 Order form and submit it via email to Lynn Marie Price at LynnMarie.Price@doh.state.fl.us by **COB June 26, 2009**.

INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

REVIEWING 09-10 EARLY STEPS CONTRACTS

The **draft** 09-10 Early Steps contracts have been distributed to you for review. During the review you may notice that the language change regarding the ARRA funds in Section D.13 of Attachment I, indicated in the Early Steps Conference Call on June 3rd, is missing. We are aware of this. A decision was made that since the documents had begun the routing process prior to the change that the priority was to get through the DOH review process and that these changes would be made prior to the document being sent to the LES for signature. The Contract Management Unit Staff are making these changes at this time.

GOOD LUCK, LIESL

We regret to announce that Liesl Ramos has accepted a position at the Agency for Persons with Disabilities effective today. She has been a quick learner about the Early Steps system and has been an asset to the Performance Improvement Unit. We wish her well in her new job!

SAFETY PLACE MAT BROCHURES

Attached is a brochure for a product developed by the mother of a child who has daily seizures. Printed brochures will be available at the statewide meeting. A percentage of the proceeds of the sale of these safety mats is donated to the Epilepsy Foundation.

SUPPORTING LITERACY IN NATURAL ENVIRONMENTS: ACTIVITIES FOR CAREGIVERS AND YOUNG CHILDREN

Supporting Literacy in Natural Environments: Activities for Caregivers and Young Children are at www.wlearning.com. On their home page, you will find a button on the right labeled "**Download Free Parent Tools**." You can select among materials for preschoolers, infants, and On-the-Go activities.

They currently have free parent handouts in ***English, Spanish, Somali, and Russian***

They have also added new resources on the website for educators, librarians, and other professionals serving young children:

- Research Updates
- Suggestions for books for dialogic reading
- Tips for Educators

They will be updating these resources regularly and invite your comments. Next month they will be posting more free materials. You can sign up for the mailing list to continue to receive notices about free materials when they are posted on the website.

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NEW VIDEO ON EARLY CHILDHOOD INCLUSION

A new 12-minute video, Foundations of Inclusion Birth to Five, includes highlights from the recently released Joint Position Statement on Early Childhood Inclusion as well as bite-sized information on big ideas about inclusion. The video was produced by CONNECT, a Office of Special Education Programs-funded national center that is developing web-based resources and modules on effective and evidence-based practices to support professional development.

For more information and to view the video:

<http://community.fpg.unc.edu/connect>

To view or download the position statement:

http://community.fpg.unc.edu/resources/articles/Early_Childhood_Inclusion

NECTAC NEWS

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

Article(s) of special interest:

1. New Findings on Children with Special Health Care Needs and Medical Home Access