



WEEKLY UPDATE – AUGUST 29, 2008

Announcements

FRS Conference Call

The monthly Family Resource Specialist Conference Call was held on Monday, August 25th. The notes for the conference call are attached.

Family Resource Specialist Fall 2008 Meeting

The Family Resource Specialist Fall 2008 Meeting will be held on Thursday, November 6, 2008 beginning at 9AM and ending on November 7, 2008 by 3:00 PM. It will be held at the Hilton Cocoa Beach Oceanfront in Cocoa Beach. On Wednesday November 5, 2008 the Family Resource Specialist Orientation will be held between 1 - 5 PM at the same location. All new FRS's are required to attend the Orientation. Hotel reservation information and meeting agenda are forthcoming.

Policy Updates

Policy Updates Effective August 15, 2008 at: http://www.cms-kids.com/EarlySteps/ESPolicyHandbook_OperationsGuide.htm

In response to questions and requests for clarification from the field, the Early Steps Policy Handbook and Operations Guide has been updated. Those updates are summarized in Policy Update Index 2, located at http://www.cms-kids.com/EarlySteps/documents/2008Policy/Policy_Update_Index_2.doc. It is very important that users read the updated material and file it in any hard copy versions of the documents as it is the user's responsibility to follow correct policy. Users may click on the links in Policy Update Index 2 to read the updated material. If you have questions, please contact your program manager in the Early Steps State Office.

Information / Resources

Infant Massage Instructor Certification Training With Infant Massage USA

Jacksonville, Florida October 30, 31 November 1, 2-08

This a 4 day training that prepares the practitioner to teach families how to be the massage therapist with their infant. The certification is as a parent educator and upon completion of requirements one becomes a CERTIFIED EDUCATOR OF INFANT MASSAGE with an international certification as this organization is training in 48 countries around the world. Infant Massage USA is the US Chapter of the International Association of Infant Massage-Sweden.

Requirements for certification include:

- Taking the 4 day training.
- Working with 5 families and their infants and turning in paper work filled out by the families.
- Doing and submitting a take home exam.
- Purchasing two additional books which are *Touching* by Ashley Montagu and the *Baby Book* by Sears.

This program implements the philosophy of Vimala McClure, author of *Infant Massage a Handbook for Loving Parents*. Infant Massage USA is the only organization in the United States representing her programs.

The cost of the training is \$650 and includes a training manual and handbook as part of the training fee. In addition 56 ceu's are provided for massage therapy and nursing. 28 hours are available for taking the course and 28 are available for doing the requirements for certification. A one time fee of \$15 is charged for the ceu's.

The trainer offering the listed program is DeAnna Elliott who has been doing these trainings since 1982. She has three main goals in her training: first to refine the practitioner's understanding of the incredible intelligence of the newborn, second imparting the necessary tools to share this with families and third preparing students to market their new skills in the professional world. In addition, she has completed a documentary called *Cellular Echoes, Environmental Influences in the Journey from the Womb to the World*. This film is about imprinting from preconception into the early years. It includes contemporary scientific information and tribal birth wisdom in a cross-cultural exploration of these phenomena in animals and humans. Understanding cell memory will aid participants to gain insight into the impact of the stroking process they will be teaching families to use with their infants.

To register contact DeAnna Elliott – deanna12@fairpoint.net or 719-256-4455 P.O. 341 CRESTONE, COLORADO 81131.

Training fee is \$650. If full training fee is paid 30 days in advance it is \$625. A deposit of \$150 must be in 18 days in advance of training date.

Hours are 9-5:30 each day.

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