



WEEKLY UPDATE – SEPTEMBER 5, 2008

Information / Resources:

SERVICE COORDINATOR STATEWIDE MEETING POSTPONED

The Early Steps State Office has been watching Hurricane Ike's projected path and have made a decision to reschedule the 2008 Service Coordinator Statewide Meeting. Please cancel your room reservation by calling 1-800 (Hilton). Hilton has informed us that they will be refunding deposits and this should occur within 5 business days.

For those of you who have reservations at the Doubletree, there should have been a 72 hour (today) cancellation agreement so please cancel today. We apologize for any inconvenience. We will be discussing options for an alternate date for this meeting in the future.

PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES FOR LAPTOPS

Due to a recent incident involving a service coordinator's laptop, we would like to remind everyone that laptops should not be left in locked vehicles. Not only is there a chance that it could be stolen but with the very high temperatures in the Sunshine State, the laptop could also be damaged. Laptops should remain in your personal possession at all times; or secured at your home or office.

CAPTA

Attached is an interagency agreement template designed to cover CAPTA issues at the local level. It is based on the state level CAPTA interagency agreement that DOH and DCF have signed, currently located on the CMS/Early Steps website at http://www.cms-kids.com/EarlySteps/ES_InteragencyAgreements.htm. The template is being provided as an example of what an interagency agreement at the local level might look like. Either party may decide they want to customize the attached template to meet needs at the local level and that is perfectly acceptable as long as such customization is not in conflict with the state level agreement.

As a reminder, we encourage you to accept the CAPTA Referral for Early Steps form that was designed by ESSO and DCF. This form is now located on the DCF website – put the URL here.

For additional questions about the template or CAPTA, please contact Dawn Lynch at (850) 245-4444, ext. 2270.

NECTAC NEWS

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

Upcoming Training Opportunities & Conferences

ONLINE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES ON SELF-REGULATION AND THE SELF ASSESSMENT-INTERVENTION PROCESS FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION UNITS

The Center for Development & Disability at the University of New Mexico once again is offering two online training opportunities on Self-Regulation and the SELF Assessment-Intervention Process for Continuing Education Units. The courses will be self-paced but include facilitated non-synchronous discussion activities.

For registration information email dgiegerich@salud.unm.edu.

Part I: What is Self-Regulation: An Introduction to the SELF Process for Infants & Toddlers - October 6, 2008 to November 2, 2008 4 CEUs (SLP/OT/PT/SW) Cost :\$60

Part I provides an overview of the complex nature and theoretical foundations of self-regulation. It focuses on the rationale for developing the SELF Assessment-Intervention Process. The course presents current theory and research regarding self-regulation and outlines the four regulation domains that provide the framework for implementing the SELF Process. An overview of the entire process from the Family Interview to Intervention is presented through a case study.

Part II: Assessment-Intervention of Self-Regulation for Infants and Toddlers: Application of the SELF Process - November 3, 2008 to December 14, 2008 6 CEUs (SLP/OT/PT/SW) Cost \$100

Part I & II: October 13 to December 21, 2008 - 10 CEUs - Cost \$150

Part II is divided into six modules that focus on the application of the SELF Process (Interview, Observation, Intervention) using case studies. The emphasis of the course will be on identifying the underlying factors that impact self-regulation and will include the use of the Observation of Self-Regulation Variables (OBSRV) tool. In addition, participants will learn how to use the SELF Strategies Menu to provide information and suggestions to families on changing interaction patterns and styles and adapting environments to help children better regulate their emotions and behavior.

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 practitioners 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.