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GENERAL UPDATES:

1. One Goal: Building the Future Together “Putting Families and Children First”

The Department of Health is pleased to be a sponsor of the 2015 Summer Conference **ONE GOAL: BUILDING THE FUTURE TOGETHER
“PUTTING FAMILIES AND CHILDREN FIRST.”**

This year, the conference will be celebrating 29 years of bringing together early education and care providers and leaders from around the state. It is especially important that we all work together, to collaborate, and share how we can do more with less in our programs, practices, and techniques to improve the services and outcomes for all Florida’s young children.

The conference will be held at the Hilton Tampa Downtown in Tampa, Florida on July 22-24, 2015. The conference will include general sessions, concurrent presentations, and exhibits of appropriate materials.

We invite you and your staff to submit a proposal to present at the conference. An electronic version of the Presenter Proposal Form is located on the conference web site, <http://www.onegoalsummerconference.org>. **The deadline for proposal submission is April 6, 2015.** All proposals will be reviewed by the Planning Committee and the primary presenter noted on the proposal will be notified of acceptance or non-acceptance of the proposal. While multiple proposals are encouraged, we will only select one or, space allowing, a maximum of two.

To date, sponsors of the 2015 One Goal Summer Conference include:

- Creative Center for Childhood Research & Training (CCCRT)
- Association of Early Learning Coalitions
- Child Development & Education Alliance
- Children’s Forum
- Florida Association for the Education of Young Children
- Florida Children’s Services Council
- Florida Department of Children & Families
- Florida Department of Education

GENERAL UPDATES:

1. One Goal: Building the Future Together “Putting Families and Children First” cont

- Florida Department of Health
- Florida Family Child Care Home Association
- Florida Head Start Association
- Florida Head Start Collaboration Office
- Florida Institute of Education at University of North Florida
- Nemours Brightstart!
- Office of Early Learning
- The Early Childhood Initiative Foundation
- Training & Technical Assistance Services at Western Kentucky University
- United Way of Florida

The conference registration fee of \$75 will be waived for the primary presenter only. All co-presenters will need to register and pay the registration fee. All presenters are responsible for making their own hotel reservations and any other expenses incurred.

For more information about the One Goal Summer Conference, please contact the Conference Coordinator, Frankie Allen, at (850) 893-6270 or email: frankieallen_2000@yahoo.com.

2. Developmental Disabilities Awareness Day

The Arc of Florida and the Florida Developmental Disabilities Council (FDDC) will host the 2015 Developmental Disabilities Awareness Day on **March 5, 2015**. This event will take place on the 2nd Floor Rotunda of the Florida Capitol. Exhibitors will be there to display and share information and services available to persons and families with developmental disabilities. You will also have an opportunity to visit with legislators to share your concerns regarding issues affecting persons with developmental disabilities. For more information, please contact Margaret Hooper at MargaretD@FDDC.org or Vanda Bowman at vandab@fddc.org. For more detailed information, visit <https://files.ctctcdn.com/b260d50b001/fe4e85ea-8f05-4657-aa44-9b109009219d.pdf>.

MEDICAID UPDATES:

3. REMINDER - MMA Complaint Form

If any LES staff, parents, or providers has a problem or concern related to Statewide Medicaid Managed Care, please refer them to this online form to submit the issue to the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA). It's a secure email, so it is safe to provide protected health information (PHI). This method allows AHCA to quickly spot patterns and resolve them. From <http://ahca.myflorida.com/SMMC> , scroll down to the blue "Report a Complaint" button.

This online system is to be used for reporting enrollment, authorization, payment, policy issues, and other complaints related to serving a child in Medicaid Managed Care.

We suggest that you save and/or copy the online complaint form prior to submission and maintain documentation of the issues you report. Also send a copy to your program manager in the Early Steps State Office.

INFORMATION AND RESOURCES:

4. Toolkit for Developmental Disabilities Awareness Day

The Florida Developmental Disabilities Council (FDDC) is launching a statewide grassroots advocacy campaign on 'Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month', on March 5, 2015. By holding a 'Developmental Disabilities Awareness Day' in your community any time during March, you can advocate with Florida legislators to maintain funding for critical services and programs, support additional funding for the Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) waitlist and educate legislators and the public about the challenges and opportunities facing Floridians with disabilities.

If you would like to hold a 'Developmental Disabilities Awareness Day' in your community, go to <http://www.fddc.org/sites/default/files/2015Toolkit.pdf> to download the "Developmental Disabilities Awareness Day Media and Advocacy Kit".

If you have questions or need additional information, contact Richard Bivens at richardb@fddc.org.

INFORMATION AND RESOURCES:

5. ECTA Center Webinar: Offering our Best to Children and Families: Program-Wide Implementation of Recommended Practices

Wednesday, February 11, 2015, 2:00-3:00 pm EDT

Now that we have the DEC Recommended Practices, we need to address how we can ensure their use within local programs. Please join us for a discussion about the application of implementation science in order to ensure the adoption of DEC Recommended Practices (RP) to improve child outcomes. ECTA faculty involved in supporting local programs in their use of DEC Recommended Practices will discuss the importance of a program-wide approach, critical components, and the tools and strategies that are used in program-wide implementation. To sign up for the webinar, go to https://unc.az1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_2fZ7eMayN8Y7fSJ&Q_JFE=0

This webinar is free and no CEUs will be provided. Questions may be directed to Lise Fox at lisefox@usf.edu

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6.Center for Early Education and Development Online Courses

Register soon for these online courses that begin in early February:

Parent-Infant Pathways

9-week online course/February 2–April 6, 2015

This course provides training on supporting infants through the pathways of: early development, parent education, and parent-infant relationships. In learning information based in current research and best practices, participants will take part in discussions, chats, activities, and assignments, and receive feedback from the instructor. Upon completion of the course, participants will be better able to address new parents' questions, thoughts, and concerns, as well as help parents more easily identify infant communication cues and capabilities.

Working with Parents: Considerations for Special Populations

9 week online course/February 9–April 13, 2015

Participants will examine the transactional role of parents and parent-child relationships in child development as well as interdisciplinary childhood mental health principles and strategies for working with parents of young children. Participants will understand special considerations of how infant mental health research informs work with parents with mental illness, chemical dependency, trauma, and cognitive delays, as well as adolescent parents, foster, adoptive and kinship parents, and parents of children with special needs. Participants will have an opportunity to explore their professional role in the interdisciplinary field of early childhood mental health and how strategies and principles will inform their professional role.

For more information, go to <http://www.cehd.umn.edu/CEED/onlinecourses/default.html>

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