



ESSO WEEKLY MEMO

November 14, 2014

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Upcoming Events:

1. Family Resource Specialist Conference Call

A Family Resource Specialist conference call has been scheduled for **Wednesday, November 19, 2014 from 1:00 – 2:30 (EST)**. The topic of the call will be accountability, performance, and improvement. For any questions, please contact Kelly Rogers at Kelly.Rogers@flhealth.gov.

The Conference Call #: 1 888 670 3525

The Conference Code: 8275524759 then #

2. 22nd Annual Statewide Centers for Autism and Related Disabilities (CARD) Conference

The seven regional CARD centers and the Partnership for Effective Programs for Students with Autism will be hosting their conference at the Florida Hotel & Conference Center in Orlando on **January 16–18, 2015**, with featured experts Paula Kluth, Cathy Pratt, Michael Alessandri, Sara Smith, Dana Gassner, Carole Zangari and many other nationally recognized presenters on various topics across the autism spectrum. Registration for the free educator training day is open now, and conference registration at the low Early Bird rate is now available. More information on this informative and valuable opportunity may be found at http://www.pals-ucfcard.org/2015_CARD_Conference.html.

ADOS-2 Training for those evaluating students with ASD will also be available preceding the main conference.

Medicaid Updates:

3. Medicaid Alerts and Questions

The Florida Medicaid program has an e-mail alert system to supplement the present method of receiving Provider Alerts information and to alert registered subscribers of "late-breaking" health care information. You will receive an email when Medicaid policy clarifications or other health care information is available that is appropriate for your selected area and provider type. Visit the **Florida Medicaid's Health Care Alerts** page at <http://ahca.myflorida.com/Medicaid/alerts/alerts.shtml> to subscribe, unsubscribe, or update your subscription.

Information & Resources:

4. 2014 Family Survey Results

The 2014 results from the family survey process are attached. ESSO would like to recognize the Local Early Steps for the significant statewide increase in Indicators 4a, 4b, and 4c. If you have any questions about these results, please contact Kelly Rogers at Kelly.Rogers@flhealth.gov.

5. Ebola Resources for Parents, Schools and Pediatric Healthcare Professionals

There have been no cases of Ebola in children in the United States. Currently, the risk that a child in the United States could become sick with Ebola is extremely low because infection requires direct contact with an Ebola patient while the patient is symptomatic. The period of possible risk extends up to 21 days after this contact. However, only a small number of Ebola cases have occurred in the United States. Children could also be at risk if they have traveled within the previous 21 days to countries with widespread transmission (<http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/outbreaks/2014-west-africa/distribution-map.html#areas>). Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), along with state and local public health departments, is taking steps to help keep the risk low for everyone, including children. The CDC provides Ebola resources for parents, schools and healthcare professionals at <http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/children/index.html>.

LES Spotlight:

6. Treasure Coast Early Steps:

The 2014 recipient of the Easter Seals Florida, Rhoda and Bert Ventura Mission Achievement, is Ketty Laguna, Treasure Coast Early Steps Service Coordinator. Ketty was selected for going above and beyond in her role working with families by looking at the entire family and their needs, concerns, desires and fears. She “always has a smile on her face, is gracious and kind to everyone and always ready to jump in and help.” Her challenges have become her strength. As an adult immigrant to the United States, Ketty has had to learn English and experience being a new citizen. Her empathy with the families she works with is evident. She leaves families with a lasting and positive impression of Easter Seals. Thank you Ketty for exemplifying your dedication to our mission!

Congratulations also goes to the Rhoda and Bert Ventura Mission Achievement Nominee, Onix Cruz, Treasure Coast Early Steps Spanish Translator! Way to Go Onix!



The photo is of Ketty Laguna and Susan Ventura, President and CEO of Easter Seals Florida

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