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UPCOMING EVENTS:

1. Webinar - “Stories from Act Early State Systems Grantees-What works, what doesn’t, and why”

Thursday, February 13, 2:00–3:30 PM

Don't reinvent the wheel! Join this webinar to hear more about success stories and lessons learned from the 2013 Act Early State Systems Grantees from Maryland, Wyoming, California, and New Jersey. The Act Early State Systems Grants support the collaboration of the Act Early State Teams and work to further the activities initiated by state teams during the Act Early Summits. There will be ample time for you to ask questions on what works, what doesn't, and why. We hope you will be able to join us!

Register: Go to <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/855487713>

Missed the last webinar?

[View the archived webinar](#), Creative Ways to Reach Hard to Reach Populations- Part 2 of 2: Addressing Disparities in "Learn the Signs. Act Early."

2. Webinar - “Down Syndrome 101 for Parents, Extended Family, Teachers, and Advocates”

The free webinar will be held on Tuesday, March 4, 2014, from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. (EST)

The Central Florida Parent Center is pleased to announce a free webinar for parents, teachers, extended family and advocates - all about Down syndrome (DS)! People with DS are unique individuals with a full range of skills, desires and emotions, just like the rest of us. But what are the facts versus the myths? This webinar will contain everything you ever wanted to know but were afraid to ask about DS. This webinar will cover the basics: biology and diagnosis, physical characteristics, medical conditions, development, cognition and more. Amy Van Bergen, Executive Director of the Down Syndrome Association of Central Florida, will be presenting.

To register, go to: [https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/374100504?](https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/374100504?utm_source=DS+101+Webinar&utm_campaign=DS+101+Webinar&utm_medium=email)

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3. Free Workshop - Creating a High Fidelity Motivational Interviewing Experience

The Florida Department of Children and Families Substance Abuse and Mental Health Program Office (SAMH) in conjunction with the Florida Alcohol and Drug Abuse Association (FADAA) would like to invite you to two FREE trainings. Approximately 11.0 CEUs are available at no cost per training.

February 12-13, 2014 at the Hilton Garden Inn Jacksonville Airport

To register for the February 12-13th workshop, please click on this link,

<http://fadaa.org/workshopInformation.php?id=49> or copy and paste into your browser.

February 24-25, 2014 at the Point Orlando Resort

To register for the February 24-25th workshop, please click on this link,

<http://fadaa.org/workshopInformation.php?id=48> or copy and paste into your browser.

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MEDICAID UPDATES:

4. Medicaid Alerts and Questions

The Florida Medicaid program has created 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. An e-mail will be delivered to your mailbox 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 to subscribe now, or to unsubscribe or update your subscription at any time. Please direct questions about Medicaid policies to your local Medicaid area office. The Medicaid area offices' addresses and phone numbers are available on the [Area Offices](#) web page.

5. CMS-1500 Transition Webinar Series

In order to align with the requirements of the Accredited Standards Committee and prepare for the upcoming ICD-10 transition, Florida Medicaid will be utilizing a new CMS-1500 form as of April 1, 2014. The revised form (version 02/12) will replace the current claim form (version 08/05). To facilitate this transition, Florida Medicaid and the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) are currently accepting the new form (version 02/12), however, the new form will not be required until April 1, 2014.

AHCA and its fiscal agent, HP Enterprise Services, invite our provider communities to participate in a series of upcoming CMS-1500 webinars.

This webinar series is designed for professional providers billing on the CMS-1500 paper claim form and will provide information on the upcoming mandatory transition to the CMS-1500 version 02/12 paper form, including the transition timeline, highlights of important changes, common billing errors, and a live demonstration of where to find important resources.

To register for a CMS-1500 Transition webinar, click [here](#).

For additional information regarding this upcoming implementation, visit the [CMS-1500 Transition](#) page on the Public Web Portal under the Agency Initiatives menu.

EMPLOYEE AND LES SPOTLIGHT

6. Please Submit Your Employee and/or LES Spotlight

Has one of your co-workers received an award? Has your LES hosted a successful event or been mentioned in the media? Then this section is for you! Please submit items for recognition of major accomplishments, awards, and milestones reached by either LES/ESSO Employees OR Local Early Steps Programs. All entries must be emailed to Katie Williams and Patricia Herring by 5:00 EST on Tuesdays. The subject line should read "ESSO Weekly Memo Entry." Please include a picture when possible.

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PROGRAM MANAGER INFORMATION:

7. List of Program Managers and their Contact Information

The assigned program manager at ESSO is the primary contact person for the LES to submit questions, issues or concerns to. The program manager will be responsible for responding to the LES and prior to responding, will inform and involve others in the ESSO, when necessary, to assist in clarifying or resolving the issue. **Early Steps State Office Telephone Number - (850) 245-4444**

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CONFERENCE CALLS FACILITATED BY THE EARLY STEPS STATE OFFICE

This chart identifies routinely scheduled statewide conference calls led or facilitated by ESSO.

TITLE	FACILITATOR	PURPOSE	TARGET AUDIENCE	FREQUENCY
Directors/Coordinators Cohort	Penny Geiger	Community of Learners for Directors/Coordinators to discuss topics of importance	LES Directors/Coordinators	3rd Thursday of each month from 1:00-2:00
Directors/Coordinators	Penny Geiger	Business related topics for implementation of services	LES Directors/Coordinators and ESSO staff	1st Wednesday of each month from 9:30-12:00
Family Resource Specialists	Sue Cannon	Share information and discuss family involvement activities	LES Family Resource Specialists	4th Wednesday of each month from 10:00 - 11:30
Service Coordinator Workgroup	Sally Golden-McCord	TBD	LES Service Coordinators and SC Supervisors	2nd Wednesday of each month from 12:00-2:30
SHINE	Mary Sandler	Share information and resources regarding children who are deaf/hard of hearing and their families	SHINE Service Coordinators and Providers	Quarterly on the 3rd Monday from 2:00-4:00 (Month of quarter TBD)
Training Coordinators	Liza Smith Janice Miller	Share and discuss topics related to personnel improvement and training activities	LES Training Coordinators	3rd Tuesday of each month from 1:00-2:00
CMS-KIDS Reporting	David Johnson	Share and discuss CMS-KIDS reports	CMS-KIDS Users	1st Wednesday of each month from 3:00-5:00
CMS-KIDS Process Strategies	Penny Geiger	Strategies (Data Users)	CMS-KIDS Data Users	3rd Wednesday of each month from 3:00-4:00
Early Steps Operations Call	Penny Geiger	Q & A with Med3000	CMS-KIDS Data Users	3rd Wednesday of each month from 4:00-5:00

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9	10	11	12 <i>Service Coordinator Workgroup Call 12:00–2:30</i>	13	14	15
16	17	18 <i>Training Coordinator Call 1:00–2:00</i>	19 <i>1. CMS-KIDS Process Strategies Call 3:00–4:00</i> <i>2. Early Steps Operations Call 4:00–5:00</i>	20 <i>Directors/ Coordinators Cohorts Call 1:00–2:00</i>	21	22
23	24	25	26 <i>Family Resource Specialist Call 10:00–11:30</i>	27	28	