



ESSO WEEKLY MEMO

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

1. Early Steps State Office Public Participation Period

Early Steps Proposed Policies and Annual Part C Application for funds are now available for public review at http://www.floridahealth.gov/AlternateSites/CMS-Kids/home/resources/es_policy/es_Policy.html.

The Early Steps State Office will begin accepting comments related to proposed policy changes and the annual Part C application on **March 3, 2014** and will accept comments for 30 days through **April 1, 2014**.

Share the notice at http://www.floridahealth.gov/AlternateSites/CMS-Kids/home/resources/es_policy/PublicParticipation/PublicParticipationNotice2014_English.pdf with staff, parents, providers, advocacy groups/organizations and other stakeholders in your area. Please prepare for the comment period by reviewing the proposed policies and the application **prior to** the comment period. Submit comments regarding the policies or Part C application for funds to CMS.EarlyStepsPublicComment@flhealth.gov

During the public comment period, public meetings via webinar will be conducted on the following dates and times:

	DATE/TIME	TOLL FREE NUMBER	PARTICIPANT PASSCODE
1	Wednesday 3/26/14 11:00 am – 1:00 pm Eastern Time	1 888 670 3525	6272156732 then #
	To join the online meeting, please go to: https://floridanewbornscreening.adobeconnect.com/esso/ Log-in as a Guest		
2	Thursday 3/27/14 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm Eastern Time	1 888 670 3525	6272156732 then #
	To join the online meeting, please go to: https://floridanewbornscreening.adobeconnect.com/esso/ Log-in as a Guest		

In addition, a webinar has been scheduled specifically targeted for families. It will be held on Friday, **March 28, 2014** from **1:00 pm - 2:00 pm (EST)**. All family members and advocacy groups are invited to attend. To access the webinar, go to <https://floridanewbornscreening.adobeconnect.com/esso/>, enter as “Guest”, and call 1-888-670-3525/Passcode 6861777454#. Please see the [attached](#) document for more information.

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UPCOMING EVENTS,continued:

2. DD Council Community Outreach Webinars

The Florida Developmental Disabilities Council (FDDC), The Mailman Center for Child Development, the Florida Center for Inclusive Communities (FCIC) and Disability Rights Florida are holding webinars to inform the public of current disability related initiatives throughout Florida. Please see attached [flyer](#) for more information.

3. FAIMH/MIECHV/Early Steps Spring Conference Announced

The Florida Association of Infant Mental Health (FAIMH) in collaboration with Early Steps and the Florida Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Initiative (MIECHVI) invite you to participate in their upcoming spring conference. The focus will be on innovative approaches to providing infant mental health, home visiting, and Part C services. Please see attached [flyer](#) for more details.

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.

STAFF & LES SPOTLIGHT

5. Please Submit Your Employee/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:

6. 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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9	10	11	12 Service Coordinator Workgroup Call 12:00 - 2:30	13	14	15
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16	17	18 Training Coordinators Call 1:00 - 2:00	19 *CMS-KIDS Process Strategies Call 3:00 - 4:00 *Early Steps Operations Call 4:00 - 5:00	20 Directors/ Coordinators Cohort Call 1:00-2:00	21	22
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23	24	25	26 *Family Resource Specialist Call 10:00 - 11:30 *Proposed Policies Public Hearing Webinar 11:00 - 1:00	27 Proposed Policies Public Hearing Webinar 1:00 - 3:00	28 Proposed Policies Summary for Families Webinar 1:00 - 2:00	29
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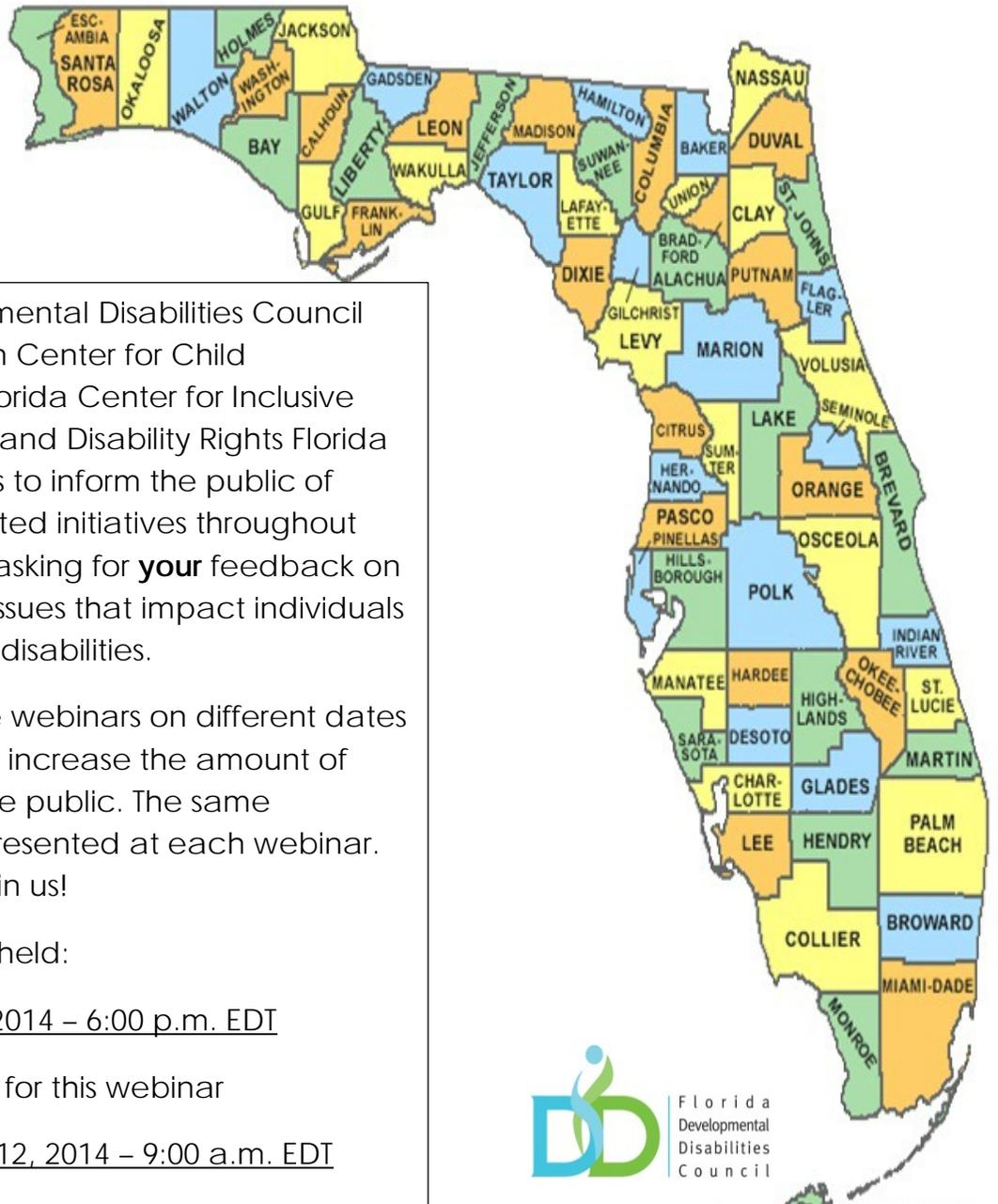
2014 Proposed Policies: Summary for Families

The Early Steps State Office hosts opportunities every year for individuals, including families, to comment on proposed changes to policies. Many of these changes may directly impact your child and family. In an effort to get your feedback, a webinar has been scheduled for **Friday, March 28, 2014 from 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm (EST)**. All family members and advocacy groups are invited to attend. To access the webinar, go to <https://floridanewbornscreening.adobeconnect.com/esso/>, enter as “Guest”, and call 1-888-670-3525/Passcode 6861777454#. Below is a sample of the proposed policies that will be discussed during the webinar:

- ✧ Clarifies that your insurance cannot be used under any circumstances unless you provide consent (written approval).
- ✧ Clarifies that when you provide consent to use your private insurance, this includes sharing your personally identifiable information with the insurance company.
- ✧ Requires you to send the provider any payment you receive for their services, if applicable.
- ✧ Requires a face-to-face meeting with every family prior to their initial evaluation and at a location convenient for you.
- ✧ Requires a new screening tool for children with social-emotional concerns.
- ✧ Requires your consent when a Service Coordinator/Targeted Case Management Plan is developed, reviewed, and updated.
- ✧ Requires all eligible children and their families to have an outcome and primary service location on the Service Coordinator/Targeted Case Management Plan.
- ✧ Provides reasons why you would not receive services other than service coordination/targeted case management.
- ✧ Clarifies that audio-video taping Individualized Family Support Plan meetings is allowed.
- ✧ Requires an Individualized Family Support Plan meeting before you are closed to Early Steps.
- ✧ Requires you receive a survey during the exit process from Early Steps.
- ✧ Proposes that if you miss two consecutive appointments without notice, the service coordinator and provider(s) will attempt to contact you and coordinate activities to engage you. If unsuccessful, the provider will no longer be responsible for providing services.
- ✧ Clarifies steps Early Steps must take if they can't reach you after three attempts before you will be closed from Early Steps.
- ✧ Clarifies the providers consulting amongst each other must be on your Individualized Family Support Plan Team.
- ✧ Clarifies that your approval is needed to invite the local school district representative to a transition conference.
- ✧ Proposes steps for your service coordinator to take, including closure, if your child has not yet turned three and no longer meets the eligibility criteria for Early Steps.
- ✧ Clarifies it is best practice for both parties to disclose who will be attending a mediation session, if applicable.

***If you have any questions or would like to provide feedback via email, please contact
CMS.EarlyStepsPublicComment@flhealth.gov***

Community Outreach Webinars



The Florida Developmental Disabilities Council (FDDC), The Mailman Center for Child Development, the Florida Center for Inclusive Communities (FCIC) and Disability Rights Florida are holding webinars to inform the public of current disability related initiatives throughout Florida. We are also asking for **your** feedback on new and emerging issues that impact individuals with developmental disabilities.

We are hosting three webinars on different dates and times in order to increase the amount of participation from the public. The same information will be presented at each webinar. We hope you can join us!

The webinars will be held:

Tuesday, March 11, 2014 – 6:00 p.m. EDT

Click [here](#) to register for this webinar

Wednesday, March 12, 2014 – 9:00 a.m. EDT

Click [here](#) to register for this webinar

Friday, March 14, 2014 – 12:00 p.m. EDT

Click [here](#) to register for this webinar

To participate in the audio portion of each webinar, please call 1-888-670-3525. When prompted for a passcode, dial 3810012784.



Many Paths to Enhancing Parent Child Relationships

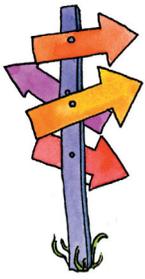
*Innovative Approaches to Providing
Infant Mental Health, Home Visiting, and Part C Services*

April 23-25, 2014 • Orlando, Florida

(1pm Wednesday, April 23 – Noon Friday, April 25)

*A collaboration of
Florida Association for Infant Mental Health,*

Florida Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Initiative, and Florida's Early Steps Program



★ **Featured Keynotes**

- **Mary Dozier, PhD**, University of Delaware, developer of The Attachment and Biobehavioral Catch-Up (ABC), the home based infant/toddler intervention – *Wednesday*
- **David Willis, MD**, Director, Division of Home Visiting and Early Childhood Systems, MCH Bureau, HRSA – *Thursday*
- **Deborah Perry, PhD**, Georgetown University, expert in home visiting, early childhood mental health consultation and perinatal depression – *Thursday*
- **Sharon Landesman Ramey, PhD**, VA Tech, scholar in home visiting research and intersection with public policy – *Thursday*
- **Tonier Cain**, subject of *Healing Neen*, documentary based on her emergence from early trauma to become spokesperson for the National Center for Trauma Informed Care – *Friday*

★ **Featured Speakers for the Breakout Sessions**

- Sandra Adams, PhD, Florida State University
- Juanita Armbrister, BS, FSU Young Parent's Project
- Patty Babcock, PhD, Systems Solutions
- Dan Bagner, PhD, Florida International University
- Neil Boris, MD, Nemours Children's Hospital
- Jane Clarke, PhD, SLP/SpEd, New Mexico Infant Team
- Christina Colon, MEd, FSU Young Parent's Project
- Sharon Ross Donaldson, LCSW, Florida State University
- Peter Gorski, MD, MPA, Children's Trust of Miami Dade
- Thais Gregg, BSN, FSU Young Parent's Project
- Anne Hogan, PhD, Florida State University
- Lucy Hudson, ZERO TO THREE Safe Babies Court Teams
- Robin Hart, Ounce of Prevention Fund of Florida
- Jack Johnson, Responsible Fatherhood Coordinator, NE FL Healthy Start Coalition
- Ana Leon, PhD, University of Central Florida
- James McHale, PhD, Director, USF Family Study Center
- Nancy Peck, Ounce of Prevention Fund of Florida
- Celeste Philip, MD, MPH, Florida Department of Health
- Celeste Putnam, MEd, President, Chrysalis Consulting Group
- Kimberly Renk, PhD, University of Central Florida
- Kenneth Scarborough, MDiv, MPH, Central Hillsborough Healthy Start
- Phyllis Sharps, PhD, RN, John Hopkins University
- Kathryn Shea, LCSW, The Florida Center for Early Childhood
- Alison Steier, PhD, Director, Harris Institute, Phoenix, AZ
- Judge Lynn Tepper
- Judi Vitucci, ARNP, PhD, Pinellas Healthy Start Coalition
- Barbara White, MSW, MEd, Florida State University
- Dorinda Williams, LCSW-C, ZERO TO THREE Military Family Projects

★ **Specific Topics**

- Trauma screening tools for clinicians and home visitors
- Baby court teams
- Interventions to enhance parent-child relationships (ABC, PCIT, Circle of Security, Fussy Baby)
- Embedding IMH practices and services into home visits, child welfare, early intervention, and child care
- Self regulation and infant mental health strategies for addressing challenging behaviors
- Identifying prenatal alcohol exposure and a new toolkit for working with substance exposed babies
- Strategies for working with fathers, military families, hard-to-engage teen parents, and families affected by domestic violence
- Motivational interviewing *and many more exciting topics!*

★ **Conference & Hotel Registration: www.faimh.org/conf2014**

Conference Registration: Early Bird rate until March 1 – \$85 / After March 1 – \$100

Hotel Registration: **Embassy Suites, Lake Buena Vista South** • 4955 Kyns Heath Rd, Kissimmee, FL 34746
407-597-4018 • \$119 if booked by March 23 / Group code: FAI