

ESSO WEEKLY MEMO

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No items.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

1. 2013 Partnering for Success

Please distribute the attached [2013 Partnering for Success](#) flyer to the providers in you network. We will be offering CEU's again this year and would like to encourage as much participation as possible.

MEDICAID UPDATES:

2. 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.

3. Claims Resolution Workshop

Area 1 (Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, and Walton) providers are invited to attend the Medicaid Claims Resolution Workshop scheduled for Thursday, September 19th at 1:00 PM at the Area 1 Medicaid Office.

Bring your problem claims and let us help you resolve them! Sign up for the workshop by going to <http://apps.ahca.myflorida.com/medres/ to register>.

Please note that this session in intended to be one-on-one assistance/instruction pertinent to issues or problems on claims specific to each attendee. AS SUCH, THERE WILL BE NO FORMAL PRESENTATION OR CLASSROOM TRAINING SESSION FOR THIS EVENT.

4. Updated Therapy Handbook Now Available:

Medicaid's updated Therapy Services Coverage and Limitations Handbook, effective August 2013, is now available through AHCA's portal, at the following address:

http://portal.flmmis.com/FLPublic/Provider_ProviderSupport/Provider_ProviderSupport_ProviderHandbooks/tabId/42/Default.aspx

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INFORMATION & RESOURCES:

5. 2013 Legislation: Senate Bill 1108

The 2013 Florida Legislature passed Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 1108 (CS/SB 1108) – An act relating to exceptional student education. The FDOE has issued attachments to include fillable forms regarding the recent Senate Bill 1108 memorandum (DPS: 2013-105). The memorandum and attachments may be viewed at <http://info.fldoe.org/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-6804/dps-2013-105.pdf> (memo); <http://info.fldoe.org/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-6811/dps-2013-105a.pdf> (attachment A); <http://info.fldoe.org/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-6812/dps-2013-105b.pdf> (attachment B);

STAFF AND LES SPOTLIGHT:

6. New Guidelines

This section of the ESSO Weekly Memo will now be used for recognition of major accomplishments, awards, and milestones reached by either LES/ESSO staff OR local 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.**

7. Staff Spotlight

Haylie Mistrot has been with the Early Steps State Office for over 11 years. In addition to her responsibilities as a program manager, Haylie is the lead for the ITDS Certification process. She also has lead responsibilities for the *Partnering for Success* statewide training event and has been in planning mode for the last several months. Haylie has secured a wonderful location for this event and has worked closely with our partners to identify relevant topics and outstanding presenters. It's going to be a great conference!

Thanks for taking the lead, Haylie!



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8. Staff Spotlight - Central Florida Early Steps Provider Team

Submitted by Lourdes Quintana

The Team provides all the eligibility evaluations for Orange, Osceola, and Seminole Counties with locations in all 3 counties through collaboration with Early Head Start and the Early Learning Coalition of Seminole. In October 2012 the Team began providing direct intervention services in the natural environment and now see 25 children using the ES Team-based Coaching Approach. The Team also provides training to the local community-based provider agencies on administration and scoring of the BDI2, as well as compiling all the BDI data for outcomes from all sources including community providers and LEAs. Lastly, the team also has an article on Autism that will be published in the upcoming Bright Feats Resource Directory. Please take a look at our wonderful, innovative Team.....

Lora Torres, OTR/L, Clinic Supervisor, has been working in pediatrics and developmental disabilities for 18 years. She coordinates cases for home interventions, and oversees Provider QA and Outcome Data.

Sarah Columbus, MPH, OTR/L, C/NDT, Occupational Therapist/Clinic Evaluator, has 29 years experience as an OT working in a variety of settings including inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation, acute care pediatrics and NICU, early intervention home visits and developmental evaluations for Early Steps. She is certified in Neurodevelopmental Treatment, and has a Masters in Public Health/ Maternal and Child Health

Nicole M. Augeri, MA, CCC-SLP, Clinic Evaluator, has worked with children with developmental disabilities, with focus on ASD for 13 years. She completes eligibility evaluations at the Developmental Center as well as provides home-based intervention for Early Steps. Nicole is Certified in Hanen programs: "It Takes Two to Talk" and "More Than Words."

Lana Bayona, MS, ITDS, Clinic Evaluator, has 3 years of experience working with children ages 0-3 with developmental delays and disabilities. She conducts developmental assessments to determine eligibility for early intervention services. Lana is part of a multidisciplinary team and provides intervention based on philosophy and research of the primary service provider model. She has a Masters in Child Development and Infancy.

Karen Dauplaise, MA CCC-SLP, Clinic Evaluator, has been a pediatric speech-language pathologist since 1995. Karen specializes in early intervention and currently is Hanen Certified.

Jennifer Schmidt, MPT, Physical Therapist/Clinical Evaluator, has 9 years of experience working with children in a variety of settings including early intervention, pre-K ESE classrooms and most recently clinic evaluator.

Mary Marshall, BS, ITDS, Clinic Evaluator, has a degree in child development, minor in psychology. She has worked in Early Intervention for 10 years, recently being an ITDS provider at North Eastern Early Steps in Jacksonville before relocating to the Orlando area.

Elizabeth Przybilla, Clinic Coordinator (not pictured), is the clinic coordinator and has been working for the Developmental Center/Early Steps program for the last 5 years. Elizabeth greets the families the day of the evaluation, gets all the necessary consent signed by parent/guardian, verifies insurance, and prepares charts and forms. She is also responsible for the clinic and therapy services schedules.

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Central Florida Early Steps Provider Team



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PROGRAM MANAGER INFORMATION:

9. 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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Partnering for Success

A training event sponsored by

Florida Department of Health, Children's Medical Services, Early Steps

Florida Department of Health, Children's Medical Services, Bureau of Child Protection/Special Technology

Florida Department of Education, Bureau of Exceptional Education and Student Services

The Office of Early Learning

Florida's Head Start State Collaboration Office



Over 40
Dynamic
Workshops

Wednesday-Friday, November 13-15, 2013

Wyndham Orlando Resort

National Presenters include:

Myra McPherson, LMHC, PhD, Parent Express, LLC

Carol Trivette, Ph.D, Orlena Hawks Puckett Institute

Pamela Phelps, PhD, The Creative Center for Childhood Research & Training, Inc.

To Register: <http://register.flchild.com/steps/step1?event=76>

\$45 Registration Fee – *Deadline 10/28/13*

**Free CEUs
Offered:**

Occupational Therapist, Physical Therapist, Speech Language Pathologist, Registered Nurse, Certified Master Social Worker, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Licensed Mental Health Counselor, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, Psychologist/School Psychologist, Dietitian/Nutritionist, Audiologist

**Hotel
Reservations:**

Wyndham Orlando Resort

8001 International Drive • Orlando, FL 32819

• 800-421-8001

Group Rate \$99, if booked by 10/18/12 (*Attendees must refer to "2013 Partnering for Success Statewide Meeting"*)