



ESSO WEEKLY MEMO

November 26, 2014

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Upcoming Events:

1. Webinar: Supporting Babies with Special Needs

Thursday, December 4, 2014 from 1:00—2:00 pm (EST)

Early care and education programs are charged with laying the foundation for school readiness for all infants and toddlers. Join the Early Head Start National Resource Center for a webinar around supporting babies with special needs. Discover what early intervention looks like in the family child care and home visiting options. Family child care providers will find strategies to strengthen partnerships with their Part C specialist. Home visitors serving families of very young children with special needs will learn to provide added support by connecting them to services and resources. This webinar will explore some of the available resources, materials, and adaptations which can be made in these two program options.

Topics for the webinar include:

- Partnering with Part C specialists
- Connecting families with needed services and resources
- Supporting young children with special needs in the family child care and home visiting options

To register, go to <https://www4.gotomeeting.com/register/605423495>

2. Promising Pathways: The Road to Best Practice in Autism Conference—Save-the-Date and Request for Proposals

The request for proposals is now open for the 2015 Promising Pathways Road to Best Practice in Autism Conference. The conference is provided free of charge and will be held on **April 11, 2015**, in Fort Myers at Florida Gulf Coast University. The keynote speaker is Chantal Sicile-Kira, a leader in the field of adolescence and transition to adulthood in autism, award-winning author and the parent of an adult son with autism. Information about the conference and request for proposals is attached. For additional information, please visit the web page at <http://www.fgcu.edu/events/promisingpathways/>.

Upcoming Events continued:

3. Annual Multidisciplinary Training Event for Early Childhood Professionals

December 10—December 12, 2014

The NTI is carefully developed to meet the learning needs of those working with infants and toddlers in early childhood education, early intervention, mental health, Early Head Start, child welfare, parent education, and pediatrics.

In this complete live webcast from the NTI conference, **ZERO TO THREE will feature 5 plenary and 6 breakout sessions with interactive question and answer opportunities** throughout each session. Day 1 consists of 2 plenary sessions and 3 breakout sessions. Day 2 consists of 3 plenary sessions and 3 breakout sessions. Each session will also be archived and available to webcast registrants after the event for a limited time.

Register **by the day** or for the **entire online event** <https://www.prolibraries.com/zerotothree/events/2014nti/register>

Medicaid Updates:

4. 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

5. OSER'S Blog: Feedback on OSEP'S IDEA Part C Determination Process

The Office of Special Education Programs within the Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS) wants your feedback!

The current blog posting concerns a proposed approach for including results data in the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Part C determinations process. At the request of OSEP, the Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center (ECTA) developed a proposal for using results data to review states' performance results for children who receive early intervention services. We would like your feedback on the proposal.

Please access the blog using the link below to review the materials developed by ECTA and to provide comments: <http://www.ed.gov/edblogs/osers/2014/11/results-driven-accountability-idea-part-c-results-data-in-determinations/>

6. Policy Clarification

During the policy webinars held the week of November 10-14, a question arose regarding the planned policy change related to authorization and billing for children and families who receive no other services other than Targeted Case Management/Service Coordination. As a result, the Early Steps State Office would like to clarify that the frequency of Targeted Case Management/Service Coordination listed on the IFSP will not need to match what is provided and billed since it is not always possible to determine the frequency required by the family ahead of time. Please continue to work through your Program Manager for any other policy related questions.

ESSO Spotlight

7. Ms. Patricia Herring

Ms. Patricia Herring received the Children's Medical Services "Connector Award" which is described as an individual that uses collaboration and team work to get the job done. Nominated on behalf of the Newborn Screening Program, Ms. Pat jumped to the rescue when the Newborn Screening Program needed help with processing travel requests for a period of two weeks. It was during a time when twelve different staff traveled at different times to different places. Ms. Pat ensured that business as usual continued and customers were served as planned. Please join us in congratulating Ms. Pat for a job well done!

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