



ESSO WEEKLY MEMO

December 5, 2014

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

1. Webinar: Part I Medicaid and Military Families: An Introduction

Wednesday, December 10 at 11am EST

This module, the first in a three part series, will provide an overview of the Medicaid program. Participants will learn about the overall purposes of the Medicaid program; its relevance to military families, especially those with family members who have special needs. Participants will also learn about the manner in which Medicaid is implemented and variations among the states; and developments currently underway with the program.

Link: <https://learn.extension.org/events/1698#.VHX7AaMo7cc>

2. SKI-HI Training 2015 at the Florida School for the Deaf and Blind

What is it?

SKI-HI is a complete curriculum with research-based information and unbiased resources for professionals who are providing family-centered programming to families with young children ages 0-5 who are deaf or hard of hearing.

Who Should Attend?

SKI-HI Training is available for school district personnel, Florida Department of Education professionals, university affiliates, Infant-Toddler Developmental Specialists and others with backgrounds in fields related to deafness such as deaf education, special education, speech therapy, audiology, social work, psychology, and early childhood education. Those who are currently working with or interested in working with families with young children who are deaf or hard of hearing and their families are welcome to attend. **You must have at least a Bachelor's degree in a related field to take this course.**

When will it happen?

*January 23-24-25 AND February 27-28, March 1 2015. **Participants must attend all 6 days and complete a homework assignment to receive a certificate of completion***

UPCOMING EVENTS continued:

Where Will it Be?

Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind, 207 N. San Marco Ave., St. Augustine, FL 32084

Why is FSDB hosting this training?

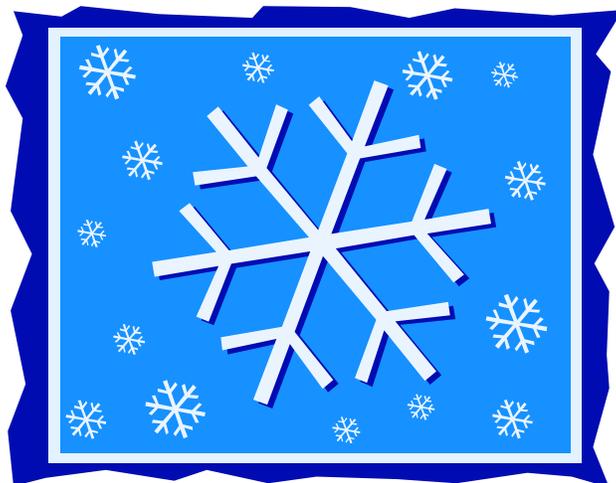
SKI-HI Trainings are offered by Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind in order to develop a network of highly qualified early intervention providers with expertise in working with families with infants and young children with hearing loss.

Please see attached flyer for training content and registration information.

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 AND RESOURCES:

4. Online Graduate Certificate: Positive Behavior Support

The University of South Florida's (USF) College of Behavioral and Community Sciences offers a fully online Graduate Certificate in Positive Behavior Support. This certificate program offers an evidence-based approach to resolving challenging, and supporting prosocial, behavior in children and youth within schools and early education settings. The certificate will benefit students by equipping them with necessary skills to provide systemic applications of PBS. The applications vary from understanding consultation at the individual level in the home and community, with young children in preschool settings, and/or school-age children within classrooms and schools.

For more information, please see the attached flyer or visit our website at <http://pbs.cbcs.usf.edu/>. If you have additional questions, please contact Michelle Kobus at 813-974-3126 or mkobus@usf.edu.

5. Little Happy Smiles Dental Screening

North Central Early Steps with the University of Florida Department of Pediatrics has initiated a unique program to promote oral health in very young children, birth to three years. See this month's attached One Step At A Time submission.

Congratulations on this successful initiative.

6. Survey for Families Receiving CMS Services

The Family Cafe has always had a strong relationship with CMS, with many CMS families attending the annual event. Family Café is working on a project to learn more about how many families in The Family Cafe network access CMS services, and what their experiences have been like, all with an aim to make Florida's system of care more efficient, and more family-friendly. Please distribute this short survey to families:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/FamilyCafe2014CMSsurvey>

Early Steps Spotlight:

7. Congratulations to the following 2013-2014 Award of Excellence winners!

Most Improved Score

Quality Assurance Review 2013-2014

Presented to: ***Southernmost Coast Early Steps***

Third Highest Score

Quality Assurance Review 2013-2014

Presented to: ***Southwest FL Early Steps***

Second Highest Score

Quality Assurance Review 2013-2014

Presented to: ***Treasure Coast Early Steps***

Highest Score

Quality Assurance Review 2013-2014

Presented to: ***North Dade Early Steps***

Most Improved Representativeness

Child Outcomes 2013

Presented to: ***West Central Early Steps***

Highest Representativeness

Child Outcomes 2013

Presented to: ***Space Coast Early Steps***

Most Improved Average Results

Family Outcomes 2013

Presented to: ***Southernmost Coast Early Steps***

Highest Average Results

Family Outcomes 2013

Presented to: ***Space Coast Early Steps***

Early Steps Spotlight continued:

8. FAREWELL, BEVERLY JONES

Our best wishes go out to Beverly Jones of North Central on her approaching retirement. Beverly is a long-time service coordinator supervisor whose last day will be December 31.

Beverly has been working in the field of social services for approximately 30 years. Prior to coming to Early Steps she worked for several years as a protective investigator and a health services representative. She started at North Central as a service coordinator in 1995 and then moved into the supervisory position in 2006.

Beverly's experience and knowledge will be greatly missed at North Central. Tamelia Malcolm will be taking on the challenges of this essential position.

Farewell Beverly! Enjoy the next chapter of your life.



*Beverly Jones (holding certificate) and co-workers at the
2013 Partnering for Success Statewide Meeting*

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