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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 1. SKI-HI Training 2014

#### *Family-Centered Programming for Infants and Young Children who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing*

*\*Participants must attend all 6 days and complete a homework assignment to receive a certificate of completion*

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.

#### The SKI-HI Training contains information about:

- Early Language Development
- Working with Infants 0-12 Months
- Hearing Aids and Cochlear Implants
- Literacy
- Communication Options
- Natural Environments and Routines
- Assessment
- Building Partnerships

SKI-HI Training is available for school district personnel, FL Department of Education professionals, university affiliates, ITDSs and others with backgrounds in fields related to deafness such as deaf education, special education, speech therapy, audiology, and early childhood education 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 Bachelors degree to take this course.**

*The fee for SKI-HI training is \$150.00. This covers all handouts and training materials (except manuals). Please make checks or POs payable to FSDB Outreach Division. Participants are also required to have the SKI-HI Curriculum Manual which can be ordered through HOPE Publications, Inc. 435-245-2888 or [www.hopepubl.com](http://www.hopepubl.com). The cost is \$290.00 per manual set plus 10% shipping and handling.*

To register for SKI-HI training:

Fax registration to **904-827-2293**

Call or email for more information:

Jennifer Cato, Parent Infant Program Coordinator - Deaf/Hard of Hearing

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**\*\*Please see additional information attached to the ESSO Weekly Memo email.**

*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.*

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## UPCOMING EVENTS, continued

### 2. Registration Opens for the 2014 National Early Childhood Inclusion Institute

Registration for FPG's 2014 National Early Childhood Inclusion Institute is now open.

Participants at the popular three-day conference will learn more about the latest research, practices, programs, and issues in early childhood inclusion, from national and international experts.

Every year, the Institute holds over 40 sessions on a wide range of topics related to inclusion, including: evidence-based instructional and interactional practices, partnerships with families, mental health and social-emotional development, assessment, self-determination, professional development, and policy and systems issues.

The Inclusion Institute always sells out, but space is available now:

<http://tinyurl.com/SaveYourSpotNow>

For more information, please visit:

<http://inclusioninstitute.fpg.unc.edu>

### 3. 2014 CARD Conference - Information for Early Intervention Providers

Keynotes provide a perspective from adults and parents—relevant for thinking big picture for all ages, including EI. The following is a list of sessions most relevant to Early Intervention:

- Session 10: Increasing food acceptance in picky eaters. (Sat AM)
- Session 12: Imitation: Its development and role in early intervention (Sat PM)
- Session 14/19: Essentials for Living (this session goes from 1-5pm) (Sat PM)
- Session 31: Treating Bedtime struggles and Nighttime Awakening (Sun AM)
- Session 34: A Core deficits centered curriculum for Early Intervention (Sun AM)
- Session 35: Comparing evidence for established programs for children with ASD (Sun AM)

Website: <http://card-usf.fmhi.usf.edu/CARDconference/>

**Early Registration Deadline is this FRIDAY!**

### 4. ASQ-3 and ASQ-SE Webinar

A 2-hour webinar on the ASQ-3 and ASQ-SE will be held **this Friday, December 20, 2013** from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM Eastern Time. Below is the log-in information:

To join the meeting: <http://ounce.adobeconnect.com/asq/>

**Important:** There will not be a conference line for this webinar, so make sure your computer has working speakers. Please be sure to have a copy of any age of the ASQ-3 questionnaire form in front of you if you would like to follow along - you will not need one for the ASQ-SE. Feel free to share this information with anyone who may be interested.

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## MEDICAID UPDATES:

### **5. 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.

### **6. Claims Resolution Workshop (Area 1)**

Area 1 invites its providers to the Claims Resolution Workshop to be held Thursday, January 16, 2014 at 1:30 pm at the local Pensacola Medicaid office. Note that this session is 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.** Bring your denied claims! Click [here](#) to register for the workshop.

## INFORMATION AND RESOURCES:

### **7. ESSO Special Announcement**

Andrew Johnson, ESSO Budget Manager, has recently accepted a promotional opportunity and will begin a new position at the Florida Department of Education in January.

Although Andrew's official last day is not until January 2, 2014, **effective immediately**, please send all contract issues and/or questions to Penny Geiger and copy both Pam Porter [pam.porter@flhealth.gov](mailto:pam.porter@flhealth.gov) and your Program Manager.

**Congratulations and  
Good Luck!!  
We'll miss you, Andrew!**

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## **INFORMATION AND RESOURCES, continued:**

### **8. 16th Annual Family Café Presentations Proposals Due December 27th**

The Family Café is pleased to announce that Presentation Proposals for The 16th Annual Family Café, to be held June 6-8, 2014, are now being accepted!

The Annual Family Café Conference is a unique, state-wide event that brings together persons with disabilities and their families with peers, commercial service providers, and public entities to find out what services are available to them, which best serve their needs, and how to go about securing those services.

Proposals should be submitted prior to ***December 27, 2013***; decisions regarding acceptance will be made in January, with notification following soon after. **(The presenter listed as the “primary presenter” on the application form will be the individual notified.)**

The 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Family Café Conference will take place at Hilton Orlando in Orlando. All professionals will be charged a registration fee of \$100 unless they are either persons with disabilities or parents of persons with disabilities. Presenters are also responsible for arranging their own transportation and accommodations.

For more information about the Annual Family Café, including pictures of last year’s event, visit [www.FamilyCafe.net](http://www.FamilyCafe.net). If you have any questions regarding the presenter application process, you may contact The Family Café office at 850/224-4670 or toll free at 888/309-CAFE.

### **9. Parents and Caregivers Wanted to Participate in Survey from The Center for the Study of Social Policy**

The Center for the Study of Social Policy (CSSP) is developing a new assessment tool to measure parents' perceptions of their strengths and is looking for individuals to help test the technical adequacy and usefulness of the instrument. Information provided by this new tool can be used in designing, implementing and monitoring effective service plans, as well as in evaluating the effectiveness of programs that aim to support parents in building their protective factors. In order to field test this new instrument, CSSP needs help in recruiting a minimum of 2,000 parents and other primary caregivers of young children. CSSP needs volunteers:

- Who have at least one child birth to 8 years old
- Who are fathers, mothers or other primary caregivers
- From all age groups (teen parents to grandparents who are primary caregivers)
- From all racial and ethnic/cultural groups
- From all economic groups
- From all regions of the country

Although CSSP cannot offer compensation for completing the survey, volunteers will play a very important part in the development of a new instrument that assesses parents' perceptions of their strengths, unlike many instruments that focus on parents' problems and what they may be doing wrong. The survey takes roughly 20 minutes and can be accessed by clicking on or copying and pasting the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/VSLWS7R>

Submissions must be completed by January 5, 2014. All information and survey answers are anonymous and will be used for research purposes only.

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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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# January 2014 Meeting Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5	6	7	8 Directors/ Coordinators Call & CMS- KIDS Reports	9	10	11
12	13	14 FICCIIT Quarterly Meeting Day 1	15 FICCIIT Meeting Day 2 & Service Coordinator Call	16 Directors/ Coordinators Cohorts Call	17	18
19	20	21 Training Coordinators Call	22 CMS-KIDS Operations Call	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	