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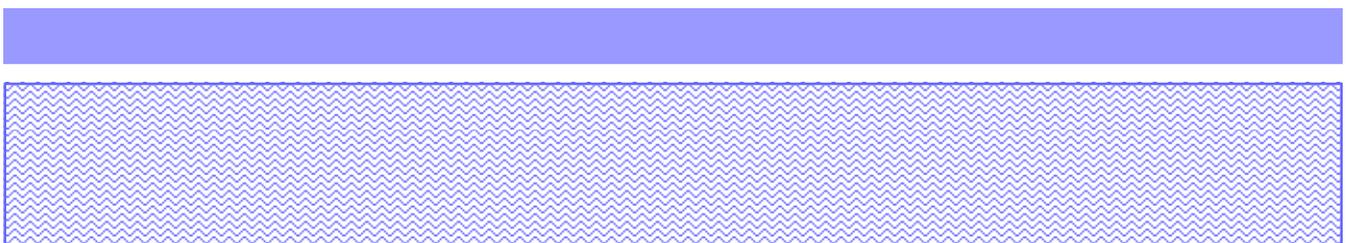
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## **ACTION ITEMS:**

### **1. Brief Survey for Local Early Steps**

The Early Steps State Office has a request from the Infant & Toddler Coordinators Association to assist a member state with questions. The state's questions are related to the provision of medical services by a licensed physician for diagnostic or evaluation purposes. So that we may provide an accurate response, we are asking that each LES respond to the questions in the document attached to the Weekly Memo. **Please email your responses by October 30 to: [dawn.lynch@flhealth.gov](mailto:dawn.lynch@flhealth.gov)**

## **FOLLOW UP:**

No items.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **2. 2013 Partnering For Success Statewide Meeting**

## **Partnering for Success**

The **2013 Partnering for Success Statewide Meeting on November 13 – 15, 2013** is almost here! The goal of this meeting is to provide training, technical assistance, and opportunities for networking and collaboration among early intervention and early childhood professionals. Continuing Education Units (CEU's) will be available for most of the breakout sessions.

The ***At-A-Glance*** is attached to the Weekly Memo email. It provides information on the exciting topics and presenters that will be included in the general and breakout sessions.

**The hotel reservation deadline is Monday, October 28, 2013. Please make your reservations by the deadline** in order to receive the special group rate of \$99 per night. Please call 1-800-421-8001 to make reservations and specify that you are attending the **2013 Partnering for Success Statewide Meeting** to receive the group rate.

**Everyone who plans to attend any part of the meeting must also register by October 28, 2013.**

The meeting registration is located at the following link:

<http://register.flchild.com/steps/step1?event=76>. The registration fee is \$45.

**Please share this information with everyone who would find this of interest.** We look forward to seeing you on November 13!

### **3. The Parent of the Panhandle Information Network (POPIN) presents: DADVOCATE event**

When: October 26, 2013, 9:00am—3:00pm

Where: Genesis Church, 4070 Mission Road, Tallahassee FL

Please see attached [flyer](#) for details.

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## [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.

### **5. Medicaid Training Opportunities Available in Hardee, Highlands, Hillsborough, Manatee, and Polk Counties**

The Area Six Medicaid Office is offering Medicaid provider training opportunities in Tampa during the month of November 2013.

- The MediPass and Child Health Check-Up training will be held on November 13, 2013 from 9am to 12pm.
- The CMS-1500 training will be held on November 19, 2013 from 9am to 12pm.
- Medicaid provider training for Hospital providers will be held on November 14, 2013, from 9am to 4pm. This training will cover Inpatient policy, Outpatient policy, claim form attachments, Eligibility, UB-04 paper claim billing, Medicare Crossovers, Third Party Liability and Fraud and Abuse. eQHealth Solutions will also be providing a presentation on prior authorizations.

The training location is the Area Six Medicaid Office at 6800 North Dale Mabry Highway, Suite 220, Tampa, FL 33614.

To download a copy of the Area Six training calendar, please visit [Florida Medicaid web portal](#) and click on Area Office 6, then go to the link for Area 6 Provider Training Calendar. To register for training sessions, please visit [Training and/or Public Meetings/Workshops](#). Click on Tampa, and choose the desired training session.

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### **6. Toolkit from the FDDC for Developmental Disabilities Awareness Day**

The Florida Developmental Disabilities Council (FDDC) is launching a statewide grassroots advocacy campaign on 'Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month', on March 3, 2014. By holding a 'Developmental Disabilities Awareness Day' in your community any time during March, you can advocate with Florida legislators to maintain funding for critical services and programs, support additional funding for the APD waitlist and educate legislators and the public about the challenges and opportunities facing Floridians with disabilities.

If you would like to hold a 'Developmental Disabilities Awareness Day' in your community, click [here](#) to download the "Developmental Disabilities Awareness Day Media and Advocacy Kit".

### **7. New Phone Number for Penny Geiger, Bureau Chief of Early Steps**

Please make note of Penny Geiger's new direct line phone number:  
850-245-4857

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### **8. The FICCIT Marketing Committee Presents,**



#### **“One Step at a Time: Activities to get ALL Involved”**

This booklet is a compilation of initiatives being implemented by Florida’s Local Early Steps. The intent is that it serve as a reference tool for activity sharing and dialogue amongst offices in implementing or replicating new and/or similar activities throughout the State. Each section is designed to highlight activities and strategies to facilitate a more comprehensive, family-centered, and community-involved learning environment for Local Early Steps.

The booklet will be updated twice a year to include new submissions from Local Early Steps. The FICCIT Marketing Committee anticipates calling for submissions sometime in early 2014 with the goal of having a revised version of the booklet published in April 2014. The booklet is attached to the Weekly Memo email and will also be added to the FICCIT website [www.Floridaicc.com](http://www.Floridaicc.com) in the next few weeks - stay tuned for an announcement.

## [STAFF AND LES SPOTLIGHT:](#)

### **9. 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.**

### **10. ESSO Staff Spotlight**

*Submitted by Stephanie Higgins, Specialty Programs Unit, CMS*

#### ***Renee Jenkins, Policy Director at the Early Steps State Office***

“Renee just completed the 7 month Department of Health Leadership Institute. Renee was such a valuable resource to others during this training. She is a wonderful example of what supervisors and employees should strive for.”

The Leadership Institute is designed for prospective, new, and early- to mid-career supervisors and managers. The course gives participants the training, guidance, and tools needed to implement best practices in leadership, management, and supervision. The program encourages participants to implement new behaviors that result in real, lasting, and demonstrable improvement in their leadership skills. The program also facilitates networking and solution-sharing among employees of different DOH organizational units.



*Renee Jenkins receiving her name plate from DOH Chief of Staff, Kim Barnhill for completing the Leadership Institute .*

***Way to go Renee!!***

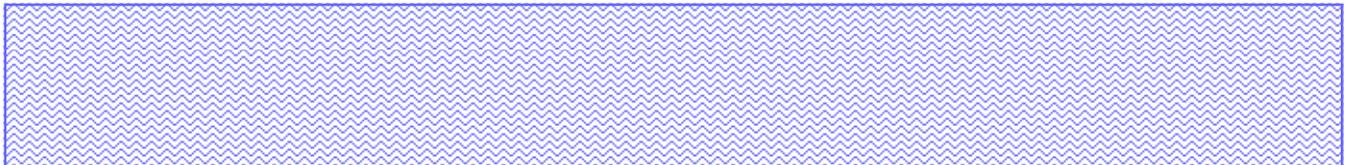
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## PROGRAM MANAGER INFORMATION:

### **11. 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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# DADVOCATES

Lunch  
Provided

The Parent Of the Panhandle Information Network (POPIN) is proud to host a special outreach workshop for dads of special needs children at Genesis Church.

Dadvocates is a network of dads that promotes the involvement of fathers in the lives of their children with disabilities. This workshop is intended to help start a group in Tallahassee.



**October 26, 2013**  
**9:00am-3:00pm**  
**Genesis Church**  
**4070 Mission Road**

- √ Father-to-Father Networking
- √ Community Outings
- √ Information and Resources
- √ Role Models
- √ Help With Personal Coping
- √ Sense of Unity

Live Streamed Presentation:

Wilfried C. (W.C) Hoecke, M.Ed., is a national trainer in fatherhood, respite, marriage, faith-based initiative and prevention of maltreatment of children with special needs.



Please register at [www.fndusa.org/registration](http://www.fndusa.org/registration)  
For any questions, please contact  
Kathy Powell (850) 570-3190

