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UPCOMING EVENTS:

1. Free Webinars:

The Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF) Substance Abuse and Mental Health Program Office (SAMH), in conjunction with the Florida Alcohol and Drug Abuse Association (FADAA), would like to invite you to two FREE webinars. Two CEUs per webinar are available at no cost.



“Making Cultural and Linguistic Competence Real: Introduction & Strategies”

PRESENTER: Vivian H. Jackson, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, National Center for Cultural Competence, Georgetown University Center for Child and Human Development

DATE: Thursday, December 12, 2013, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm (EST)

CEU's: 2.0 Continuing Education Units/Contact Hours are provided

WHO SHOULD ATTEND: Communities that are currently engaged in Florida's System of Care Expansion and Project LAUNCH.

ABOUT THIS WEBINAR: This webinar will introduce a framework for achieving cultural and linguistic competence at the practice and organizational level. Further, it will offer an approach to identify specific types of disparities as first steps in the planning for change process.

“The Mental Health of Our Children: What Everyone Should Know!”

PRESENTER: Charlie Biss, MSW, Children's Mental Health Director, Vermont Department of Mental Health

DATE: Tuesday, November 26, 2013, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm (EST)

CEUs: Approximately 2.0 Continuing Education Units/Contact Hours are provided

WHO SHOULD ATTEND: Communities that are currently engaged in Florida's System of Care Expansion and Project LAUNCH.

ABOUT THIS WEBINAR: This webinar will provide an overview of the history of children's mental health in the United States and the evolution from institutional care to community-based care. Participants will learn about the common mental health disorders in children and the implications for treatment.

To register for either webinar, please click on the link or copy and paste into your browser:

<https://fadaaevents.webex.com/mw04011/mywebex/default.do?siteurl=fadaaevents>

Please read the following important messages before registering for this event:

-FADAA uses WebEx as our online event system.

-Audio for the event is accessible via the internet. To receive audio, attendees must join the event by using computers equipped with speakers. There is no teleconference for this event.

-Once the host approves your registration, you will receive a confirmation email message with instructions on how to join the event. To avoid problems with log-in and receiving credit for attendance, please use the confirmation email to join the event. This email is coded with your registration information. Also, please confirm that email from

“MESSENGER@WEBEX.COM” is not blocked as spam by your email server.

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MEDICAID UPDATES:

2. Compliance Tips Video for Florida Medicaid Providers

Florida Medicaid presents the video “Compliance Tips for Florida Medicaid Providers.” The video is posted at the AHCA YouTube channel at:

<http://www.youtube.com/AHCAFlorida>.

The video presents several compliance tips that are common areas of non-compliance and we would like to make sure our Medicaid providers are aware of and are actively taking steps to avoid them.

Watching this video will assist you to increase your understanding of a Compliance Program, as well as your understanding of the value of keeping informed on Florida Medicaid policy.

If you have any questions about the video, please contact the:

elibrarytraining@ahca.myflorida.com.

3. Webinar - Highlights of the Prescribed Pediatric Extended Care Services Coverage and Limitations Handbook

The Florida Medicaid Program is offering training on **Highlights of the Prescribed Pediatric Extended Care Services Coverage and Limitations Handbook**.

The training session will be delivered via webinar on again on Wednesday, December 4, 2013, at: 2:00 p.m, E.T.

During the training session service qualifications for Prescribed Pediatric Extended Care (PPEC) Services, reimbursement information, covered services, limitations and exclusions as well as the plan of care will be discussed.

All PPEC providers are invited to participate in this important training.

To join the webinar on on Wednesday, December 4, 2013, at: 2:00 p.m, E.T., please:

1. Dial: 1 (888) 670-3525 and at the prompt enter the Participant passcode 633 897 8710 then #
2. Go to:

<https://suncom.webex.com/suncom/k2/j.php?>

[ED=253951377&UID=1694236607&HMAC=2157f822cb8c646b49704c469f5bda9510a15de6&RT=MiMxMQ%3D%3D](https://suncom.webex.com/suncom/k2/j.php?ED=253951377&UID=1694236607&HMAC=2157f822cb8c646b49704c469f5bda9510a15de6&RT=MiMxMQ%3D%3D)

3. Enter your name and email address.
4. Enter the session password: This session does not require a password.
5. Click "Join Now".
6. Follow the instructions that appear on your screen.

You don't need to register or reserve space; just call and log-in at the designated time. The training will follow a PowerPoint presentation found at the [Florida Medicaid Provider Training e-Library](#) website.

Any questions can be emailed prior to or during the teleconference to:
elibrarytraining@ahca.myflorida.com.



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MEDICAID UPDATES, continued:

4. November ICD-10 Newsletter Now Available on the Public Web Portal

You can download a copy of the [November 2013 ICD-10 Newsletter](#) under the Publications section of the ICD-10 pages. This newsletter contains information on CMS 1500 Claim Form Updates and the impact of ICD-10 on each member of a physician's practice.

The [ICD-10](#) pages are updated often, so please visit regularly for the most current information. Thank you.

INFORMATION AND RESOURCES:

5. Technical Assistance for High Quality IDEA Data

The U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs recently awarded the grant to Westat to assist states in their ability to report high-quality data.

Below is the link to the ed.gov press release.

<http://www.ed.gov/news/press-releases/65-million-grant-awarded-westat-inc-rockville-md-create-national-special-educati>

6. Deliver the Dream

Deliver the Dream provides monthly three-day retreats at no cost for families who have a child or parent experiencing a serious illness or crisis. Retreats allow families to reconnect with one another, network with other families going through similar situations and are an opportunity to have some fun!

If you are interested in applying for a retreat, contact Deliver the Dream at www.deliverthedream.org or call 1-888-OUR DREAM (687-3732)

2014 Retreat Schedule

[February 7-9](#) Families who have a child with spina bifida

[March 21-23](#) Families who have a child with ASD

[April 25-27](#) Families who have a child with a craniofacial condition

[May 16-18](#) Families who have experienced the death of a loved one

[June 6-8](#) Families who have a child with cancer

[August 15-17](#) Families who have medically complex children

[September 12-14](#) Families who have a child with a genetic syndrome

[October 10-12](#) Families who have a child with a blood disorder

[November 14-16](#) Families who have a parent with multiple sclerosis

"HELPING FAMILIES HEAL...ONE RETREAT AT A TIME"



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INFORMATION AND RESOURCES, continued:

7. The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (presentation)

Attached to the ESSO Weekly Memo email, you will find the presentation material from the November 6, 2013 webinar “The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act” by Maureen Greer, Executive Director, IDEA ITCA, Emerald Consulting LLC

8. “UF Study Examines Harmful Effects of Combined Medication Use for Mental Health Therapies in Children”

<http://chiplebugle.com/2013/11/20/uf-study-examines-harmful-effects-of-combined-medication-use-for-mental-health-therapies-in-children/>

STAFF AND LES SPOTLIGHT:

9. 2012-2013 Quality Assurance Award of Excellence Winners

Highest Score, Quality Assurance Review -
Western Panhandle Early Steps

Second Highest Score, Quality Assurance Review -
Southwest Florida Early Steps

Third Highest Score, Quality Assurance Review -
Treasure Coast Early Steps

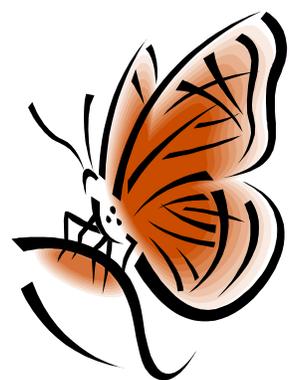
Most Improved Score, Quality Assurance Review -
Western Panhandle Early Steps

Highest Overall Results, Family Outcomes Analysis -
Space Coast Early Steps

Most Improved Overall Results, Family Outcomes Analysis -
North Central Early Steps

Highest Representativeness, Child Outcomes Analysis -
Southwest Florida Early Steps

Most Improved Representativeness, Child Outcomes Analysis -
Treasure Coast Early Steps



PROGRAM MANAGER INFORMATION:

10. 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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December 2013 Meeting Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 <i>Directors/Coordinators Call</i> 4:00 <i>CMS-K.I.D.S. Updates Call</i>	5 1:00 <i>Child Outcomes Advisory Committee Call</i>	6	7
8	9	10	11 12:00 <i>Service Coordinator Workgroup Call</i> 4:00 <i>CMS-K.I.D.S. Pre Roll Out Call</i>	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 3:00 <i>CMS-K.I.D.S. Process Strategy Call</i> 4:00 <i>CMS-K.I.D.S. Early Steps Operational Call with MED3000</i>	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 <i>ESSO Office Closed for Christmas Holiday</i>	26	27	28
29	30	31	Due to Care Coordination Pilot Training and the Holiday Season, many of the regularly scheduled conference calls have been postponed. Please stay tuned for the January calendar for a more detailed and complete listing of calls and meetings.			