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ACTION NEEDED

1. Early Steps Public Comment Period Ends March 22, 2011 5 Days Remaining

Don't forget to provide comments regarding the proposed Early Steps policy revisions and the annual Part C application for funds. The public comment period ends on March 22, 2011. Go to http://www.cms-kids.com/families/early_steps/public_participation.html to review the proposed policies and the annual Part C application for funds. You will find detailed information regarding how to provide comments, which includes submitting to an electronic mailbox, postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery.

We are interested in hearing about the changes you support and agree with as well as those you oppose and disagree with. Make recommendations regarding how any unclear policy might be clarified, implementation concerns might be addressed and any training or technical assistance needed. Please identify the specific section or sections of policy documents or the Part C application that each of your comments addresses. Your comments will assist in maintaining a statewide, comprehensive, coordinated, multidisciplinary, interagency system of early intervention supports and services for infants and toddlers and their families. Thank you!

INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

2. EIS Claims Being Denied Due to HMO Enrollment -- In Error

Many of the LES' have been reporting receipt of denials for claims submitted for EI services due to the child's enrollment in an HMO. This is being caused by a data system error which is in process of being corrected. Medicaid reports: "It seems that contract management and ACS [HP] made an adjustment/correction to the system but failed to update another part of the system to the HMO section which is resulting in EIS services being denied at this time. They are in the process of correcting... Hopefully it will be resolved soon and the providers will receive directions on how to rebill."

3. Florida's Early Learning and Developmental Standards (With 1 Attachment)

The Agency for Workforce Innovation is proud to announce that the Florida's Early Learning and Developmental Standards are available to everyone online. Please see attached flyer for more information.

4. Department of Children and Families - Memo on Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act - Early Steps Referrals (With 3 Attachments)

The Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF) recently distributed a Memo on Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act - Early Steps Referrals, in their "weekly memo", the attachments included our interagency agreement regarding CAPTA, a cover letter regarding a revised CAPTA referral form, and a revised referral form. The interagency agreement can be found on our website at http://www.cms-kids.com/home/resources/es_policy_0710/Attachments/11_DOH_DCF_CAPTA_Agreement.pdf, and the other documents that were distributed by DCF are attached for your information.

5. CDC's New Birth Defects Website

The **CDC's** announces its **new Birth Defects website!** They've been working hard to create a research-based site that is user-friendly, up-to-date, and appealing.

Some of the new features of the site include:

- Easy-to-read information on prevention, causes and risk factors, and diagnosis.
- Information about specific birth defects.
- A compilation of important data and scientific publications.
- Individualized pages for different visitors – families, health professionals, and researchers.
- A video about the National Birth Defects Prevention Study (NBDPS) and podcasts on several important birth defects topics.
- An overview of the work CDC is doing in the area of birth defects.
- On the home page, we have a box dedicated to data & statistics. This box is "syndicated". That means you can put it on your website, and whenever we update it with new data, it will automatically be updated on your site too. If you're interested in adding this box to your site, please let us know.

Visit the site: www.cdc.gov/birthdefects. Be sure to check back often as they continue to add new content and features!

6. NECTAC News

For the current issue of NECTAC eNotes go to <http://www.nectac.org/enotes/enotes.asp>

UPCOMING TRAININGS, MEETINGS, CONFERENCES

7. The Get Permission Approach to Sensory Mealtime Challenges (With 1 Attachment)

The purpose of this workshop is to look at mealtimes based on relationships. It focuses on children who have complicated sensory challenges, including those who are worried about the sensory aspects of feeding, children who are inexperienced or who have had scary oral sensory experiences, those who are fed by tube, those who have visual impairments or those on the autism spectrum. The workshop provides extensive strategies for an approach of getting oral sensory permission as the foundation to oral motor treatment. Brochure attached.

8. Partnering with Families: A Strength-Based and Early Relationship Approach to Home Visiting

Presented by the Special Start Training Program, University of California San Francisco, Division of Neonatology

Tuesday, April 12, 2011
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm

This **webinar** will discuss key principles of relationship-based home visiting. Participants will learn ways to join with the family as a partner, how to find and support the strengths in all families, how to respect the home environment and family culture, and what makes for a successful home visit.

Presented by:

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Fees: All webinars are free of charge and funded by the California Department of Social Services, Office of Child Abuse Prevention.

Register Now:

http://specialstarttrainingprogram.na5.acrobat.com/e94621805/event/event_info.html

Who Should Attend: Parents, foster parents, nurses, physicians, early interventionists, social workers, Marriage Family Therapists, psychologists, occupational, speech, and physical therapists, and staff in newborn intensive care settings and pediatric care settings.