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INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

1. Ideas for Using the iPad with Young Children with Disabilities

Source: Tots 'n Tech Research Institute - Retrieved May 19, 2011

The Tots 'n Tech Research Institute's April 2011 newsletter is now available online. It contains information about iPads and how they can be used with young children with disabilities, including infants and toddlers. To access the newsletter, go to <http://tnt.asu.edu/home/news>

2. Updated DME Nutritional Supplement Listing for June 2011

Florida Medicaid has posted changes/updates to our DME Nutritional Supplement Listing. These changes are effective June 1, 2011.

To review Medicaid's approved enteral product listing; please visit our fiscal agent's website at <http://mymedicaid-florida.com/>. Click on *Public Information for Providers*. Then click on *Provider Support*. Under provider support, chose *Forms*. Select *June 2011 Category Lists for the HCPCS Codes for Enteral Formula*.

If you have any questions, please contact the local Medicaid Area Office.

3. Troubles with Medicaid Error Codes 1954, 0121, 0300, 1000

For the benefit of other LES's possibly finding similar experiences, Bay Area LES shared the following information related to Medicaid Errors found on EOBs.

"The [Bay Area LES] EOB yesterday for TCM came in with over 500 denials (the previous two weeks had over 300 each!) and so far I've called on 4 of the codes given (1954-Medicaid number included – submit NPI only, 0121-Missing Provider Number, 0300-Treating provider number not on file, and 1000-Individual/Billing provider (group)/NPI number(s) billed incorrectly or not on file). All seem to be errors in the billing process on Medicaid's end – they can't find any indication that any of our information is in error. All NPI's are correct, all Medicaid numbers are correct, all taxonomies are correct. **Their advice – consistently – is to rebill.**"

You may contact UF Data Center staff to assist you with rebilling so as to minimize workload demand.

4. Statement from the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) Regarding Medicaid Managed Care Legislation

At this time, the Agency for Health Care Administration (the Agency) is currently assessing the full impact of enrolled bills and is creating a plan to ensure requirements and implementation deadlines can be achieved. It is premature to discuss any plan specifics at this time. As the Agency moves forward with this process, consumers and stakeholders will be engaged and provided information about activities associated with the pieces of legislation that become law.

5. Nominations for the 2011 EIFA Family Involvement Advocacy Award

The EIFA would like to announce the opening of nominations for the 2011 EIFA **Family Involvement Advocacy Award**. It is the intent of this award to honor **professionals** who do not have a personal and/or family experience with Early Intervention service; but have provided outstanding support of meaningful family involvement on behalf of infants and toddlers and their families. Last year, the award was given to Meg McSweeney from Michigan. The award will again be presented at this year's OSEP National Early Childhood Meeting, which is part of the OSEP Leadership Mega Conference, July 31-August 3, 2011.

[Download application form \(PDF, 45 kB\)](#)

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6. Regional Service Coordinator Apprenticeship Trainings (With 1 Attachment)

The goal for these workshops is to prepare service coordinator trainers and supervisors to implement the Service Coordinator Apprenticeship Training. During the workshop you will become familiar with the training format which includes: content topics, learning strategies, and assessment requirements. You will experience a variety of learning methods, explore field activities, and role play a reflective practice session.

7. Medicaid Provider Compliance Program & Provider Self Audits

The *Fraud Prevention and Compliance Unit*, in partnership with the *Bureau of Medicaid Services*, will be delivering "Medicaid Provider Compliance Program & Provider Self Audits" teleconferences, May 24th, June 8th, and June 17th of 2011.

To join the teleconference training, please dial: 1-888-808-6959 and, at the prompt, enter the conference code: 827 998 7547. Registration is not necessary – simply call-in approximately five minutes prior to the designated time.

The training will follow a Microsoft PowerPoint presentation (which you may want to obtain prior to the training) found at the following link:

http://ahca.myflorida.com/Medicaid/deputy_secretary/recent_presentations/index.shtml

All times are Eastern Daylight Time.

| Date | Time |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Tuesday, May 24, 2011 | 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. |
| Wednesday, June 8, 2011 | 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. |
| Friday, June 17, 2011 | 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. |

If you have any questions about this training, please contact Yolanda Sacipa at: Yolanda.Sacipa@ahca.myflorida.com

8. Early Steps Early Wishes: A Fun Educational Playgroup for Early Steps Families

Early Steps – Early Wishes is a two hour family fun time that focuses on bringing Early Steps families together at the start of the Family Café Statewide Disability

Conference. It will be held on Friday, June 3, 2011 between 1:30 and 4:00 in the Fiesta Ballroom at the Coronado Springs Resort, Orlando. Many activities have been planned, including craft puppets, parachute play, making adaptive books, photo shop and craft frames, face painting, paper hats.

Information will be available on Family Café workshops that are geared for Early Steps families, as well as representatives from FICCIT, Florida’s Central Directory and Florida Outreach Project for Children and Young Adults who are Deaf-Blind.

This workshop is planned, developed and staffed by the statewide network of Early Steps Family Resource Specialists in conjunction with the Early Steps State Office.

SUGGESTED WORKSHOPS FOR EARLY STEPS FAMILIES

| TYPE | TITLE | LEADERS | LEADERS |
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| NEW STAR | Facing your fears and Dreaming new dreams English | Eliana Tardio Sat 2:30 pm – Fiesta 10 | Doris Tellado |
| NEW STAR | Facing your fears and Dreaming new dreams Spanish | Eliana Tardio Sat 4:00 – Coronado C | |
| NEW STAR | Logging the Journey: Communication and Record Keeping | Paula Keyser Sat 1:00 – Fiesta 10 | Kim Barger |
| NEW STAR | Sailing Through Transition | Sue Loftis Sat 4:00 Fiesta 10 | RoseMary Lumm |
| EARLY STEPS PLAYGROUPS | Come play with us and learn new ideas for fun. | Southwest Florida Early Steps Sat 1:00 Shannon Loseto | |
| HAVE A GOOD DAY | Ideas on helping your child follow ideas, communicate more efficiently, and participate | Southwest Florida Early Steps Saturday 11:00 am | |

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| | in family life successfully. | | |
| TATS TALKS WITH FAMILIES ABOUT EARLY TRANSITION | Talks to families coming into the Pre – K system: various aspects of transition process, and tips for successful transitions and what to expect, helpful resources. | Paula Kendig Friday 4:30 Fiesta 10 | |

9. Training Coordinator Conference Call (With 2 Attachments)

The minutes from the last Training Coordinator conference call held on May 17th are attached. The next conference call is scheduled for July 19th from 1:00 - 2:30. The telephone number is 1-888-808-6959 and the conference code is 6254120367.

10. One Goal: Building The Future Together "Putting Families And Children First"

Hyatt Regency, Tampa, Florida
July 20-22, 2011

The One Goal: Building The Future Together "Putting Families And Children First" Conference brings together over 1000 early education and care providers and leaders from around the state. It is designed to share information on best practices in the field and to build common frameworks of knowledge and understanding to assist in unified planning for young children and their families. Participants have formal and informal opportunities for learning and sharing and can get continuing education units (CEU). Benefits to attendees and their programs include increased knowledge of local, regional and state issues, opportunities to learn about or share information on exemplary early education and care programs for children and their families, and cost-effective networking with key leaders in the field.

You can download the [One Goal Summer Conference Brochure](#) (in PDF file format,

11.9 MB - it is 8 pages long) which includes registration, hotel, keynote speakers, and general conference information.

Workshops: For a listing of all the workshops, [download the Conference Schedule](#) (PDF file format, 3 pages).