



The Parent Leadership Project's *Parent Perspective*

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Early Intervention Information and Resources

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Building Connections: Family-to-Family

Families Make Connections, Share Resources at Joining Voices Conference

The Massachusetts chapter of Family Voices, a national grassroots organization of families and friends speaking on behalf of children and youth with special health care needs, held its sixth annual *Joining Voices* conference on November 29 at the UCC Conference Center in Framingham. The conference offered parents the opportunity to build connections, develop leadership skills and learn more about resources for their children with special health care needs.

Keynote speaker Patti Hackett, Co-director of the Healthy & Ready to Work National Resource Center, shared her personal experiences of raising a son with special health needs. She discussed the ways in which families can learn to advocate for their children as well as the ways in which families can support their children in developing their own advocacy and leadership skills. Patti offered several strategies families can use to “acknowledge the reality of today while building hope for the future.” She encouraged families to keep a sense of humor, to create systems of support and to learn how the systems of care that serve their children work.

Beth Dworetzky, Project Coordinator of the Family-to-Family Health Care Information and Education Center, a project of Massachusetts Family Voices at the Federation for Children with Special Needs, facilitated a networking opportunity for parents and community members to learn more about the state resources and programs available to families of children with special health care needs. “I wish I had known about . . .” is often heard by parents who are frustrated at not having had access to a particular resource at a time when it was most needed. Both Beth and Patti encouraged families to share re-



Patti Hackett, Co-Director of the Healthy & Ready to Work National Resource Center, shares her words of wisdom with participants Barbara Donati and Beth Pond at the Joining Voices Conference.

sources with each other and with professionals. (A variety of resources available to families through the Department of Public Health, Federation for Children with Special Needs and Mass Family Voices are described throughout this newsletter). Participants also exchanged ideas about topics relevant to families, including Assistive Technology, Medical Home and Parent Leadership.

Conference sessions addressed a variety of issues, including Legislative Advocacy, Using the Family Education Workbook, Managing Paperwork and Kids, Mental Health and What's New. Barbara Popper, National Family Voices, and Marilyn

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Resources for Families

Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief Fund

The Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief Fund (CICRF) was established in 2000 to help families bear the excessive financial burdens associated with the care of children with special health care needs and disabilities. CICRF is a payor of last resort. It provides financial assistance for Massachusetts families with children experiencing a medical condition requiring services that are not covered by a private insurer, federal or state assistance, or any other financial source.

The Fund is designed to act as a safety net for families who

have excessive expenses related to a child's medical needs. The family may be responsible for these expenses due to:

- A lack of insurance or dependent coverage
- Expenses that are greater than the maximum benefit allowed by their insurance company
- Pre-existing conditions, co-payments, and other expenses that are not covered by insurance

CICRF is a reimbursement program. The expense must have

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Opportunity Knocks**Partnering for the Success of Children with Hearing Loss**

The Universal Newborn Hearing and Screening Program (UNHS), a program of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, is aimed at early identification and intervention for children diagnosed with hearing loss. Martha deHahn, Parent Outreach Coordinator for the program, and Tracy Osbahr, Director of the Office of Specialty Services for DPH, hosted two stakeholder forums to launch a project called, "Partnering for the Success of Children with Hearing Loss."

These forums brought together professionals working with families of infants and toddlers with hearing loss to discuss next steps in the Early Intervention system of care and services for children with hearing loss. Many ideas for addressing project goals were shared among the participants. The project also

plans to collect input from parents who have young children who have been diagnosed with hearing loss. A Task Force comprised of parents and professionals will be appointed to continue the work of the project.

Martha and Tracy will be visiting a number of groups that provide support specifically to families of young children with hearing loss to talk with parents about their ideas for improving services. If you would like to share your thoughts and ideas on what families need when their baby is diagnosed with hearing loss, they would like to hear from you. Both Martha deHahn and Tracy Osbahr can be reached at 413-586-7525. Martha can also be contacted at on the toll-free Universal Newborn Hearing Screening Program line at 1-800-445-1255 x1119.

Focused Monitoring Celebrates Successful Pilot Year

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) has successfully completed the pilot year of its Focused Monitoring approach to ensure compliance with state and federal requirements and to ensure a baseline of quality services to children and families enrolled in Early Intervention.

The Department of Public Health would like to thank all of the programs and families who participated in the first round of Focused Monitoring Onsite visits during 2006. All programs selected for Focused Monitoring received a two-day onsite visit by a team consisting of DPH staff and parents of EI graduates trained to conduct the visits. The onsite visits focused on the priority areas of Transition and Service Coordination. Onsite protocols and tools designed to assist teams in collecting data, may include focus groups with parents, staff and community

providers, as well as record reviews.

So why the shift to Focused Monitoring? The primary focus of federal and state monitoring is about "improving education results and functional outcomes for all children with disabilities." Focused Monitoring allows DPH to focus its resources on improvements. Some important points to remember about the process are that selection for an onsite visit does not mean that a program is out of compliance, and that onsite work is about performance and compliance related to the priority indicator.

Once again, we would like to thank all of the staff and families from the programs for the hard work that went into each visit. The DPH Focused Monitoring Teams look forward to partnering with Early Intervention programs in this ongoing process again in 2007.

Resources**DPH Programs and Services for Children with Special Needs**

The Department of Public Health Division for Perinatal, Early Childhood and Special Health Needs (DPECSHN) is the lead agency for statewide Early Intervention Services. DPECSHN has many additional programs that offer a continuum of services and supports for children and youth with special health needs, their families and their providers. All programs are based on a commitment to family centered care. Programs work in partnership with families to identify resources, make connections, support family choices and help families navigate the health care system.

Division programs that may be helpful to families whose children have received Early Intervention services include:

- Family Initiatives, which has responsibility for ensuring family involvement in the development of all

DPECSHN policies and programs and one of its programs, Family TIES, our statewide information, referral and parent to parent support network.

- Community Support Program, a toll free 800 line that offers information, technical assistance, information about public benefits, other state programs, community resources and referral to Care Coordination services.
- Care Coordination Program assists families to access services and provides coordination of medical, social and educational services as well as assisting in planning for transition.

For information about these and other DPH programs and services please call Family TIES at 1-800-905-8437 or the Community Support Line at 1-800-882-1435 or visit us on-line at www.massfamilyties.org or www.mass.gov/dph/fch.

Taking Good Care...

Winter Health Tips for Infants and Young Children

Adapted from the American Academy of Pediatrics

Whether winter weather brings severe storms, light dustings of snow, or just cold temperatures, the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) has some valuable tips on how to keep your children safe and warm.

What to Wear:

- * Dress infants and children warmly for outdoor activities. Several thin layers will keep them dry and warm. Clothing for children should consist of thermal long johns, turtlenecks, one or two shirts, pants, sweater, coat, warm socks, boots, gloves or mittens, and a hat.
- * The rule of thumb for older babies and young children is to dress them in one more layer of clothing than an adult would wear in the same conditions.
- * Blankets, quilts, pillows, sheepskins and other loose bedding may contribute to Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) and should be kept out of an infant's sleeping environment. Sleep clothing like one-piece sleepers is preferred.
- * If a blanket must be used to keep a sleeping infant warm, it should be tucked in around the crib mattress, reaching only as far as a baby's chest, so the infant's face is less likely to become covered by bedding.

Winter Health:

- * If your child suffers from winter nosebleeds, try using a cold air humidifier in the child's room

at night. Saline nose drops may help keep tissues moist. If bleeding is severe or recurrent, consult your pediatrician.

- * Many pediatricians feel that bathing two or three times a week is enough for an infant's first year. More frequent baths may dry out the skin, especially during the winter.
- * Cold weather does not cause colds or flu. But the viruses that cause colds and flu tend to be more common in the winter, when children are in school or daycare and are in closer contact with each other. Frequent hand washing and teaching your child to sneeze or cough into the bend of her elbow may help reduce the risks of colds and flu.
- * The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that children between the ages of 6 and 59 months should get the influenza vaccine to reduce their risk of catching the flu. (Check with your child's pediatrician to determine whether it is appropriate for your child).

For more information on keeping your child safe and healthy during the winter months, contact your child's pediatrician or visit the American Academy of Pediatrics' website at www.aap.org.



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already been incurred in order to be eligible for the Fund and to receive reimbursement. In cases of extreme medical emergency, the CICRF Commission may grant approval before the expense is incurred.

Because the amount in the Fund varies from year to year, and the number of requests varies as well, CICRF cannot guarantee funding in all cases. Families are advised not to assume or make financial decisions based on the expectation that the Fund will pay, even if they have received payment for a similar expense in the past.

In order to be eligible for the Fund, the family's out-of-pocket expenses related to their child's medical condition must be more than 10% of the family's gross annual income up to

\$100,000 and 15% of any portion of the annual family income that is above \$100,000 in a given twelve-month period. The applicant must be under age 22. The applicant must be a resident of Massachusetts and be under the care of a licensed health care provider. The Fund will consider expenses incurred within the last 24 months prior to the application date.

Applications for the fund may be downloaded from the CICRF website at www.mass.gov/cicrf. For more information and assistance, or to request that an application be mailed to you, please call 1-800-882-1435 or 617-624-5992 (TTY).

Joining Voices Conference (cont'd)

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Gutierrez, Federation for Children with Special Needs, also presented a dynamic workshop entitled True Colors, a workshop aimed at encouraging people to be more aware of their communication style and understand how they interact with people with differing styles.

Building on the theme presented in her keynote speech, Patti Hackett presented a session on "Celebrating the Paperwork: It Means You're Alive!". Families of children with special health care needs often need a method of managing the many forms, documents and records that are important for their child. Parents may also find that they have numerous applications to fill out in order to receive services or reimbursements related to their child's needs. The amount of paperwork, and the time involved in gathering the information, can be overwhelming for families who are already facing other challenges. Patti encouraged families to view the necessary paperwork not as a burden, but as a tool for getting the supports that their child and family needs. She shared several ways that families could organize and maintain ongoing files in order to ease the stress of filling out paperwork. The Massachusetts Department of Public Health makes available *Directions: Resources for Your Child's Care*, a manual that helps organize medical and educational records and information. Download your copy at www.mass.gov/dph/fch/directions.

In addition to sponsoring the annual *Joining Voices* Conference, The Massachusetts Family-to-Family Health Care Information and Education Center activities include providing training and technical assistance to families to help them advocate for quality health care services for their children and youth with special health care needs. The project provides opportunities for families and professionals to build partnerships and share information and resources. More information about the project is available on the Massachusetts Family Voices website at www.massfamilyvoices.org.

Family Resource Guide: Getting Started "Where Can I Go For More Information About . . ."

Families of children with special health care needs often find they need access to a variety of information. Other families with similar experiences are often a wealth of knowledge about agencies, programs and opportunities for families. Here is a short list of frequently asked topics and the available resources for families of children with special needs:

Questions about public benefits, community resources or care coordination? Contact the **DPH Community Support Line** at 1-800-882-1435

Questions about MassHealth programs for children and families with special needs? Contact **Mass Family Voices** at www.massfamilyvoices.org or 1-800-331-0688 ext. 210.

Questions about special education and training opportunities for families? Contact the **Federation for Children with Special Needs** at www.fcsn.org or 1-800-331-0688

Looking for a parent-to-parent match? Need information about programs for children with special needs in Massachusetts? Contact **Family TIES of Massachusetts** at www.massfamilyties.org or 1-800-905-8437

Want to get involved in the Early Intervention system? Looking for information on parent leadership opportunities? Contact the **Early Intervention Parent Leadership Project** at www.eiplp.org or 1-877-353-4757

What's New with Family TIES of Massachusetts

By Mary Castro Summers

Family TIES of Massachusetts is a statewide network of families of children with special needs. Parent coordinators work in the state regional health offices, providing assistance to families in their regions. Through our toll-free line (800-905-TIES, 8437), families can receive assistance in finding resources, support groups, and community programs to support their children with special needs.

The staff of Family TIES invites you to our favorite event of the year: the upcoming annual conference of the Federation for Children with Special Needs, which will be held on Saturday, March 10, 2007 at the World Trade Center in Boston. The Federation conference brings together approximately

700 parents of children with special needs of all ages. The keynote speaker for this year is David Rose, Founder and Chief Scientist for Cognition and Learning of **CAST**, Center for Applied Special Technology, which focuses on universal design for learning. To learn more about Dr. Rose and CAST, visit their website: www.cast.org. Following the keynote address, the agenda for the day will include 30+ workshops on a wide variety of topics, meant to meet the information needs of parents of children of all ages, with a wide range of special needs. General topic areas include Education, Special Education, Policy Updates, Health and Wellness, Social Supports, Mental Health and Behavioral

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Concerns, and Community and Recreation. Spanish and Portuguese translation will be available for the most popular workshops, as well as sessions in these languages. Scholarships, childcare, and transportation from several areas around the state are additional services available to conference attendees. For more information, visit the Federation website at: www.fcsn.org or contact your Family TIES Regional Coordinator through our website, www.massfamilyties.org.

Family TIES is currently seeking a Metrowest Regional Coordinator. To be eligible, you must be the parent of a child with special needs, live in the Metrowest Region, have a strong understanding of the support system and resources in the Region, and be able to work from the Canton office. For more information, contact the Program Director at: mcsommers@fcsn.org.

Family TIES is a project of the Federation for Children with Special Needs, funded by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. All of our services are offered free of charge. Visit our website for more information: www.massfamilyties.org.



FEDERATION FOR CHILDREN
WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES

Current Trends in Autism — March 23 and 24, 2007 at the Hilton Boston/Dedham. This conference will present the most up to date, scientifically sound information in the field of Autism and Pervasive Developmental Disorders to parents and professionals concerned about children, adolescents and adults whose diagnosis falls along the Autism Spectrum. More information is available on the web at www.ladders.org/current.php

IEP Clinic, Boston — January 13 at 1135 Tremont Street, Suite 420 from 10am-noon. This workshop, presented by the Federation for Children with Special Needs, will be presented in English, Spanish and Portuguese. Advance registration is required for this clinic. Please call Rhea Tavares at 617-236-7210 ext. 329 for more information.

Turning Three — January 24 at the Thom Anne Sullivan Center in Lowell from 7-9pm. This workshop highlights the differences between Early Intervention and publicly funded preschool for children with disabilities. Discussion includes eligibility, decision making, and the parents' role in transition.

Federation for Children with Special Needs Annual Conference — March 10 at the World Trade Center in Boston. Scholarships, childcare and transportation are available for families. For more information, visit www.fcsn.org or call 1-800-331-0688.

Massachusetts Down Syndrome Congress 24th Annual Conference — March 17 For more information, please visit www.mdsc.org.

Controlling Our Destiny: An Engaged Community Demonstrating Its Strength Through Action — March 1 at the Grand Staircase Hall, 2nd Floor, Massachusetts State House from 10:30am to 1pm. Join advocates, family members, legislators, agency heads and staff at the 28th annual legislative reception. For more information about this program, please contact Kelley Conrad at 508-856-1362.

Basic Rights — February 14 at Chestnut Hill Community School in Belchertown from 6:30-8:30pm. The Federation for Children with Special Needs presents this workshop that covers basic information about state and federal laws to assist parents in planning, decision-making and monitoring their child's special education services. For more information on dates and locations or to register, please call the Federation at 800-331-0688 or visit www.fcsn.org.



Family Leadership Series — Massachusetts Families Organizing for Change is accepting applications for their Northeast Region Leadership Series which begins on January 19 and 20, 2007. The series is free to families, and respite/child care funding, transportation and translation will be arranged on an as-needed basis. For more information, please contact Susan Nadworny at Northeast Families Organizing for Change at 781-665-5179 or snadw@aol.com.

WORKING TOGETHER

SOUTHEAST

The Schwartz Center for Children has begun offering ongoing, monthly evening workshops for families in Early Intervention. Each month's open discussion is focused on a new topic. Handouts and other resources are provided to families. Topics include such points of interest as early literacy, sleep behaviors and toilet training. Parents should contact the Schwartz Center for more information at 508-996-3391.

On November 14, **The Schwartz Center for Children** celebrated a Harvest Night with families involved in Early Intervention as well as the many other services offered at the center. The festivities included storytelling, wagon hayrides, picture taking with a scarecrow, craft making, a scavenger hunt as well as baked treats and a book fair. The evening was an enjoyable event for all who participated.

On November 15, Tammy Cahill, MS, CCC-SLP, KDC Transition Coordinator for the **Kennedy Donovan Center EI Program in Attleboro (KDC-Attleboro)** presented a Transition Night for parents and caregivers of children who will be turning three within the next year. Tammy discussed the transition process of leaving Early Intervention and moving on to the local public school system or other settings. Tammy also discussed community resources for family support and advocacy. Local school system representatives were available to answer questions as well.

KDC-Attleboro would also like to thank students from Bishop Feehan High School, local Brownie Girl Scout Troop #866 and Daisy Girl Scout Troop #966 for generously donating several Thanksgiving food baskets for families in the EI program. KDC thanks these thoughtful organizations for taking the time and effort in putting these wonderful baskets together

WEST

Thom Westfield Infant Toddler Services (WITS) has had many exciting events happening, including the Thom 85th Anniversary Party. The party for all Thom programs was held at the Wachusett Conference Center. Guest speaker Loretta LaRoche was very entertaining, but the Westfield Infant Toddler Services staff (aka The "WITS Wailers") stole the show with their "program song" written by team leader Marion Dunk. The Autism Parent Education and Support group also held a Halloween party for all the children and families involved in the group. Costumes, games and treats were part of the fun had by all! The Annual Family Holiday Party, held on December 12, was attended by many families and also by special visitors Mrs. Claus and her Elf.

The Annual Western Region Early Intervention conference on Premature Infants and Their Journey Home, sponsored by the **Thom Western Regional Consultation Program**, was attended by 120 people. Two nurses from Baystate Medical Center provided information on the challenges that prematurity can bring to infants, their families and other care providers.

The Orchulak family was the highlight of the training, telling the compelling and heartfelt story of their premature twins, both now doing well in the public schools with supportive services. Both children received excellent services from the Criterion Heritage Early Intervention Program during their early years.

This fall the **Thom Western Regional Consultation Program (WRCP)** and the Western MA Apraxia Support Group teamed up to bring parents and providers trainings and information. Basic Rights for Children with Special Needs and An IEP for Your Child were both well attended by parents and professionals, and presenter Robin Foley did an excellent job of helping everyone understand the changes that are happening with the new laws as well as the process that families go through to get the best services for their children. The last of this free 3 part series is called Introduction to Diagnostic Testing, presented by Bruce Ecker, PhD.

The **Thom Springfield Infant Toddler** swimming group for children with motor concerns held at the Wilbraham YMCA has been a great success. Children from the WRCP as well as other Early Intervention programs have participated in the swim group. The Service Net **REACH Program** also provided a swim group that was a tremendous success for children and families. These program collaborations help to promote community inclusion for all children in Early Intervention and provide a fun place for families to meet and talk.

The **May Center for Early Intervention** brightened the holidays of many families enrolled in both their EI and Specialty Services programs. With help from a local Girl Scout troop, the May Center was able to provide 16 families with bountiful Thanksgiving baskets, complete with turkey, fixings and paper-goods! The program will also put together baskets for the December holidays. Each basket contains hats and mittens for family members, freshly baked cookies (homemade by the May Center staff), and small toys for the children.

NORTHEAST

The **Professional Center for Child Development (PCCD)** has had a busy season. On December 9, the program held a Holiday Party for families and staff at the West Parish Church in Andover. A professional singer led the children in holiday songs, families enjoyed plenty of delicious snacks, and all the children were invited to sit on Santa's lap. Santa took time to make each child feel special.

The **PCCD** will also be conducting an Early Intervention Family Survey over the next few months. This survey is designed to help the program become aware of the challenges as well as the help identify successful practices with the EI program.

PCCD also sends good luck and best wishes to Sue Buehler on her retirement. Sue has worked with children and families at the Professional Center for Child Development for the last 28

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years. She has been a home visitor, classroom staff, team leader, education coordinator, Down Syndrome family group staff coordinator, along with a host of other important roles. Staff and families wish her well.

Criterion-Stoneham Early Intervention Program (Criterion-Stoneham EIP) hosted free discussions on The Importance of Touch, Reflexology, and Stress Management as well as a Turning Three workshop. On January 24 at 1pm, Criterion-Stoneham will host a discussion on Infant/Toddler Massage. A program on Speech will be held on February 24 at 4pm. Childcare is available with advance registration. Please call 781-935-3855 for more information on these programs.

On Saturday, February 10 from 10am to noon, **Criterion-Stoneham EIP** will host its annual Valentine's Open House offering activities and treats for its current and alumni families.

Thom Anne Sullivan Center hosted several workshops for families, including Challenging Behaviors, Turning Three and a six-week introduction to Sign Language. Many families attended the programs, and childcare was provided. The next Turning Three Workshop, presented by Amy Young from the Federation for Children with Special Needs, will be held January 24 from 7-9pm. For registration information, please contact Karen at 978-453-8331 x256.

Families in the **Thom Anne Sullivan Center** program had their holidays brightened through generous gifts from community members. The Lowell Wish Project and the Dracut House of Pizza donated turkey and fixings to families. The Bridge School Community in Lexington also helped sponsor many Anne Sullivan families for the Christmas holiday.

BOSTON

Thom Boston Metro Early Intervention in Jamaica Plain recently hosted two nights of transition support for parents and staff. In collaboration with the Federation for Children with Special Needs, Boston Metro presented the Turning Three and IEP workshops. Both workshops are designed to help provide information and support to parents and caregivers during the potentially confusing transition period.

Staff and families at **Thom Boston Metro** welcome speech and language pathologists Andrea Frost and Einet Wultz. Andrea joins the staff after spending time with the program as a student, and Einet brings both her experience and fluency in English and Hebrew to the program. Both are looking forward to working with children and families in the program.

Thom Boston Regional Consultation Program in Jamaica Plain was pleased to offer parents and caregivers in the Boston area First Aid and Infant and Child CPR. These important training opportunities, funded by the Thom Boston RCP, came

complete with transportation and dinner for the participants!

Children's Community Early Intervention Program (CCEIP) held their annual Holiday Celebration for families on December 15 in the Patient Entertainment Center at Children's Hospital Boston. This event offered the opportunity for EI staff and families to celebrate the holiday season with activities, food and entertainment for all!

In November, three staff members from **CCEIP** attended a training at Children's Hospital Boston on the Newborn Behavioral Observations tool. Dr. Kevin Nugent developed this assessment and is very interested in the benefits it offers to parents of infants enrolled in Early Intervention programs. CCEIP staff will be working with Dr. Nugent to support his research in this area.

CENTRAL

On November 8, the **Criterion Middlesex Early Intervention Program** in Framingham hosted their annual Transition Night for parents of children enrolled in their EI program. Special Education representatives from 7 towns participated in the event and spoke to families about their specific transition process, services and programs. It was a very successful evening which was attended by approximately 100 people including families, school representatives and staff.

METROWEST

Riverside EI at Needham hosted a Federation for Children with Special Needs "Turning Three" training in October. Over 40 parents attended to learn more about the transition process. The program is also beginning to plan for a spring "EI Celebration" for both current and alumni families from Riverside Early Intervention.

Thom Charles River Early Intervention Program in Waltham is an active participant in the growing movement in early intervention to better address the social and emotional needs of children and families. As part of this program, Thom Charles River EI is pleased to have hired Stacey Keane PT, MSPH, Infant Parent Mental Health Fellow, and Connected Beginnings Scholar to support this focus on social emotional well-being. Related program activities so far have included: a Shishmanian Fellowship Award to support a community based play and support group for parent of multiples and their children, development of a survey for staff to inform future trainings and consultations in the area of infant-parent mental health, and training of staff members.



THE PARENT LEADERSHIP PROJECT

The Parent Leadership Project was created to support parents whose children receive early intervention services. The Project's main goal is to promote lifetime advocacy, leadership skills and the development of an informed parent constituency, which will encourage early intervention services to be increasingly family centered. The Project is a parent driven endeavor, which continually seeks family involvement and input regarding the needs of families enrolled in Early Intervention and is implemented by parents whose own children have received EI services. The Project staff consists of a statewide director, a communications specialist, an EI program re-certification parent coordinator and six regional coordinators. Please feel free to contact any of them with your thoughts, suggestions, and concerns.

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