

The UPDATE

News and Information for Massachusetts EI Providers February 2016



Important Dates...Mark your Calendar!

February 23, 2016; 10—11am: DPH Monthly Webinar—Topic: Amy Weinstock, Update on the Autism Resource Center

February 26, 2016; 10am—12pm: Public Hearing, Part C 30th Year Application, Public Health Council Room, 250 Washington Street, Boston, MA

March 5, 2016: Federation for Children with Special Needs—Vision of Community Conference, Seaport World Trade Center, Boston, MA

March 10, 2016: ICC Meeting, Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel, Marlborough, MA
Opportunity for Public Comment on Part C Application following ICC Meeting

March 22, 2016; 10am—11am: Monthly webinar—Topic: EIIS Upgrade & Resources available through the Institute for Health & Recovery

April 11, 2016: 2016 4th Annual MA CSEFEL Pyramid Model Partnership Summit

June 2016: Program Director Session—Date to be determined based on availability of a location



Resources: [Webinars that may be of interest to the EI Community](#)



DPH Updates

Personnel Database Reconciliation

The DPH has finished the periodic reconciliation of the EI Personnel Database ensuring accurate data for State and Federal reporting purposes. Thank you for submitting your updated information to us in a timely manner. Your participation in this process helps us maintain up-to-date information regarding EI Specialists' employment status, CEIS portfolio due dates and the determination of the number of Developmental Specialist (d's) an EIP may hire.

The Center for IDEA Early Childhood Data Systems (DaSY)

The DPH is currently participating in technical assistance through DaSY. They are assisting in developing a high-quality program improvement plan through the State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP) process. By using local data and DaSY's support, we are looking for program improvement and better decision-making in implementing improvement strategies and meeting the state identified measurable result (SiMR). This technical assistance opportunity will allow the State to build local capacity for program improvement; help establish a recommended process and associated guidance for local programs, or enhance an existing process/guidance—and create a plan for resources and professional development around the process.

The DPH is convening a Data Use Group to discuss the types of data that would be useful to programs. If you are interested in participating in this initiative, please contact me at patti.fougere@state.ma.us.

EITC Updates

EITC Snow Policy

The Embedding the Key Principles into the IFSP process training at all programs is well underway and we thank everyone for their active participation. We have all been learning from your teams and the majority of our feedback has been positive.

It looks like winter is also showing signs of picking up. Please check out the EITC Snow Policy that we refer to for these trainings.

Trainings will be cancelled on the scheduled day of training if public schools are cancelled or delayed in that town/city. If you have weather related concerns about the training, and want to reschedule your training, you can contact your assigned trainer. Rescheduling dates will be made available through the EITC using SignUp Genius. All make up dates will be in May or June 2016 and programs with weather related cancellations will be able to reschedule their training on a first come first serve basis.

Data Manager Updates

THANK YOU!!!

The EIIS upgrade has been implemented at ALL EI programs. We want to thank Linda Mosesso, all program directors, and EIIS data support staff for their help in making this possible. The March 2016 Program Directors' Webinar will include an overview of the changes in EIIS and time to answer any questions about the new EIIS forms and application. Again, thank you for your support in making this implementation go so smoothly.



New Request for Reimbursement Form

The new Request for Reimbursement form is a PDF that the EI program can type into, save and Secure Mail to Susan Murray for each request for reimbursement. The Department will be sending the new Request for Reimbursement form to programs sometime in mid-February. The March 2016 program director's webinar will include an overview of the new Request for Reimbursement form and time to answer any questions about this form.

FY2015 Timely Transmission—Problem Reports

The FY2015 Timely Transmission Problem Reports should provide you with an idea of how well your program handles entry, verification, and management of data within your program. Reviewing the reports will provide an idea of the number of errors that occurred on just 10 children and their services. More than likely this is reflective of all of your data practices. Providers should periodically review their processes for the management of client records, EIIS and TSS forms, and other client-level data that is managed at your program to ensure that processes result in data reporting consistency and accuracy.

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Webinars that may be of Interest to EI Community

Shared by Elaine Gabovitch, MA Act Early Team

Inclusion in Early Childhood Programs – Webinar Series Kickoff

Thursday, February 11, 2016, 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. ET

1.usa.gov/20GsxsT

The U.S. Departments of Education and Health and Human Services invite you to join them via Google Hangout for a discussion about [inclusion in early childhood programs](#) and why it matters to states, early childhood programs, families, and young children with and without disabilities. The discussion kicks off a series of webinars on the research, practice, and public awareness of inclusion in early childhood programs, to be held over the next several months.

Preschool Inclusion: What's the Evidence, What Gets in the Way, and What do High-Quality Programs Look Like?

Thursday, February 18, 2016, 3:00 - 4:00 pm EST

https://unc.az1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_bOTYadlytmCOWiV

This webinar will focus on: an overview of the 40 years of research supporting early childhood inclusion, a review of myths surrounding the children, adults and systems that support inclusion, and; a review of common features across the inclusion models that have produced the most powerful outcomes. If you miss a recording will be available afterward.

EIEC SIG Webinar: Systemwide Solutions for Developmental-Behavioral Concerns

Tuesday, February 23, 2016, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. ET

http://www.aucd.org/template/event.cfm?event_id=7814&id=16

"Birth to 5: Watch Me Thrive!" has been promoting universal, broad-band developmental and social-emotional screening in children ages 0 to 5 years across the health care, early childhood education and social service sectors. With the U.S. federal government and American Academy of Pediatrics combining forces to promote periodic developmental-behavioral screening, the next step is for the US to address its capacity crisis for providing high-quality early intervention and learning services. A new commentary in Pediatrics proposes that every U.S. state needs: 1) a family-friendly, screening and care coordination entity, 2) comprehensive, tiered, and equitable assessments for "at-risk" or referred children, 3) universal access to high-quality early learning or preschool programs, and 4) continuous accountability for the early detection process from birth to 5 years, and this includes an outcome-based metric for kindergarten readiness. Join to learn more about how leaders in health, education, and social service sectors can boldly address our nation's capacity crisis in a system-wide manner.

Save the Date!





Date: April 11, 2016

Location: Westford Regency Inn

**219 Littleton Road
Westford, MA
01886**

**2016 Fourth Annual
MA CSEFEL Pyramid Model Partnership Summit**

**The Pyramid
A Common Language for Community Building**

Keynote speaker
Neal Horan, PhD

Dr. Horan is the director of the Helping Our Youth Succeed (H.O.Y.A.) Clinic at Georgetown University in the Center for Child and Human Development, and is also the director of the Early Childhood Division at the university. Dr. Horan is a renowned clinical psychologist, and was the co-author on a publication entitled "A Public Health Approach to Children's Mental Health".

Please look for upcoming registration information in early March or contact AdCare- Denise at Denise@adcare-educational.org