

The UPDATE

News and Information for Massachusetts EI Providers May 2017



Important Dates...Mark your Calendar!

May 23, 2017; 10—11am: Monthly Webinar—EI Data System Transition

June 8, 2017; 9:30am—1pm: ICC Meeting, Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel, 181 Boston Post Road West, Marlborough, MA

EEC COMMUNITIES OF PRACTICE: PRESCHOOL PYRAMID MODEL STRATEGIES PART 1 & PART 2 – ANGEL FETTIG

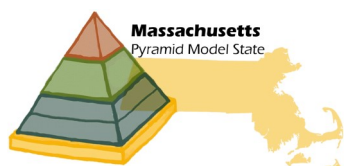
May 17: The Kuss School Fall River 52 Globe Mills Ave Fall River, MA

May 23: Worcester Public Library, Saxe Room

June 6: EEC Taunton Office 1 Washington Street Taunton, MA

June 8: EEC Boston Office

Additional information regarding registration will be forthcoming.



DPH Updates

New Web-based System Update

As we work to identify a vendor for our new web-based system, we want to engage with EI providers in planning for the transition from a primarily paper-based system to an electronic, web-based system. To kick this off, the following steps will be taken in May:

- A memo will be sent out to agency executives in mid-May to share information about the new web-based system and to begin an on-going communication plan to support agencies and EI programs in the transition to a web-based system.
- The DPH Webinar in May will be focused agency and program preparation for the web-based system.

WIP Stakeholders group meetings scheduled for Wednesday July 26, 2017:

Technical Group: 9:30-11:00 am

Clinical Group: 11:30-1:00 pm

These meetings will continue the discussions regarding supporting EI agencies and programs in preparing for the transition to a new web-based EIIS and EI Fiscal System.

Please RSVP to Noah Feldman at noah.feldman@state.ma.us.

SSIP BDI-2 Fidelity Report Update

All SSIP BDI-2 Fidelity reports are on schedule to be distributed to programs by the end of May. In June, once all videos have been coded, we will create a state-wide report and send it to programs.

All questions regarding your SSIP BDI-2 Fidelity Reports should be directed to Emily Webb at emily.webb@state.ma.us.

SSIP PIWI Data Collection Update

Programs in PIWI Cohort 1 should be preparing to complete their data collection activities (if you have not yet started). Please refer to the document: PIWI Implementation information-updated 1-24-17.doc for full DPH expectations:

PIWI Evaluation:

1. PIWI Champions will submit their data collection on the use of triadic strategies
2. Two volunteer staff from each program to video 3 home visits all with the same family, each 1 month apart. (These videos can also be used by the PIWI champion for their data collection). These videos will be coded for quality characteristics and feedback. See instruction form for submission and consent form information. NOTE: These videos can also be used by the PIWI champion for their data collection prior to submission.
3. PIWI Champions will submit their training and support activities (see above for detail)
4. Staff will complete on-line self-assessments to be sent out by DPH staff at a later date.

NOTE: This is the data collection plan for the first year of implementation. We will be evaluating the effectiveness of this data collection plan and determining the on-going methodology after we complete the implementation plan with all programs.

All data collected (paper or video) should be submitted to Emily Webb. Please contact her with any questions at emily.webb@state.ma.us

Workplace Violence Prevention

At the request of EOHHS, the attached notice concerning Workplace Violence Prevention requirements was sent to all direct service providers in mid-April. Please forward this notice to appropriate program staff within your agencies. More information about these requirements can be found by clicking on the links within the notice.

Institute for Health & Recovery (IHR)—Help Me Grow

IHR wants to make sure you know about Help Me Grow, a Minnesota-based agency that offers good tips for those challenging conversations of communicating developmental concerns. These may be especially helpful for staff new to these conversations; and for more experienced staff, the tips might enhance confidence in what they've been doing all along. <http://helpmegrowmn.org/HMG/HelpfulRes/ResourcesProf/DiscussDevelopConcernParent/index.html>

As always, please contact karenwelling@healthrecovery.org or karengould@healthrecovery.org for any training and technical assistance needs, and to get your hand-delivered (training included) Trauma-Informed Tip sheets.

Training Opportunities

Caring for Them, Caring for Us, Working with Children with Complex Needs & How to Tell Their Story [Learn more & Register.](#)

Thursday, May 16, 2017 from 9am—4pm

Devens Common Center, 31 Andrews Parkway, Devens, MA

Family Engagement: What are we Doing and How do we Know if it is Working? [Learn more & Register.](#)

Thursday, May 25, 2017 from 9am—3pm

Wheelock College, 43 Hawes Street, Brookline, MA



Policy & Clarifications

Policy and clarifications will be posted here when there are any.



Data Manager Updates

EIIS Evaluation—Diagnoses Issue

Unfortunately the following diagnoses in EIIS were incorrectly updated in the most recent EIIS upgrade to a one year diagnoses:

- Hearing impairment, left ear
- Hearing impairment, right ear
- Holoprosencephaly
- Hypoplasia of the brain
- Spinal Cord Injury not at birth, cervical spinal cord
- Spinal Cord Injury not at birth, lumbar spinal cord
- Spinal Cord Injury not at birth, sacral spinal cord
- Spinal Cord Injury not at birth, thoracic spinal cord



An EIIS application patch has been created to resolve this issue. If you have a child with one of these diagnoses, please contact Linda Mosesso at (617) 624-5521.

EIIS Update

DPH is considering eliminating the 'Family Contacts' section of the EIIS Referral Form. This is an optional area in EIIS and many programs have other processes and systems that are used to manage this information.

If you have concerns about this change, please contact Noah Feldman at noah.feldman@state.ma.us by May 31.

EIIS Referral Form

Family Contacts (optional)

EI DPH ID: ____ / ____ - ____

Name First: _____ Last: _____ Relationship: _____ Street Address: _____ City or Town: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phones Primary: (____) ____-____ Other: (____) ____-____	Name First: _____ Last: _____ Relationship: _____ Street Address: _____ City or Town: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phones Primary: (____) ____-____ Other: (____) ____-____	Name First: _____ Last: _____ Relationship: _____ Street Address: _____ City or Town: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
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Forms & Materials

Forms and materials will be posted here when there are any.



NEW On-line Modules

Check out the NEW on-line modules available on the EITC website: www.eitrainingcenter.org

EITC: (#392) BDI-2 Standardized Interview Procedure - On-line Training Course

Description: In this on-line module, participants will learn what standardized interview procedure is, how, and when to use it. They will explore some common administration challenges through video examples and how these challenges might be addressed. Participants will also learn the important of fidelity and the impact on administration errors have on our MA EI system.

EITC: (#525) Prematurity: An Overview - On-line Training Course

Description: This course will allow participants to understand the stages of fetal development while recognizing the unique and sometimes lasting results prematurity can have on a child. It gives information on what babies as well as parents may have experienced both emotionally and/or physically as a result of their NICU experience. It will provide information on the impact prematurity has on child development as well as child/caregiver interactions.

CEIS 2012 Competencies: 1.5 EI Specialists will demonstrate knowledge of the impact of biological risk factors, including but not limited to prematurity, and other medical conditions, on child development and child/caregiver interactions.

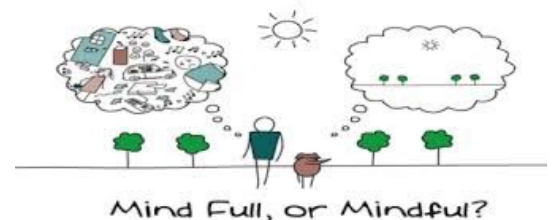
Mindfulness & Meditation Workshops

There is still availability! The Department of Children and Families has offered to fund Mindfulness and Meditation workshops for Early Intervention programs. There is funding to offer 12 trainings throughout the state. If you are interested in hosting one of these trainings you will be able send up to 40 of your own staff. Details of the workshop are below.

Interested in hosting a training for your team? Contact Noah Feldman at noah.feldman@state.ma.us.

Mindfulness and Meditation: Using the Wisdom of the Body and Mind to Support Wellness and Resilience facilitated by: Jennifer Fraser

The goal of this workshop is to raise awareness of the power of mindfulness and meditation as core inner resources that can mitigate stress in work and life and buffer against the vicarious traumatization that is so highly prevalent among professionals working on the front-lines of human services with vulnerable populations. This 1.5-hour workshop provides an engaging introduction to principles of the Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction program (MBSR), an evidence-based health promotion program developed at the University of Massachusetts Medical Center's Stress Reduction Clinic. Participants will learn about the substantial health and wellness benefits of mindfulness and meditation and introduced to meditation practices that can help increase focus, decrease stress, and cultivate and sustain compassion towards oneself and others.



Specialty Services Updates

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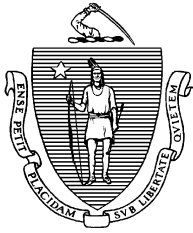


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To: Department of Public Health Human and Social Services Provider

From: Kelly Driscoll, Chief Financial Officer

Re: EOHHS Regulation on Workplace Violence Prevention and Crisis Response Plan

Date: April 2017

In February 2015, EOHHS issued a regulation on workplace violence prevention for human and social service workers. The regulation, 101 CMR 19.00, (www.mass.gov/eohhs/docs/eohhs/eohhs-regs/101-cmr-19.pdf) requires that all health and human services programs adopt a workplace violence prevention and crisis response plan. The regulation applies to programs that (1) are operated, licensed, certified, or funded by EOHHS or an EOHHS agency, and (2) primarily provide human and social services to clients of EOHHS or EOHHS agencies. Prior to implementation of this regulation, the Department of Public Health (DPH) sent written information about the regulatory requirements to all providers of health and human services that had contracts with DPH.

This notice serves as a reminder of these requirements. EOHHS has developed a website at www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/commissions-and-initiatives/hsw-safety-regs/ to assist programs with the implementation of the requirements. The website includes timelines and guidelines for development and implementation of the plan, information on training requirements and options, and links to applicable laws.

Contract language concerning the regulation has been incorporated into the Required Specifications issued by the Operational Services Division and applies to any human and social services contract that your organization has with DPH. This is the language that is included in the Required Specifications:

Workplace Violence and Prevention and Crisis Response Plan 101 CMR 19.00, Workplace Violence and Prevention and Crisis Response Plan, governs the procedures and criteria for workplace violence and prevention and response plans for programs that provide direct services to clients that are operated, licensed, certified or funded by a department, commission, office, board, division, institution or other entity within the Executive Office of Health and Human Services under M.G.L. c.6A § 16. Any direct service program that contracts with the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) or the constituent agencies of EOHHS must comply with 101 CMR 19.00, including having a plan that meets the criteria set forth in 101 CMR 19.04 which is updated annually, available electronically and provided to any human service worker upon request. The regulations and response plan guidelines are available at the following website: www.mass.gov/hhs/HSW-safety-regs