

# The UPDATE

## News and Information for Massachusetts EI Providers January 2018



### Important Dates...Mark your Calendar!

**January 11, 2018: Interagency Coordinating Council Meeting:** Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel & Conference Center, Marlborough, MA

**January 16, 2018: COP—IHR: Having Difficult Conversations,** Canton, MA

**January 23, 2018; 10—11am: Monthly EI Webinar**

- Closing the loop—Communication with Primary Care Provider
- Service Pack Update
- New Shishmanian materials



### DPH Updates

#### Round Table Discussions for Supervisors & Leadership Staff: PWN & Consent within the IFSP Process



Procedural Safeguards (Family Rights) are not a separate part of the EI process, but are embedded within the process of determining eligibility, and developing and implementing an IFSP. This Round Table is a follow-up to the October 2017 Directors' Webinar on "Embedding PWN and Consent into the IFSP Process" and is intended for those who provide supervision to Service Coordinators. The session will feature a review of the October 2017 PowerPoint and graphic; discussion of the intent of these federal requirements and when to insert them into your program's practice. This is an opportunity to ask questions, both from DPH staff and each other, reflect on program practice, and discuss ongoing support needs. Please register through the EITC website at [www.eitrainingcenter.org/professional-development](http://www.eitrainingcenter.org/professional-development).

Registration will initially be limited to 2 supervisory staff members/program, although additional staff may register on a space available basis. Please note: if school is cancelled in the city/town on the morning of the Round Table, the session will be cancelled. Staff will need to re-register for a snow date listed.

Please see [attached flyer](#) for additional information.

#### New EI Web-based System (EIIS/EIFS) Update

We are still finalizing the vendor selection process and will hold new stakeholder group meetings (WIP) as soon as possible. Thank you for your participation in our EDI-readiness survey and follow-up phone calls. We continue to encourage you to refer back to our transition activity suggestions to ensure that your agency leadership is aware of this large-scale change. We will update the timeline and activities as soon as we are able. Please contact Noah Feldman with any questions or concerns about this project.



## Forms & Materials

MA Clearing House [www.mass.gov/maclearinghouse](http://www.mass.gov/maclearinghouse)

DPH Dropbox [www.dropbox.com/sh/cpewylr7bcoefyv/AAA89\\_dDxWMwa0mb7Jj7gZ3fa?dl=0](http://www.dropbox.com/sh/cpewylr7bcoefyv/AAA89_dDxWMwa0mb7Jj7gZ3fa?dl=0)

\*New: Translated IFSPs and Procedural Safeguard Forms in the Universal IFSP-September 2017 folder within the DPH Dropbox [www.dropbox.com/sh/cpewylr7bcoefyv/AABsijQwHGOWIFQKkdwx3Yaa/IFSP%202017%20Documents/Universal%20IFSP-September%202017?dl=0](http://www.dropbox.com/sh/cpewylr7bcoefyv/AABsijQwHGOWIFQKkdwx3Yaa/IFSP%202017%20Documents/Universal%20IFSP-September%202017?dl=0)



## EITC Update

### **NEW Shishmanian Information**

The Training Center is pleased to announce that we are now accepting Shishmanian applications for the last half of this fiscal year. We have made some significant changes to the eligibility criteria, application process, and reporting requirements. Please check out the updated information on our website at [www.eitrainingcenter.org/professional-development/shishmanian-grant](http://www.eitrainingcenter.org/professional-development/shishmanian-grant). We encourage you to tune into the January webinar, before applying, to ensure you understand all of the updates that have been made to the grant.

### **NEW Grab-and-Go Resource**



The ICC Personnel Prep committee has been working hard on creating materials that will continue to support our system as we move forward with PIWI implementation. They have developed a "grab-and-go" called Bridging Functional Assessment with PIWI, that supports EI Specialists in better understanding how to incorporate PIWI strategies into the IFSP process. This will ensure that we are using families existing routines to maximize interventions all while supporting the confidence, competence, and mutual enjoyment of the parent/child dyad. The "grab-and-go" includes a Power Point, video, handouts, reflective questions, and a short case study. You can find this "grab-and-go" under the Professional Development

(Training Materials) tab on the EI Training Center website at [www.eitrainingcenter.org/professional-development/training-materials](http://www.eitrainingcenter.org/professional-development/training-materials).

### **NEW Supervisor Training Series: Parent Interviewing Skills**

Registration is now available for this training series at [www.eitrainingcenter.org](http://www.eitrainingcenter.org).

#### **Taunton:**

Training Sessions: 9:30am-12:30pm  
February 16, 2018  
March 22, 2018  
April 17, 2018  
Department of Early Education and Care  
1 Washington Street, Suite 20  
Taunton, MA 02780

#### **Milford:**

Training Sessions: 9:30am-12:30pm  
March 15, 2018  
April 12, 2018  
May 17, 2018  
Criterion Valley Early Intervention  
375 Fortune Blvd.  
Milford, MA 01757

#### **Andover:**

Training Sessions: 9:30am-12:30pm  
March 29, 2018  
April 26, 2018  
May 24, 2018  
Professional Center for Child Development  
32 Osgood Street  
Andover, MA 01810

Participants must have a supervisory role and must attend all 3 sessions at a given location.



## **Resources**

### **Zika Resource**

Long-term neurodevelopmental follow-up program for children affected by Congenital Zika Virus Syndrome. Boston Children's Hospital is starting a new interdisciplinary Zika Program which is a joint effort between the Developmental Medicine Center and the Department of Neurology. The goal of the program is to provide comprehensive developmental behavioral and neurologic care to children affected by Zika virus. On Wednesday mornings, patients will be seen first by Dr. Marie Reilly, a developmental behavioral pediatrician, for developmental assessment/testing and then by Dr. Patel for neurologic care. Associated ancillary services, including hearing, vision, and feeding supports will be incorporated into individual treatment plans, as needed.

Given that EI providers will likely be on the front-lines in recognizing developmental delays associated with Congenital Zika Virus Syndrome, I wanted you to be aware of the availability of the Zika Program to accept referrals and provide long-term care to children affected by Zika. To learn more, visit this [link](#). In order to refer a family to the program, providers can simply e-mail Dr. Reilly at [marie.reilly@childrens.harvard.edu](mailto:marie.reilly@childrens.harvard.edu).

### **Institute for Health & Recovery (IHR)—Understanding & Handling Difficult Behaviors**

IHR would like to share an article from *Zero to Three* with tips for parents on understanding and handling difficult behaviors [www.zerotothree.org/resources/199-coping-with-defiance-birth-to-three-years](http://www.zerotothree.org/resources/199-coping-with-defiance-birth-to-three-years).

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



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