

The UPDATE

News and Information for Massachusetts EI Providers May 2019



Important Dates...Mark your Calendar!

May 28, 2019: EI Webinar—Topics include:

- **DPH Updates**
- **Presentation: Amy Weinstock, Director of the Autism Insurance Resource Center (ARICA)**



June 13, 2019: ICC Meeting, Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel, Marlborough, MA

- **9:30am—11:30am: ICC Business Meeting**
- **12pm—2pm: Committee Meetings; CEIS Stakeholder Advisory Committee 12pm—3pm**



DPH Updates

Transportation

DPH has been working closely with the Human Services Transportation (HST) related to recent transportation issues. In the context of our discussions we have identified the need to update the current Transportation Standards and some of the current forms to accurately reflect what is happening in the field. We have established a small internal work group to collaborate with HST in reviewing and revising the DPH transportation standards and the current Transportation Request Form (TR). The goal will be to have the revised Transportation Standards completed by July 1, 2019.



In addition, HST would like to remind EI programs that it is critical when submitting a Transportation Request (TR), if the child is MassHealth eligible, to please include the MMIS number (MMIS number is the member's 12 digit id number printed on the card) on the TR and at the same time you submit the PT-1.

BDI—2 Video Submission Reminder

BDI—2 Video Submission Information (FY19) Video submissions are being accepted now, through Friday, September 6, 2019 (deadline). Early submissions are welcomed and appreciated! The instructions for this year's process are available in the DPH Resources for Massachusetts Early Intervention Programs (files on Dropbox), in the BDI—2 Fidelity Folder.

MEIC Conference Update

The Early Intervention Parent Leadership Project (EIPLP) would like to thank everyone for their support at this year's MEIC conference. Almost half of the EI programs sent a parent to the conference. Regional Consultation Programs (RCPs) recruited and sent another 6 six parents. The feedback the EIPLP received from families who attended was very positive. They shared that they learned a lot in the conference sessions, enjoyed meeting other families and appreciated the opportunity to learn with and from EI practitioners. Please check out photos from this year's conference on a [Face-book](#) page. One of our favorites is the Annual Parent Dinner photo! This year's dinner was a great success with lots of fun activities, including MEIC Bingo, a new Word Cloud and other interactive activities. Thanks to our partners at DPH, the RCPs and Family TIES for joining us!

2020 marks the 30th Anniversary of the EIPLP! We are already planning and would love to have even more parents from EI programs join us. If you would like support in recruiting and retaining Parent Contacts, starting a Parent Advisory Council, or engaging with the parents you serve, please reach out to Liz Cox (liz.cox@state.ma.us) or Roxanne Hoke-Chandler (roxanne.hoke-chandler@state.ma.us), they are happy to visit your program and share their expertise with your staff.



[Forms & Materials](#)

DPH Dropbox www.dropbox.com/sh/cpewylr7bcoefyv/AAA89_dDxWMwa0mb7Jj7gZ3fa?dl=0

MA Clearing House www.mass.gov/maclearinghouse



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Guide for Parents of Children in Early Intervention – Is My Child Seeing Clearly?

A new **Guide for Parents of Children in Early Intervention – Is My Child Seeing Clearly?** from Children's Vision Massachusetts (CVMA), is now available in 7 parent languages, and downloadable from the "Resources" page of the CVMA website. The Guide highlights signs and symptoms that can be indicators of an early vision problem, and actions parents can take. Check out the [EI Newsletter Article here](#).

Educational & Developmental Intervention Services (EDIS) Personnel Development Keeping in Touch (KIT) Newsletter; Resource Article



EDIS featured a Resource Article in their KIT Newsletter that shares research supporting family-centered practice.

Check out their [article here](#).

Upcoming Webinar: Engaging Families At All Levels of IECMHC System Development

Engaging families as key partners within Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation programs contributes to the programs' success and improves outcomes for children and families. This webinar will outline how to engage families at each level of the IECMHC system by providing examples of how one state's IECMHC system evolved and how it serves their community today.

After attending this webinar, participants will be able to:

- Describe the importance of including families in the IECMHC system
- Identify how to engage families in all levels of consultation: 1) as a partner in consultation services to the child, 2) as a stakeholder that informs the IECMHC process, and 3) as a leader in IECMHC systems
- Begin to develop tools to engage families as experts in the IECMHC system

[Register here!](#)



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