

The UPDATE

News and Information for Massachusetts EI Providers June 2019



Important Dates...Mark your Calendar!



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

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

June 25, 2019: 10am—11am: EI Webinar—Topics include:

- **DPH Updates**
 - **Shishmanian Presentations**
 - **DPH Website**



DPH Updates

Battelle Scoring Booklets

The Department of Public Health will be placing an order for BDI-2 scoring booklets at the beginning of FY20, in July 2019. Programs should expect to receive their shipment by mid-August.

New: Early Intervention Website Demo and Presentation

The monthly webinar on Tuesday June 25th will give providers a demonstration of the new DPH Early Intervention website. This presentation will include the background on the new website, different phases of implementation, and the plan moving forward for other websites. Please note: since a goal of this website is to consolidate all DPH-produced materials, the plan also involves removing materials from other locations. This will be explained in the presentation.

DPH Approved Higher Education Programs

The Department of Public Health will no longer be accepting applicants from Higher Education Institutes interested in becoming a DPH approved Higher Education EI program beginning on December 13th 2019. Applications submitted before this time will be reviewed and if approved will be approved for five years. This change is to support the upcoming changes to our comprehensive system of personnel development around the certification for Early Intervention Specialists.

Email Address Change

You may have noticed that Joan Rafferty has changed her name to Joan Butterfield, following her recent marriage. Her email address is now updated and she can be contacted at:

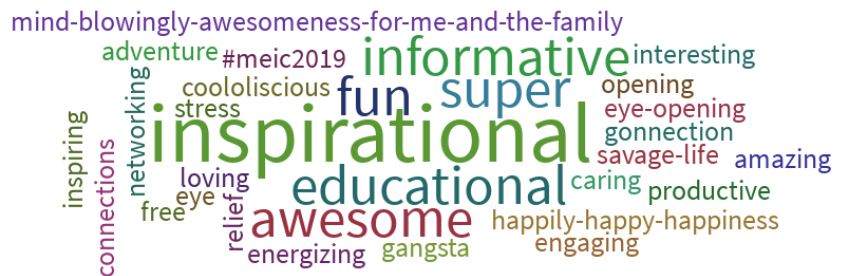
joan.butterfield@state.ma.us

Please update your contact lists to reflect this change. Thank you.

MEIC Conference Update from EI Parent Leadership Project

Thank you to everyone for their help in making this year's MEIC conference such a success for families. Parents from 49 EI programs attended the conference. And we hosted 83 people at the Parent Dinner. We received rave reviews from them, including, "it was great to meet and interact with EI providers," "Now I know that supporting my child is hard but not impossible," "I got many great tools to add to my toolbox that will help me be my daughter's best advocate," "the parent dinner was awesome."

The Parent Leadership Project appreciates the support from DPH, the RCPs and the MEIC Conference Planning Committee. At the Annual EIPLP Parent Dinner, parents were asked "Give us one word (no more than 2) that sums up your first day of the MEIC (MA Early Intervention Consortium) Conference." Their responses created this word cloud!



EI Training Center Update

Training on Demand (TOD) Changes

Training on Demand (TOD) is *committed* to easily accessible, high quality, online training and continuing education opportunities for busy human services professionals. Our ongoing commitment to learner and client success drives our product improvement efforts. This summer, we will unveil system enhancements that will improve the learner experience (easier search, fewer clicks) and the client experience (easier, more robust reporting capabilities).

The Department of Public Health's Early Intervention Training Center is also working towards making access to online modules easier.

What will change?

- Learners will no longer need to dual register for online modules. You will be able to follow the prompts on the training center website to guide you through accessing the online modules.
- The TOD course webpage will look different but function the same.
 - The content that you watch, read, or interact with on screen will remain the same.
 - The assessments within the courses will remain the same.
- The TOD website you visit to view these courses and/or view reports on participation will look different, but offer the same functions as the current system (and more).

How is TOD communicating the change?

- These changes will be communicated to the learners during the 1st week of June:
 - Via a message on the TOD website, similar to the way we announce holiday hours for TOD Help Desk.
 - Via a similar email from TOD sent to the email address affiliated with learner user accounts.
- These messages will include visuals and actions learners should take in the current TOD website and the announcement of the new system on the horizon.

What do learners (TOD users) need to do?

- **TOD users should wrap up current courses in-progress before 12:00 AM EDT Monday, July 1, 2019.** TOD will provide users with instructions on how to identify courses in-progress. Users will understand that records of training from the prior system will remain available, upon request.
- Prior to the transition, users may download any training certificates. We will include instructions on how to view/download those records in our communication to TOD users.

How will TOD support the client?

- We will have exports of learner completion records in MS Excel format.
- We will create a Welcome to the new TOD site video that will rapidly onboard all users to the new TOD site enhancements.
- The current TOD site will remain accessible to client representatives after the new site is unveiled, to support your own data exporting needs. Though your credentials to access this website will remain the same, after the transition the URL will be different. You will receive an email and instructions to support your export needs soon.

BDI—2 Assessment Training Institute

The DPH EI Training Center (EITC) and UMASS Boston have paired up to offer a comprehensive assessment training institute. This opportunity aims at building assessment skills and knowledge for EI specialists who are interested in increasing BDI-2 fidelity of administration at their program. The institute will include four days of training over four months. To learn more, [click here](#).

PIWI Learning Institute

The DPH EI Training Center (EITC) and UMass Boston are offering a 4-day training institute for PIWI Champions, and Supervisors. The Institute will provide an overview of the Parents Interacting With Infants (PIWI) model, the “why” behind PIWI, strategies for successful implementation, and opportunities to problem-solve challenging situations. To learn more, [click here](#).



Forms & Materials

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

MA Clearing House www.mass.gov/maclearinghouse



Specialty Services Updates

Pyramid Model Learning Communities (PMLC)

Following the Pyramid Summit on April 10, conversations are continuing around Trauma Informed Care and the Pyramid Model. Please join us for our Pyramid Model Learning Community in your region to connect with other providers and learn more about Pyramid practices.

Please see the [attached flier](#) for the upcoming meetings in each region. If you are interested in attending click on the link associated with the region you wish to attend.

Regional Pyramid Model Learning Communities

By our program using the Pyramid Model to support children and families? Join us as we explore Pyramid Model Research, share lessons learned, and connect with a variety of community programs.

Discussion Topic: Trauma Informed Care and The Pyramid Model

Look for the best location for you:

- Central Region (2)**
Friday, June 7, 2019
10:00 am to 12:00 pm
M1 Street Head Start
201 M1 Street
Worcester, MA 01602
[Click here to register for the Central PMLC](#)
- Northeast Region (3)**
Wednesday, June 12, 2019
11:00 am to 1:00 pm
Lawrence ECC Office
300 Merrimack St., Suite 20
Lawrence, MA 01840
[Click here to register for the Northeast PMLC](#)
- Boston Metro Region (6)**
Thursday, June 13, 2019
10:00 am to 12:00 pm
Rudney YWCA
300 Morris Luther King Blvd.
Roslindale, MA 02119
[Click here to register for the Boston Metro PMLC](#)
- Western Region (1)**
Tuesday, June 25, 2019
9:00 am to 3:00 pm
The Collaborative
133 Reseda Street
Northampton, MA 01060
[Click here to register for the Western PMLC](#)
- Southeast Region (5)**
Friday, June 18, 2019
10:00 am to 12:00 pm
Tuition ECC Office
140 Washington St., Suite 20
Taunton, MA 02780
[Click here to register for the Southeast PMLC](#)

Note: There is no cost to participants. The Pyramid Model Learning Community is supported by Massachusetts Early Education and Care.

New to the Pyramid Model? Before attending the Pyramid Model Learning Community, we encourage you to view this brief introduction to the Pyramid Model Research. [Click here for Pyramid Model Overview](#)



Resources & Events

Massachusetts WIC Program—Income Eligibility Guidelines

The flyer attached has new income guidelines for the WIC Program (click picture)

Please reach out to Jane Dvorak, Director, Operations of Nutrition Division—WIC Program at jane.dvorak@state.ma.us for brochures ([a PDF is attached here](#)).

Massachusetts WIC Program
INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES
May 15, 2019 - June 30, 2020

household size	yearly	monthly	bi-weekly	weekly
1	\$23,107	\$1,926	\$889	\$445
2	\$31,284	\$2,607	\$1,204	\$602
3	\$39,461	\$3,289	\$1,518	\$759
4	\$47,638	\$3,970	\$1,833	\$917
5	\$55,815	\$4,652	\$2,147	\$1,074
6	\$63,992	\$5,333	\$2,462	\$1,231
7	\$72,169	\$6,015	\$2,776	\$1,388
8	\$80,346	\$6,696	\$3,091	\$1,546
For each additional family member add...	+\$8,177	+\$682	+\$315	+\$158



Early Intervention Research Opportunity—University of Colorado

Please share the [attached flyer](#) with interested staff and families to participate in an Early Intervention Research Opportunity. Compensation is provided.



COMIRB Protocol: 18-1472
PI: Dr. Beth McManus



Early Intervention Research Participation Opportunity

Researchers at the University of Colorado are conducting interviews with Early Intervention providers and parents to learn more about Early Intervention programs in up to 20 states, including yours. We need your help to know how EI is working well and how it could work better. We are interested in your experience with these services. Your involvement in this project would include participating in a video conference interview of up to 90 minutes in length. Compensation is provided.

You are eligible to participate if you are over the age of 18, and:

You are a parent whose child is currently enrolled in an Early Intervention program, and has been receiving services for at least the past 6 months.

-OR-

You are an EI provider with at least 2 years experience providing EI services in the state of Massachusetts, and are currently providing those services.

If you are interested in learning more about this research study, please contact Natalie Murphy by emailing Natalie.Murphy@UCDenver.edu or calling (303) 724-9733. We will walk you through the purpose of the research, the requirements on your part, and the consent form. This will take about 10 minutes. Then, we will schedule a 90-minute interview time at your convenience.



University of Colorado
Anschutz Medical Campus

Save the Date—GPS Workshop

The Learning Center for the Deaf will be hosting its “**Guide to Providing Services to Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing infants and toddlers**” (GPS) workshop for EI service providers November 4th from 8:30-3:30. There is a \$20 workshop fee; lunch is included. Registration and workshop details are not yet available, so for now, save the date.

GPS | Guide to Providing Services to Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing infants and toddlers

A Workshop for Early Intervention Service Providers

Save The Date

Workshop Details and Registration Information To Follow
Contact mary_jane_huru@tlcdeaf.org

\$20 Workshop Fee
Morning Refreshments & Lunch Included

**Monday
November 4, 2019
8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

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