



The Infant/Early Childhood Mental Health Conference scheduled for March 14th at Kings Mill is sold out and has been since February 5th. In addition, there are over 100 people on the waiting list. The final count of registered participants is 414. We had 280 people registered for 2017 so this represents a significant increase over last year's event. We do have a bit of a silver lining for those who could not get into the Conference... We have a professional videographer taping all day. She will record both keynotes and 3 of the break-out sessions. We will be posting the recordings on the ECMHVA.org website once available.

Through a collaborative effort between the Early Intervention State Office, Early Intervention Professional Development Office, the ECMHVA Initiative and a Local System Manager Representative, **two webinars designed specifically for Early Interventionists were planned and provided by Mona Delahooke Ph.D., a clinical and consulting pediatric psychologist specializing in supporting young children and their families.** The first webinar was held February 22nd and the second is scheduled for April 16th. The webinars allow Early Interventionists the opportunity to hear first-hand Dr. Delahooke speak about the content of her book "Social and Emotional Development in Early Intervention". One copy of her book was provided to each local system by EIPD through funding from the State Part C Office. The first webinar was also planned to provide a mechanism for introducing Dr. Delahooke to those EI professionals who will be attending the Conference next week as she will be presenting 3 break-out sessions using content from her book. The 2nd webinar was purposely scheduled after the Conference to also serve as a follow up to her sessions at the Conference.

Reminder: The application period for the 2018 Infant Mental Health Endorsement is open through April 15th. Information about the Endorsement and Application instructions can be found at the www.ecmhva.org website.

Respectfully submitted,

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