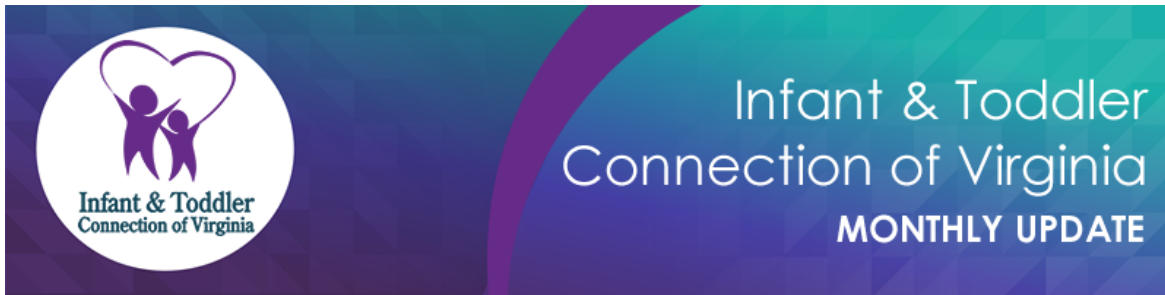


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**MAY 2018 IS EARLY INTERVENTION MONTH**

We are delighted to share with you the Governor's Proclamation that May is Early Intervention Month. The proclamation is recognition of the outstanding impact that you, families, and providers have on the lives of infants and toddlers. Thank you and please share this positive recognition.

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**WHEREAS**, Virginia's children are among our most valuable, precious, and vulnerable citizens, and they require proper care and attention from the time they are born and throughout their formative years; and

**WHEREAS**, some children are born with developmental delays and disabilities, and it is crucial that these children receive immediate intervention treatment upon diagnosis; and

**WHEREAS**, the Infant & Toddler Connection of Virginia provides early intervention services to the more than 19,000 infants and toddlers with developmental delays and disabilities throughout the Commonwealth; and

**WHEREAS**, partnerships among state agencies, physicians, other private care providers, and families with children with disabilities help ensure that the continuation of early intervention services that enhance development and promote the health and well-being of Virginia's children and families; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important that Virginia's citizens know about the early intervention services available for infants and toddlers with developmental delays and disabilities so families may utilize every opportunity to provide for the health and well-being of their children;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Ralph S. Northam, do hereby recognize May 2018 as **EARLY INTERVENTION MONTH** in our **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.

## STATE SYSTEMIC IMPROVEMENT PLAN (SSIP)

There are a number of SSIP activities underway early in our third year of implementation!

### [CLICK HERE TO REVIEW VIRGINIA'S SSIP PROGRESS](#)

The report to OSEP on our second year of SSIP implementation has been posted to the SSIP section of our website. This report includes an update on our implementation of the SSIP, including the evaluation plan, as well as outputs accomplished and next steps.

As a reminder, all SSIP-related materials are posted to the SSIP section of our website at <http://www.infantva.org/Sup-SSIP.htm>.

## FREE CHOCOLATE!..WELL, FREE PRACTICE CLARIFICATIONS INSTEAD

### Free Chocolate!! ... Well, Free Practice Clarifications Instead

During the annual record review, we identified a few areas of confusion and wanted to provide clarification to ensure all local systems are implementing these requirements correctly:

- **Transition Notification and Self-Referrals:** If a child is potentially eligible for Part B and the parent wants to or already has made a self-referral to the local school division, the local early intervention system must still send the notification/referral to the local school division and the Virginia Department of Education *unless the parent opts out by initialing the designated line in Step 2a of the Transition Plan in the IFSP*. The opt out documentation in Step 2a of the Transition Plan is the only mechanism that removes the requirement for the local early intervention system to send the notification to both the local school division and the Department of Education.
- **Transition Conference:**
  - Parental Prior Notice indicating "The required transition planning conference is necessary" must be provided for all children who are potentially eligible for Part B. This is the required method for documenting that you informed the family of their right to a transition conference with the local school division. Please note that a family's decision about having a transition conference is separate from their decision about notification/referral. A transition conference may be offered and held before or after the notification/referral, so opting out of notification does not eliminate the need to provide the Parental Prior Notice for the conference and document on the IFSP whether the parent approved or did not approve the conference.
  - In the same way that Parental Prior Notice about the conference must be provided for all children potentially eligible for Part B and the date of that notice filled in on Step 4a in the Transition Plan section of the IFSP, the family's decision to approve or not approve the conference must be documented in Step 4b (and in a contact note) for all children potentially eligible for Part B.
- **Initial IFSP Date:** If the date the parent signs the IFSP is different from the date of the IFSP meeting, the date of parent signature is the IFSP Date entered on page 1 of the IFSP, in the header of subsequent IFSP pages (if handwritten), and in ITOTS.



## CHILD COUNT TARGET CHANGED



<http://www.infantva.org/sup-ReportsOSEP.htm>

### "THE LEADER IN ME SERIES"

This is the second part of the "Leader in Me Series". This series explores leadership principles that may help you in your unique leadership role whether you are a service coordinator, a provider or a local system manager. The people who make a difference in the lives of young children and families - who provide daily leadership - are not the ones with the most credentials or the loftiest titles. **They're people like you who lead from the middle.**

[CLICK HERE TO VIEW MAY'S DOCUMENT](#)

### FOSTERING HEALTHY SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL RELATIONSHIPS

This article focuses on the positive impact that Early Intervention providers have on mental health and social and emotional development. This is a follow-up to the recent Early Childhood Mental Health Conference and the Dr. Mona Delahooke webinars. The article reviews strategies that Early Intervention providers can use to promote social and emotional wellness.

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Or, click on the link below and type your request in the email that opens.

[ITOTS Password Help](#)

The above link will also be available on our website just below the link to ITOTS.

## EARLY INTERVENTION CERTIFIED PRACTITIONERS

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#### Note about This Update:

This Update is prepared by the Infant & Toddler Connection of Virginia State Team at the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services as a means of sharing current information from the DBHDS/Part C Office.

#### Enrollment of Children in the Medicaid Data System (VAMMIS)

Please note the following contact information for questions about enrollment of children in the Medicaid Data System (VAMMIS).

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#### Early Intervention Certification

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