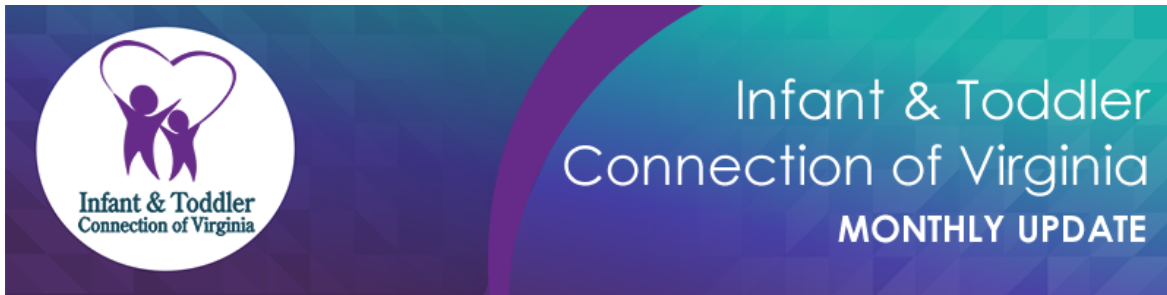


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### STATE SYSTEMIC IMPROVEMENT PLAN (SSIP)

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For the SSIP activities that are underway, internal DBHDS teams and stakeholder groups continue to meet and various products are under development. For this month's SSIP Update, we want to give you a "by-the-number" overview of our progress.

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

As a reminder, our finalized SSIP and related materials have been posted to the SSIP section of our website at <http://www.infantva.org/Sup-SSIP.htm>. These materials include stakeholder and reviewer group membership lists and meeting notes. If you have questions about the SSIP, please contact Kyla Patterson at [k.patterson@dbhds.virginia.gov](mailto:k.patterson@dbhds.virginia.gov).

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### THE DECISION TREE

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**THE DECISION TREE IS TAKING A BREAK FOR SEPTEMBER. STAY TUNED FOR THE OCTOBER UPDATE!**

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### WAIVER REDESIGN

Virginia's newly redesigned Medicaid waivers went into effect on **September 1, 2016**. The new names for the waivers are:

- Building Independence Waiver
- Family & Individual Supports Waiver, and
- Community Living Waiver

If you would like more information or have questions, please use the following link:

<http://www.mylifemycommunityvirginia.org/>

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### NEW MANAGED CARE SYSTEM FOR LONG TERM CARE AND WAIVER SERVICES

You may already be aware that the Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) is preparing for a new managed care system for long term care and waiver services. Children who have an Elderly or Disabled with Consumer Direction (EDCD) waiver slot will have services (including Part C services) paid for through the new Managed Long Term Supports and Services (MLTSS) program. Currently there are fewer than 700 infants and toddlers in Early Intervention who also receive EDCD waiver services. Participation of individuals will be phased into this program beginning in July 2017.

Improving quality and coordination of services are among the goals for the program. Please see the time table below for the implementation timeframes. DMAS is currently working on an outreach and education strategy and a schedule for these meetings is anticipated in September.

The Request for Proposals (RFP), which is on the DMAS website at [http://www.dmas.virginia.gov/Content\\_pgs/rfp.aspx](http://www.dmas.virginia.gov/Content_pgs/rfp.aspx) cites federal and state code and regulations as requirements for the MLTSS program. The regulations cited in the RFP include current requirements and state that "medical necessity for Early Intervention services shall be defined by the IFSP." Also, Addendum 3 to the RFP states that Early Intervention providers must be paid no less than the current Medicaid fee for service rate or a different negotiated rate that is mutually agreed upon by the provider and the managed care contractor. Therefore, the selected managed care entities will be required to follow current Early Intervention law and regulations.

DMAS is working with the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to make this a smooth transition. Information will be shared as it is available.

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### FAMILY SURVEY - PUBLIC REPORTING



## Family Survey – Public Reporting

The 2016 Virginia Family Survey Results are now on our website. The final report,

explanation of results and percent of respondents by question - local results are posted.

Reports can be view at <http://www.infantva.org/sup-FamilySurvey.htm>

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### KALEIDOSCOPE INFORMATION

The Integrated Training Collaborative continues to work on revising the early intervention certification modules, including the module for service coordinators. Kaleidoscope, the training session for service coordinators, is being revised with the goal of eliminating duplication and increasing efficiency for participants. The Kaleidoscope training will now be one day rather than two days. There will be an online Community of Practice to follow the in-person training.

The new service coordination module will be ready in the winter of 2016/2017 so that new service coordinators can complete it along with the other new early intervention certification modules. Therefore, the next Kaleidoscope training will not be scheduled until the spring. The revised Kaleidoscope will be offered twice in the spring so that there will be sufficient space for all new service coordinators to attend.

Because Kaleidoscope trainings are not available during the revision process, you may have service coordinators who will not be able to attend within their first year as required. If this is the case, you must notify your monitor/technical assistance consultant at the Infant & Toddler Connection of Virginia that the Service Coordinator's late attendance at Kaleidoscope is due to the delayed training.

### PARENT & INFANT FINANCIAL AID PROGRAM

Please see and share as appropriate the following announcement from Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf:

The [Parent & Infant Financial Aid Program](#) is now open. Families of infants and toddlers ages birth through 3 years who have been diagnosed with a moderately-severe to profound hearing loss and are in pursuit of a spoken language outcome for their child are encouraged to apply.

Awards are intended to assist with expenses such as hearing technology, auditory support services, speech-language therapy, tuition, etc. Awards are made once a year. The application process is now open with a deadline of October 14, 2016.

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### NEW CODES FOR PHYSICAL THERAPISTS

The **American Physical Therapy Association** is offering a free webinar for APTA Members on New Codes (for payors other than Medicaid).

This 1.5-hour course on **September 22** is designed to introduce physical therapists to the new evaluation and reevaluation codes, and teach therapists how to select the appropriate evaluation code based on patient presentation. The new evaluation codes are split into 3 levels: low complexity evaluation, moderate complexity evaluation, and high complexity evaluation. Physical therapists will need to select the appropriate evaluation level based on 4 components: patient history, examination, patient presentation, and complexity of clinical decision making. This course includes patient scenarios specific to a variety of physical therapist practice settings, including cardiovascular and pulmonary, geriatrics, neurology,

orthopedics, pediatrics, and private practice. [For more information, visit the APTA Learning Center.](#)

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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

For questions about certification of practitioners, contact [Irene Scott](#) \* 804-786-4868

For questions related to completing the online application, contact [David Mills](#) \* 804-371-6593

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