



The partnership between early intervention providers and families is the essential element to effective early intervention. Parents and caregivers share their expertise about their child. What makes him laugh? What is her favorite toy? Early interventionists share their knowledge about early childhood development and collaborate with the team to reach an understanding about how to support the child's participation in family and community life. We hope you will join with families and colleagues at this year's conference to **"Strengthen Partnerships between Families and Providers!"**



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## The Fifth Annual Infant & Toddler Connection of Virginia Early Intervention Conference

### **Creating Connections: Strengthening Partnerships between Families and Providers**



Infant & Toddler  
Connection of Virginia

**March 19 and 20, 2007  
The Hotel Roanoke and  
Conference Center**

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## Agenda

### March 19, 2007

- 7:30 - 8:30 Registration,  
Refreshments and Displays
- 8:30 - 12:30 Welcome/Keynote
- 12:30 - 1:30 Buffet Lunch, Displays
- 1:30 - 4:30 Concurrent Sessions

### March 20, 2007

- 7:30 - 8:30 Registration,  
Refreshments and Displays
- 8:30 - 9:45 Welcome/Keynote
- 9:45 - 10:00 Break
- 10:00 - 11:30 Concurrent Sessions
- 11:30 - 12:30 Buffet Lunch, Displays
- 12:30 - 3:30 Concurrent Sessions

### Session Topics include:

- Social-Emotional Development
- Current Trends and Issues
- Outcomes
- Autism
- Transition
- Family and Parenting Issues
- Medicaid Updates

And much more!

### Who Should Attend:

- ◆ Parents
- ◆ System Managers
- ◆ Early Interventionists
- ◆ Therapists/Providers
- ◆ Service Coordinators
- ◆ All who support infants and toddlers and their families in the Part C system

**Hotel Accommodations:** A block of sleeping rooms has been guaranteed until 2/14/07. Ask For "Creating Connections" to receive the rate of \$114/single or \$134/double plus taxes. Reserve your room TODAY: 1-866-594-4722. Room rates are not guaranteed after 2/14/07. Space is EXTREMELY limited.

## Keynote Speakers

Dr. Serena Wieder is a well known clinical psychologist who has pioneered the foremost approaches to diagnosing and treating infants and toddlers with infant mental health disorders and developmental challenges. She is the Co-Founder and Associate Chair of the Interdisciplinary Council on Developmental and Learning Disorders (ICDL) and the Director of the DIR® Institute, an interdisciplinary competency based training program for professionals. Dr. Wieder publishes extensively including the just published *Engaging Autism*, as well as *The Child with Special Needs*, and *Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health*, co-authored with Stanley Greenspan. They also chaired and edited the recent *ICDL Diagnostic Manual for Infants and Young Children* and the earlier Zero to Three *Diagnostic Classification of Mental Health and Developmental Disorders of Infancy*. She also publishes numerous articles and is the associate chief editor of the *Journal of Developmental Processes*. Drs. Wieder and Greenspan produced a 20 hour Floortime video training series and currently discuss child development topics on the Floortime Foundation weekly web radio program. Her research has focused on early intervention with infants and families who are at high risk and she is currently conducting outcome studies on children with developmental and spectrum challenges. Dr. Wieder continues to practice in Maryland and lectures extensively, both nationally and internationally.

Dr. Kathleen Hebbeler is the Manager of the Community Services and Strategies Program in the Center for Education and Human Services. Currently, Dr. Hebbeler is directing the Early Childhood Outcomes Center, a 5-year project designed to build consensus and provide national leadership around issues related to the measurement of outcomes for young children with disabilities and their families. She also is directing the National Early Intervention Longitudinal Study (NEILS), which is examining services and outcomes for more than 3,300 infants and toddlers with disabilities in early intervention programs around the United States. Dr. Hebbeler has authored numerous papers and presented at many national meetings in the areas of early childhood development, general and special education, community collaboration, and children's health. She is a nationally recognized expert on large-scale studies of children with disabilities, serving as advisor to major evaluations to help create designs that adequately address such issues as oversampling, measurement of disability, and accommodations for direct assessment. She also is a major author of a guidebook for community organizations on conducting evaluations. Dr. Hebbeler earned her Ph.D. in human development and family studies from Cornell University.

## REGISTRATION FORM

Conference space is limited to 350 participants.

**Registration fees:**

**Providers: \$110.00 Family Member: \$70.00**

**\*\*Early Bird Discount for Providers\*\***

**All registrations postmarked by 2/16/07: \$90.00**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Agency:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please check if you are a family member:**

Please note any special accommodations you may need (**INCLUDING VEGETARIAN MEALS**):

**Please mail or fax registration and PO/check made payable to:**

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**To pay by credit card, please register online at:**

**[www.vcu.edu/partnership/ITC](http://www.vcu.edu/partnership/ITC)**

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