



Infant & Toddler
Connection of Virginia

When we talk about “Supports and Services” in Virginia, we consider where the early intervention conference has taken us during the past three years. At our first conference, we celebrated our history. During our second year, we journeyed on a path of many changes and challenges. This year we focus on “Making Meaningful Differences in the Lives of Families.” Our intent as we continue our journey is to move from a “more is better” approach to one in which children and families receive the supports and services that enable them to fully participate in all of the activities of their daily lives.

We hope you will join us at
*Creating Connections: Making Meaningful
Differences in the Lives of Families!*



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The Third Annual Infant & Toddler Connection of Virginia Early Intervention Conference

Creating Connections:

Making Meaningful Differences in the Lives of Families



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March 7 and 8, 2005
The Hotel Roanoke and
Conference Center

Sponsored by:
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Disabilities Education Act

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Agenda

March 7, 2005

- 11:00 - 12:15 Registration
Refreshments and Displays
12:30 - 2:00 Welcome Luncheon
Keynote
2:15 - 3:30 Session I
3:45 - 5:00 Session II
5:15 - 6:00 Cracker Barrel Session

March 8, 2005

- 8:00 - 8:30 Refreshments/Displays
8:30 - 9:45 Session III
10:00 - 11:15 Session IV
11:30 - 12:45 Session V
1:00 - 1:15 Closing Remarks
Mary Ann Discenza, Part C Coordinator
1:15- 1:30 Evaluations /Adjournment

Session Topics include:

- Vision Screening Tools
- Coaching and Home Visits
- Toy Adaptations
- Autism Interventions
- Natural Environments
- Assistive Technology
- Auditory-Based Intervention
- The NICU Experience
- Effective Parent Involvement
- Augmentative Alternative Communication
- Child and Parent Interactions During Play
- Autism Screening Tools

And much more!

Who Should Attend:

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

Keynote Speaker

Dr. Katherine McCormick is an Associate Professor of Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education in the Department of Special Education and Rehabilitation Counseling at the University of Kentucky. Dr. McCormick holds a PhD. in early childhood special education and has been an active advocate for young children and their families for more than twenty years. She has served as chair and member of numerous state and national professional and advisory committees. Katherine grew up in Birmingham Alabama, and worked to establish the early intervention program there following the passage of P.L. 99-457. She and her husband, George, spent fifteen years in Georgia prior to moving to Kentucky in 1998. While in Georgia she chaired the State Interagency Coordinating Council. She has authored book chapters and journal articles that support authentic assessment and intervention models and approaches within natural environments with family members as active team members and partners. Katherine is currently the Co-Principal Investigator for the National Early Childhood Transition Center (NECTC) at the University of Kentucky. NECTC, funded by the Office of Special Education Programs, U.S. Department of Education, is a longitudinal research project that will examine factors that promote successful transitions between infant/toddler services in early intervention, preschool programs such as Head Start, and public school settings for young children with disabilities and their families. Ironically, this project was funded concurrently with the transition of her daughter, Maggie, to kindergarten.

Hotel Accommodations: A block of sleeping rooms has been guaranteed until **2/11/05**. Ask for **“Creating Connections”** to receive the rate of \$102/single or \$122.00/double.

Reserve your room TODAY: **1-866-594-4722**. Room rates are not guaranteed after 2/11/05. Space is EXTREMELY limited.



REGISTRATION FORM

Conference space is limited to 250 participants. Last date for registration is **2/25/05**.

Name: _____

E-mail: _____

Address _____

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

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

Registration Cost: \$40.00 per person
(includes luncheon on March 7th)

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

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To pay by credit card, please register online at:

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