



Just like the infants and toddlers in our early intervention system, early intervention itself is changing, growing, developing. This year's Early Intervention Conference will focus on change as we explore topics such as early literacy, federal outcomes, the Early Intervention State Performance Plan, social/emotional development, and inclusion for all. We will be reminded that change is the driving force that enables the early intervention system to effectively respond to the changing needs of families as they move from the initial visit through transition. When we embrace change, we move our system forward and "Navigate Toward Success!" We hope you will join your colleagues at the conference this year!



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

Creating Connections: Navigating Toward Success



Infant & Toddler
Connection of Virginia

April 25 and 26, 2006
The Hotel Roanoke and
Conference Center

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Agenda

April 25, 2006

- 7:30 - 8:30 Registration,
Refreshments and Displays
8:30 - 10:15 Welcome/Keynote
10:15 - 10:30 Break
10:30 - 12:45 Session I
12:45 - 2:15 Buffet Lunch, Displays
2:15 - 4:30 Session II

April 26, 2006

- 7:30 - 8:30 Registration,
Refreshments and Displays
8:30 - 9:45 Welcome/Keynote
9:45 - 10:00 Break
10:00 - 12:15 Session III
12:15 - 1:45 Buffet Lunch, Displays
1:45 - 4:00 Session IV

Session Topics include:

- Inclusion
- Outcomes
- Brain Development
- Early Literacy
- EPSDT and BabyCare
- Social-Emotional Development
- Current Trends and Issues

And much more!

Who Should Attend:

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

Keynote Speakers

Larry Edelman, MS, is a Senior Instructor in the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Colorado at Denver and Health Sciences Center where he serves as Director of Community Education and Technical Assistance for JFK Partners and teaches graduate courses in *Intervention Strategies* in the School of Education and *Teamwork, Consultation, and Leadership* in the School of Medicine. As a consultant to the Colorado Department of Education, he works on initiatives related to early childhood supports and services and Colorado's early childhood outcomes measurement system. As a consultant to Sonoma State University's Desired Results Team, Larry assists with the design and implementation of the California Department of Education's statewide system of results-based accountability. Larry has assisted organizations in more than 40 states and abroad in the fields of early care and education, early intervention, health, education, and developmental disabilities organizations with training and development, facilitation, and systemic change activities. He has written, edited, and designed dozens of training and educational programs that have been adopted throughout the United States and internationally, including *Getting on Board: Promoting the Practice of Family-Centered Care* and *Just Being Kids*. Larry was awarded undergraduate and graduate degrees in Child Development at the University of Pittsburgh.

Kathie Snow is the author of *Disability is Natural: Revolutionary Common Sense for Raising Successful Children with Disabilities*. She is also the author of the widely-disseminated "People First Language" article. Kathie is a 1991 graduate of the first class of Texas Partners in Policymaking leadership training program. She now presents at Partners programs in many states and provides technical assistance to many Partners coordinators. In addition, she presents keynotes and workshops at international, national, and state conferences, and has coordinated conferences and developed training curriculum. A former broadcast television writer, producer, and director and the mother of two teenagers, Kathie and her family reside in the mountains of Colorado.

Hotel Accommodations: A block of sleeping rooms has been guaranteed until **3/23/06**. Ask for "**Creating Connections**" to receive the rate of \$102/single or \$122.00/double plus taxes. Reserve your room TODAY: **1-866-594-4722**. Room rates are not guaranteed after 3/23/06. Space is EXTREMELY limited.

REGISTRATION FORM

Conference space is limited to 350 participants.
Registration fee: \$95.00

Early Bird Discount registrations postmarked by
3/23/06: \$75.00

Name: _____

Title: _____

E-mail: _____

Agency: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

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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