



Infant & Toddler Connection of Virginia

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 Part C Office.

Welcoming Irene Scott

The Part C Office would like to welcome the newest staff member, Ms. Irene Scott. Irene is a long time employee of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services and has joined the staff of the Office of Child and Family Services (OCFS) as of July 01, 2010. Her role is that of an Administrative and Office Specialist III. Irene will provide administrative, clerical and secretarial support to the OCFS including the Part C program. Her primary responsibilities will include handling Part C early intervention practitioner applications, managing office operations, arranging for meetings and conference calls, drafting and finalizing correspondence, typing documents and disseminating information to the field.

Early Intervention System Transformation Implementation Task Force (ITF)

The Early Intervention System Transformation Implementation Task Force met on July 12. Topics addressed included:

- The revised practice manual;
- Identification of implementation challenges, including meeting timelines and physician certification;
- MCO implementation (July 1, 2011); and
- Reports.

ITF members are gathering and forwarding input on the implementation issues/challenges as well as comments about MCO implementation. Please forward any comments you have to your Implementation Task Force Representative. The list of members is posted on the website at <http://www.infantva.org/documents/ovw-st-TaskF-MemberList.pdf>

Please watch the Infant & Toddler Connection of Virginia Website for the notes from the meeting.

Infant & Toddler Connection of Virginia Workgroup on Premature Infants

The Infant & Toddler Connection of Virginia is convening a time limited work group to identify issues and to develop recommendations and an implementation plan related to

- Referral of premature infants to the Infant & Toddler Connection;
- Determination of eligibility for early intervention services;
- Appropriate Services; and
- Interagency collaboration (Collaboration between Medical Home/EI System/NICU Follow Up Clinics and other agencies such as Healthy Families, etc.).

If you are interested in providing input for this group, and/or if you have recommendations of individuals to include on this workgroup, please contact Beth Tolley at beth.tolley@dbhds.virginia.gov.

Therapy Provider Quarterly Reports

The Therapy Provider Quarterly Reporting forms for State Fiscal Year 2011 (July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011) have been revised to be consistent with the quarterly reporting forms that will be used by the local lead agency for that same period. These forms, which are submitted quarterly by each Part C provider agency, have been revised as follows:

- The information required has been simplified.
- The form must now be submitted not only to the Part C Office but also to the local system manager.
- The due dates have been extended to coincide with the due dates for the local lead agency's quarterly reports.

These due dates are specified in the instructions for the form. If your provider agency has not received a copy of the new forms, please contact the local system manager for the system(s) with which you work or David Mills at the Part C Office (david.mills@dbhds.virginia.gov).

Practitioner Certification

Irene Scott will now be handling the practitioner certification process. Please contact Irene at 804-786-4868 or irene.scott@dbhds.virginia.gov with any questions or for assistance.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT) CORNER

Infant & Toddler On-Line Tracking System (ITOTS) 1.8

Technical issues have delayed user acceptance testing of this release of ITOTS. We are working closely with VITA to resolve these issues. If you or someone at your location is interested in testing, please contact David Mills.

Secure Email

Recently, David Mills sent an email to System Managers regarding use of secure email by obtaining a digital certificate. Utilizing this method of sharing DMAS and other HIPAA data should greatly simplify our current method of exchanging information. There is a cost to this solution.

ITOTS Expansion

We are excited to announce that we are in the process of hiring four contractors to work on the ITOTS Expansion and Information Exchange projects! We will be hiring a Solutions Architect, a Database Architect, a Business Analyst, and a Web Programmer. If you know anyone who would be interested in applying for these positions, please ask them to contact a state-approved vendor and submit their resume. These positions are for immediate hire and are for 12-14 months.

We are finishing up the requirements for the ITOTS Expansion project and have begun the initial design efforts. We are currently behind schedule and are looking for ways to reduce scope in order to get back on schedule.

Languages

As part of the ITOTS Expansion project, we will be gathering information about primary and secondary languages for the children and families in our system as well as language and language proficiency for our practitioners. We would like the list of languages to be comprehensive and representative of languages used in Virginia. Please provide a list of languages represented in your region to David Mills.

Certification Application

With a recent upgrade to EICERT, the certification application practitioners are now able to update their qualifications related to their license or certification. If your qualifications have recently been renewed, please log onto the certification application (<https://www.eicert.dbhds.virginia.gov/Logon.aspx>) and update your qualifications as required. Instructions for updating your qualifications can begin on page 16 of the Practitioner Application Manual (<http://www.infantva.org/documents/ei-Cert-usermanual.pdf>). Also, part of the upgrade is new procedures to follow if you have forgotten your password. Details for these procedures can be found on page 7 of the Practitioner Application Manual.

RESOURCES

Shaken Baby Syndrome

The Virginia Department of Social Services has a new webpage, http://www.dss.virginia.gov/family/cps/shaken_baby.cgi, dedicated to Shaken Baby Syndrome (also known as abusive Head Trauma). See the information below to access this information. Please share with others.

Never Shake a Baby

A crying or fussy baby can be frustrating to many parents and caregivers. A crying baby has been identified as the leading trigger for moms, dads, loved ones and caregivers to violently shake a baby or toddler. This is called Shaken Baby Syndrome. A new [webpage](#) is dedicated to Shaken Baby Syndrome (also known as Abusive Head Trauma) awareness, prevention, education and assistance. On this page, you'll find assistance, resources and information on how to soothe a crying baby, cope with your own frustration and triggers and where to go for help. House Bill 411 addresses Shaken Baby Syndrome education. It was passed in this year's General Assembly Session and goes into effect July 1.

- Helpful brochure » [PDF](#)
- Governor's press release » [Webpage](#)

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