



Infant & Toddler Connection of Virginia MONTHLY UPDATE

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STATE SYSTEMIC IMPROVEMENT PLAN (SSIP)

We are nearing the end of our fourth year of SSIP implementation!

In February and March, we will be working with the State Leadership Teams that developed the SSIP and with the Virginia Interagency Coordinating Council (VICC) to review progress and evaluation data and determine the need for any revisions to the plan as we move forward. The Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) is extending the current SSIP for an additional year.

Our annual SSIP report to OSEP must be submitted by April 1, 2020. The report and all evaluation data will be posted to the SSIP section of our website at <http://www.infantva.org/Sup-SSIP.htm> by early April.

If you have questions about the SSIP, please contact Kyla Patterson at k.patterson@dbhds.virginia.gov

"THE LEADER IN ME SERIES"



**Leading from the Middle: Talking Bout My Generation
*Moments that Shape a Generation***

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MARTI CLARK NAMED LSM FOR I&TC of WESTERN TIDEWATER



Marti Clark was named the Local System Manager (LSM) for Western Tidewater Infant & Toddler Program in September 2019. The Children's Center, a private non-profit, with 8 locations in Western Tidewater, is the single point of entry for families entering the Early Intervention program. Marti is not new to the Early Intervention community. She brings 17 years of experience in Early Intervention. Marti started as a State Plan Option Service Coordinator at The Children's Center in 1996. She served children and their families for 7 years before pursuing another career working with the geriatric population. In 2010, Marti had the opportunity to rejoin the Children's Center family as Service Coordinator. She said, "It felt like coming back home!" Marti shared "After all those years, one thing remained the same since I had left, the child and their family were still at the heart of what we were doing every day. I jumped right back on board and never looked back." In April 2013, Marti was promoted to Early Intervention Manager, a position that supervised the team of Service Coordinators. Recently, the agency decided that the Executive Director and LSM role should be autonomous from one another. After 6 years of serving as the Early Intervention Manager, Marti was promoted to LSM. She is excited about the opportunity that she has been given to grow again within The Children's Center family. Marti is ready to connect on a State level with all the other LSM's, knowing they have a wealth of knowledge and there is much to learn. Marti is thrilled that her mentor, former LSM Rosalind Cutchins, remains with The Children's Center as Executive Director, to offer her guidance and support when needed.

Marti attended Elon College (now Elon University) where she received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Human Services and minored in Psychology and Theater. Marti lives in Southampton County with her husband, Michael and 12-year-old daughter Molly. She enjoys reading; watching her daughter play sports; spending time at the beach; taking naps with her cat; playing cards with her 85-year-old Mom and older sister and being the "ears" for the family's 3rd generation business, the local radio station.

LESLIE PAKULA NAMED LSM FOR I&TC of CHESTERFIELD



Hello! My name is Leslie Pakula and I am the new Local System Manager for the Infant and Toddler Connection of Chesterfield. I have worked in early intervention at the Chesterfield Infant Program for the past 20 years providing intakes and service coordination to families as well as providing supervision to service coordinators. I am a Kansas City native and graduated with a bachelor's in psychology from the University of Kansas (Go Jayhawks!) before moving to Richmond where I completed my Master's in Social Work as well as a Certificate in Interdisciplinary Early Intervention from Virginia Commonwealth University. I also recently completed my Infant Mental Health endorsement as an Infant Family Specialist II. Early Intervention and working with families with young children has been my passion for the last 20

years. I am excited to continue to work with families and providers in the Chesterfield area and continue to look at ways that we can improve our program to better serve families.

ITOTS USERS

Please send requests for ITOTS logon assistance to the email address below.

deltaprod@dbhds.virginia.gov

Type "ITOTS Password" in the Subject Line and tell them your username.

EARLY INTERVENTION CERTIFIED PRACTITIONERS

Have issues with your username or password for Early Intervention Certification?

Please send requests for Early Intervention Certification logon assistance to the email address below.

dbhdsproductionsupport@dbhds.virginia.gov

Type "EI Certification" in the subject line and tell them your username.

Or, click on the link below and type your request in the email that opens.

[Early Intervention Certification](#)

PART C STAFF DIRECTORY

PLEASE NOTE that Terri Strange-Boston changed her name to Terri Nelligan, and will no longer receive emails sent to that email account. Her email has changed to terri.nelligan@dbhds.virginia.gov.

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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](mailto:irene.scott@dbhds.virginia.gov) * 804-786-4868

For questions related to completing the online application, contact [DBHDS Production Support@cov.virginia.gov](mailto:DBHDS.ProductionSupport@cov.virginia.gov)

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