



Infant & Toddler Connection of Virginia MONTHLY UPDATE

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ACTIVITIES TO SHARE WITH FAMILIES

Are you looking for impactful information about how to positively influence brain development in early childhood? The Boston Basics Campaign is focused on sharing information that helps parents and other caregivers understand the important brain development that occurs in the first years of life. It also shares simple strategies that parents and caregivers can use during their usual routines to help their develop. The strategies are easy to remember and incorporate. They discuss five strategies which are:

1. Maximize Love, Manage Stress
2. Talk, Sing, and Point
3. Count, Group, and Compare
4. Explore Through Movement and Play
5. Read and Discuss Stories

If you want to see these strategies in action, here is a short video that was done in the Richmond area. You won't regret taking the time to watch it!

<https://rva.thebasics.org/en/the-basics/>

Below is a link to The Boston Basics Campaign for more information and handouts.

The basics community tool kit: <https://www.thebasics.org/en/community-toolkit/handout>

NEW PRINTABLE PUBLIC AWARENESS MATERIALS AVAILABLE



New Printable Public Awareness Materials Available At:

<http://infantva.org/Pr-PublicAwareness.htm>

Orderable Prints Coming Soon!

STATE SYSTEMIC IMPROVEMENT PLAN (SSIP)

[CLICK HERE TO SEE WHAT'S NEW](#)

The SSIP report and related materials can be found in the SSIP section of our website at <http://www.infantva.org/Sup-SSIP.htm> If you have questions about the SSIP, please contact Kyla Patterson k.patterson@dbhds.virginia.gov.

"THE LEADER IN ME SERIES"



Leading from the Middle: The Starfish Story

And What It Can Teach Us About Life

[CLICK HERE TO VIEW DOCUMENT](#)

ARE YOU USING THE 5-DAY BOX ON THE PROCEDURAL SAFEGUARD FORMS CORRECTLY?

Federal regulations under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) require that written prior notice must be given to parents a reasonable time before a local participating agency/provider proposes or refuses to initiate or change the identification, evaluation, or placement of a child, or the provision of appropriate early intervention services. Virginia defines "reasonable time" as five (5) calendar days. Therefore, in Virginia, written prior notice must be provided to families at least 5 calendar days before a proposed activity listed on a procedural safeguard form can take place. Families have the right to take this time period to consider their options and make informed decisions. It is important that families understand this right.

If a family chooses to accept an appointment time before the 5-day period expires, they need to initial and date the box in the bottom right-hand corner of the procedural safeguard form indicating that they agree to forgo the 5-day waiting period. By initialing and dating the box, the parent is indicating that they understand the proposed activity(s) and their right to 5 days' prior

notice and agree that the proposed activity(s) may occur prior to the 5 calendar day prior notice timeline.

For monitoring purposes, the parent's signature and date on the procedural safeguard form documents when they received the notice. We recognize that forms may be mailed ahead of time, but we have no way of knowing when/if that form was received. Therefore, if the date of the parent signature on the procedural safeguard form is less than 5 calendar days from the date the activity occurred, then we expect to see the optional box initialed and dated.

IMPORTANT FOR ALL PRACTITIONERS!

Please make sure you are keeping your local system affiliations up-to-date in the "Agency Relationships" section of the EI Cert system at <https://eicert.dbhds.virginia.gov>. This is particularly important for ensuring you can be reimbursed by the Medicaid MCOs.

For practitioners other than service coordinators and EI Assistants, it also is important to ensure the expiration date of your discipline-specific licensure or certification is accurate in the EI Cert system to ensure your EI Certification remains active. Practitioners must have an active EI Certification in order to provide and bill for services. Use the same EI Cert link above to update your discipline-specific credentials when needed.

NEW RESOURCE FOR FIDELITY ASSESSMENT

In response to feedback during the coaching fidelity observation web discussion in March, we have created a new resource: [Guidance for Using the Coaching in Action Checklist for Fidelity Assessment](#). The guidance document includes information about fidelity assessment requirements, qualified fidelity observers, how to score the checklist to determine yes or no responses, and considerations for scoring and providing feedback - all in one place. This document can also be found on the [Coaching in Early Intervention](#) topic page on the VEIPD site, under the Tools tab.

We hope this resource will be helpful to you as you conduct observations, complete self-assessments and score the checklist. If you have any feedback, feel free to send it to Dana Childress at dcchildress@vcu.edu.

SOUND STARTS: MUSIC CLASS FOR KIDS WITH HEARING LOSS

With Certified Musikgarten Teacher: Miriam Bradley

Sponsored by: The Virginia Chapter of AG Bell

Friday, July 26, 2019

University of Virginia, Bavaro Hall
Curry School of Education
417 Emmet Street, South
Charlottesville, VA 22939

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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.

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

[ITOTS Password Help](#)

The above link will also be available on our website just below the link to ITOTS.

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](#)

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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).

- **Irene Scott** * 804-786-4868
- **Sarah Moore** *804-371-5208
- **Telisha Woodfin** *804-786-1522

Early Intervention Certification

For questions about certification of practitioners, contact [Irene Scott](tel:804-786-4868) * 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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