



Infant & Toddler Connection of Virginia

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STATE SYSTEMIC IMPROVEMENT PLAN (SSIP)

We have all faced personal and professional challenges over the last few months, and SSIP activities have not been the focus of our work. However, the COVID-19 public health emergency has had some unanticipated and positive impacts on priority areas within our SSIP, including our use of the targeted evidence-based practices:

- **Functional Assessment** - Many local systems are reporting that teleassessments have resulted in the use of more functional and authentic assessment practices, using items found in the child's natural environment rather than test kit supplies and focusing on the purpose (functional skill) behind an assessment test item rather than the discreet test skill. In addition to providing better assessment information, this approach is building family competence and confidence from the beginning and lays the groundwork for our overall approach to early intervention. To hear what local system managers, service coordinators and providers in Virginia are saying about teleassessment, check out the teleassessment video chats in the COVID-19 section of the VEIPD website (under videos): https://www.veipd.org/main/covid19_ei_tele_updates.html
- **Coaching and Natural Learning Environment Practices** - Similarly, delivering early intervention via telehealth has advanced, by necessity, providers' use of coaching and natural learning environment practices. Anecdotal reports from providers and caregivers indicate that feelings of competence and confidence have resulted for both the provider and the caregiver as a result of their successful efforts to make virtual visits work. Flexibility has increased, the provider has access to more of the child's and family's routines, there is greater carry-over of strategies between visits ... these are some of the benefits that have been reported. The COVID-19 section of the VEIPD website, https://www.veipd.org/main/covid19_ei_tele_updates.html has lots of videos about telehealth, including Virginia's own Telelection Video Series.

All SSIP-related materials are posted to 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 at k.patterson@dbhds.virginia.gov

"THE LEADER IN ME SERIES"



Leading from the Middle: Leadership in an Era of New Beginnings!

What Will Your New Normal Look Like?

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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.

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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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

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