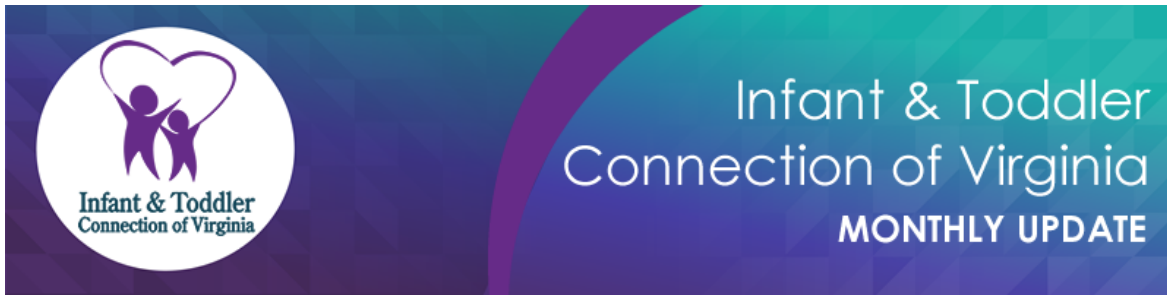


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EARLY INTERVENTION TRANSITION TO MEDICAID MANAGED CARE UPDATE

The Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) continues to plan for the inclusion of Early Intervention services in the Commonwealth Coordinated Care Plus plan. Infants and toddlers who qualify for Medicaid based on having a disability and who are on a Medicaid waiver are included in this initiative. There are about 700 infants and toddlers who will be impacted by this new program. Please see the DMAS webpage that has links to new information.

http://www.dmas.virginia.gov/Content_pgs/mltss-proinfo.aspx

The "Stakeholder Update Feb 2017" is especially helpful.

DMAS signed contracts with six health plans.

- Aetna Better Health of Virginia
- Anthem HealthKeepers Plus
- Magellan Complete Care of Virginia
- Optima Health Regions
- United Healthcare Regions
- Virginia Premier Health Plan

The final contract that DMAS signed with the health plans is posted to the DMAS website. Highlights include that Early Intervention rates cannot be decreased from the current rates and that the health plan cannot add prior authorization requirements. It also states that current regulations and policies continue in place.

DMAS facilitated a meeting with the health plans and Early Intervention staff on February 23, 2017. There was discussion about the positive things that the health plans can offer such as earlier identification of infants and toddlers, referral to needed services, and assistance with transition. The health plans were eager to work together and avoid duplication of services.

Continue to watch this section of the Monthly Update for new information.

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VIRGINIA DOE TEACHER LICENSURE RENEWALS

Virginia Department of Education Teacher Licensure Renewals

DOE teacher licenses expire on June 30th of each year. If your DOE license expires on **June 30, 2017**, now is the time to send all appropriate documentation for renewal to Faye Hopkins, Licensure Specialist, Virginia Department of Education, Division of Teacher Education and Licensure, P.O. Box 2120, Richmond, VA 23218-2120. In order to expedite your review, be sure to include in a neatly organized packet, all required documentation listed in the DOE licensure manual

http://www.doe.virginia.gov/teaching/licensure/licensure_renewal_manual.pdf

Initial DOE licensure applications should continue to be sent to Terri Strange-Boston, Technical Assistance Consultant, I&TC of Virginia, DBHDS, 1220 Bank Street, Richmond, VA 23219, terri.strange-boston@dbhds.virginia.gov

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STATE SYSTEMIC IMPROVEMENT PLAN (SSIP)

State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP)

As we reach the end of our first year of SSIP implementation, a lot of exciting work has been accomplished and continues! Thank you to everyone who has been a part of this work.

In January and February, the four State Leadership Teams that developed the SSIP met to review progress and evaluation data and determine the need for any revisions to the plan as we move forward. All four teams found that our plan is on track.

We are now in the process of writing the SSIP report that is due to the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) by April 3. This report will include an update on our implementation of the SSIP, including the evaluation plan, as well as outputs accomplished and next steps. Once finalized, this report will be posted to our website.

We are also working to finalize a statewide report and local system reports on the findings from our first annual Provider Implementation Survey. These will be available by the end of March.

As a reminder, all SSIP-related materials have been posted to the SSIP section of our website at <http://www.infantva.org/Sup-SSIP.htm>. These materials include stakeholder and reviewer group membership lists and meeting notes. If you have questions about the SSIP, please contact Kyla Patterson at k.patterson@dbhds.virginia.gov.

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UPCOMING LSM/PART C STAFF MEETING - MARCH 28TH - REGISTER TODAY!



Dear LSMs:

The final arrangements are being made for the LSM meeting on March 28th in Charlottesville.

Meeting Location:
[Hilton Garden Inn](#)
1793 Richmond Road
Charlottesville, VA 22911
Ph: 1-434-979-4442

A draft agenda is downloadable for your review by clicking [here](#). This will continue to be modified and refined over the next month.

[REGISTER NOW](#) for the LSM meeting. Those requesting lodging support will need to travel further than two hours to Charlottesville.

Please contact [Deana Buck](#) if you have any questions about this meeting.

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VIRGINIA'S COLLABORATIVE EARLY CHILDHOOD BIRTH TO FIVE
CONFERENCE

SUMMER is right
around the corner!!!



Virginia's Collaborative Early Childhood Birth to Five Conference

BRRRR! It's cold outside but summer is really on the way...AND SO IS CCSS 2017!

To help you make your plans to attend, check out these details:

DATES: July 19-21

LOCATION: [Hotel Roanoke](#)
The beautiful and historic downtown *Hotel Roanoke & Conference Center* is the site of the 2017 conference. Hotel Roanoke is honoring the state government rate of \$107++ (taxes and fees) for single occupancy (\$127++ double occupancy) lodging. Reservations must be made by **Friday, June 16, 2017** to receive the special rate.



REGISTRATION:
Registration opens **March 1st!**

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION ENDS MAY 15th!

- Full Conference - \$200
 - Preconference Only - \$75
 - Conference Days 2 and 3 Only - \$150.
- Regular registration fees are \$225 for the full conference, \$100 for the preconference day, and \$175 for days 2 and 3.



KEYNOTE SPEAKER:
Dr. Kate Gallagher is our opening keynoter. Dr. Gallagher is the Cille and Ron Williams Community Chair for Early Childhood Education at the University of Nebraska at Kearney and the Buffett Early Childhood Institute. Her keynote address is entitled, Supporting the Whole Child and Family Intervention: What it Means and What it Takes. She will present a workshop session, *Bringing 'Serve and Return' into Assessment, Planning, and Intervention*. Check out her TED Talks, [The Healthy Child: Assembly Required](#) and [Maximizing the Power of Early Education](#).

START MAKING YOUR PLANS TO JOIN US AT CCSS 2017!



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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
- [Beth Tolley](#) * 804-371-6595

Early Intervention Certification

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

For questions related to completing the online application, contact [David Mills](#) * 804-371-6593

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