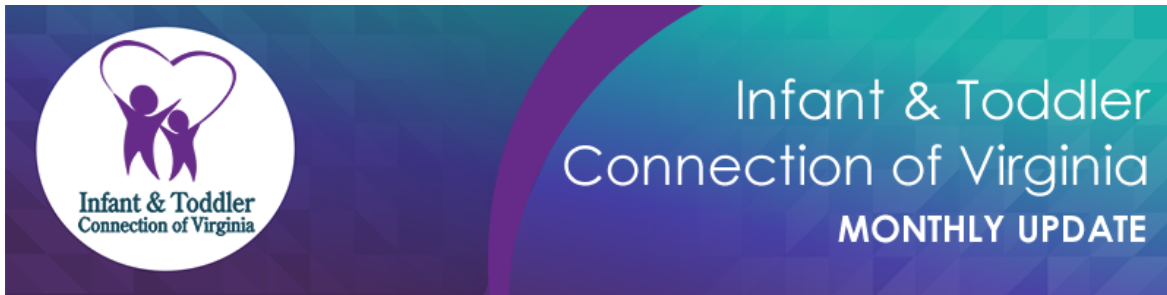


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As a reminder, our finalized SSIP and related materials have been posted to the SSIP section of our website at <http://www.infantva.org/Sup-SSIP.htm>. If you have questions about the SSIP, please contact [Kyla Patterson at k.patterson@dbhds.virginia.gov](mailto:k.patterson@dbhds.virginia.gov).

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Why Culture Matters: Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

When parents are unable to raise their own children, it is the grandparent who often steps in to assume the responsibility. Today in the United States, more than 2 million grandparents are living with and serving as the primary caregiver for their grandchildren. This trend poses incredible challenges both to the grandparent and the children involved, affecting everything from financial stress to child developmental to general family cohesion.

Why do grandparents become parents all over again? Grandparents often assume the role of parent in an effort to keep their family together and keep their grandchildren out of the foster care system. It might happen when a parent is incarcerated, or struggling with substance abuse, domestic violence, mental illness or other long-term health problem. A parent could be stationed overseas in the military. In some unfortunate cases, a parent may also be deceased. Whatever the reason, when a grandparent steps in to care for a child, they take on an incredibly demanding role at a time in their lives when they might have otherwise been

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2016 IDEA STATE DETERMINATIONS

The Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS) at the U.S. Dept. of Education recently released state determinations on implementation of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) for fiscal year 2014 (FFY14/SFY15). The Department made its determinations using both compliance data (30 day timely services, 45-day timeline, and transition) and results data (child outcomes). Equal weight was given to the compliance and results data in making a state's determination.

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FISCAL MANAGEMENT SUPPORT



Please be sure to bookmark the link to the new Webinar on how to complete the initial Fiscal Form.

http://www.veipd.org/main/sub_local_sys_mgt.html#webinar

Another Webinar will be posted in the near future on completing mid-year and year-end reports. You may also want to review the Fiscal Management series recorded last year as an ongoing resource for your local system's effective and efficient fiscal management.

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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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