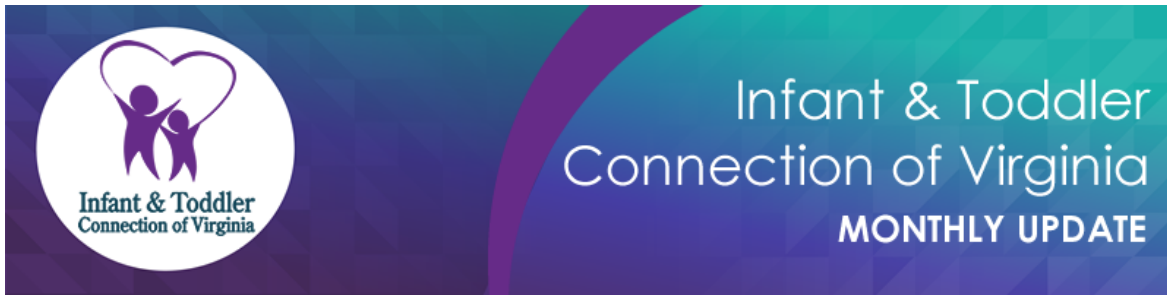


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STATE SYSTEMIC IMPROVEMENT PLAN (SSIP)

State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP)

*****There was a lot of activity on a number of the steps in our SSIP in June! *****

You'll want to take a minute to review the attached table for details.

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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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THE DECISION TREE--WHY CULTURE MATTERS: FATHERHOOD AROUND THE WORLD

The Decision Tree

Child Outcome Seeds for Success

Why Culture Matters: Fatherhood Around The World



Introducing July 2016 American Academy of Pediatrics Recommendations for Promoting Father Involvement

"Intervention programs with parents of developmentally delayed children have far better child outcomes when fathers participate in the parent training along with mothers." AAP July 2016

Having just celebrated Father's Day, we are reminded of the important role fathers play in their child's life through their positive involvement and the unique ways they contribute to their families and children. While we know cultural influences and expectations often dictate what the role of a father might look like, circumstances often lead to less than traditional roles. Excitingly, research on fatherhood around the world is changing. In the past, researchers have focused on two distinct trends-father-absence versus father-involvement and father-provider versus father-nurturer. And while these trends are still evident in modern fatherhood in many different countries throughout the world, including the United States, research seems to be shifting to ways fatherhood can be supported in its many forms. There is recognition that a father's participation leads to positive child outcomes. Below are three great resources that examine current research for fathers around the world.

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KEEP UP WITH THE NEW MEDICAID WAIVER CHANGES

The Virginia intellectual, developmental and day support waivers are being redesigned. The new waivers will be effective in **August**. If you would like information about the changes, you may call **1-844-603-9248** or go to the following link:

<http://www.dbhds.virginia.gov/individuals-and-families/developmental-disabilities/my-life-my-community>

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UPDATE FROM MEDICAID

The Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) is preparing for a new managed care system for long term care and waiver services. Children who have an Elderly or Disabled with Consumer Direction (EDCD) waiver slot will have services (including Part C) paid for through the new Managed Long Term Supports and Services (MLTSS) program. Currently there are fewer than 700 infants and toddlers in Early Intervention who also receive EDCCD waiver services. Individuals will be phased in this program beginning in July 2017. For more information, please click on the links below.

MLTSS PROGRAM INFORMATION

[MLTSS Fact Sheet Revised May 2016](#)

[MLTSS FAQs](#)

[MLTSS Overview Presentation](#)

[MLTSS Regions by Locality](#)

[MLTSS Coverage Map](#)

[Virginia Section 1115 Demonstration Waiver Application January 19, 2016](#)

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DID YOU KNOW? PARENTAL CONSENT NOT REQUIRED FOR REFERRAL

Did you know that when referring an infant or toddler for early intervention- Part C services, it is not necessary to have parental consent to make the referral? While Early Intervention-Part C programs involve parents in all aspects of the program, the initial referral does not require parental permission. The local system will accept the referral and follow up with the family to explain Early Intervention- Part C services and supports. A referral can be made, even if the referral source isn't certain that the infant or toddler will qualify. Virginia regulations at 12VAC35-225-B&F state the following:

- Primary referral sources shall refer to the single point of entry any infant or toddler potentially eligible for early intervention services as soon as possible, but in no case more than seven days, after the child has been identified as potentially eligible
- Parental consent shall not be required in order to make a referral to the local early intervention system, and the local system shall accept a referral even if the referral source has not informed the family of the referral

To refer, the referral source must provide at least the infant or toddler's or family member's name and one method of contact. Contact information for local Early Intervention-Part C programs can be found at <http://211uwgrp.org/> or by calling 1-800-234-1448.

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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](#) * 804-786-4868

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