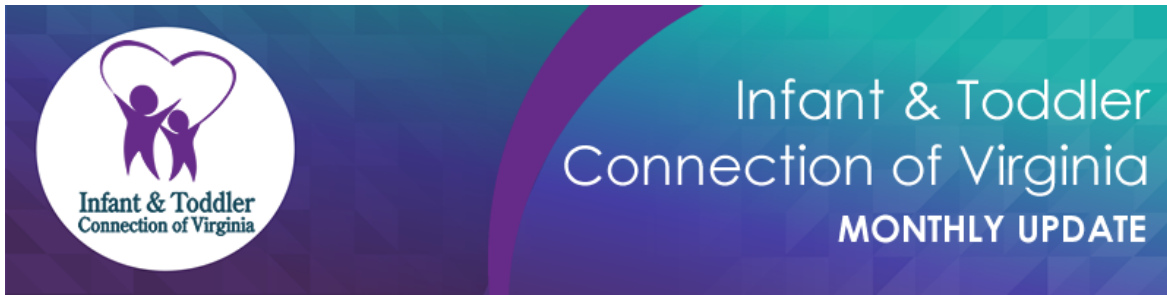


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CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF EARLY INTERVENTION!



On October 8, 1986 President Ronald Reagan signed Public Law 99-457, which established early intervention and mandated preschool special education services. These early childhood programs have played a critical role in improving the lives of young children and their families.

Throughout the week of October 3-7, 2016, the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) will run a campaign showcasing many perspectives from the field, including researchers, families, practitioners, and even individuals who participated in early childhood services through Part C Early Intervention and Part B, Section 619 Preschool. U.S. Dept. of Education, Secretary, Dr. John King, has a video message celebrating the 30th birthday.

Please follow this link to hear it and other stories about the impact of Early Intervention!

http://www2.ed.gov/about/inits/ed/earlylearning/early-intervention-specialed-30th.html?utm_content=&utm_medium=email&utm_name=&utm_source=govdelivery&utm_term

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STATE SYSTEMIC IMPROVEMENT PLAN (SSIP)

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For the SSIP activities that are underway, internal DBHDS teams and stakeholder groups continue to meet and various products are under development.

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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>. 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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PROVIDER IMPLEMENTATION SURVEY COMING OCTOBER 17!

WE NEED YOUR INPUT: Provider Implementation Survey Coming October 17!

As part of our State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP), Virginia is implementing an annual Provider Implementation Survey. Early intervention providers will receive an email from Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) on October 17, 2016 with a link to the online survey. By completing the survey, you will help the Infant & Toddler Connection of Virginia:

- Understand how evidence-based practices are being used in Virginia;
- Ensure you have the resources and supports you need to implement these practices; and
- Evaluate our statewide improvement efforts to improve outcomes for infants, toddlers and their families.

In order to emphasize the value of provider participation in this survey, those who complete the survey will receive ½-hour of professional development credit toward the 30 hours required for renewing your early intervention certification.

If you do not receive an email with the survey link or are unable to access Survey Monkey, please contact Sue Murdock at (804) 827-1425 or murdocksj@vcu.edu.

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ITCVA RELEASES POSITION PAPER ON TOILET TRAINING AND OUTCOMES

ITCVA Releases Position Paper on Toilet Training and Outcomes

In order to ensure consistent child outcome ratings, the Infant & Toddler Connection of Virginia state office has issued a position paper describing how a child's toilet training status may be factored into functional assessment and the child outcome ratings. Please click below to read the position paper. This month's Decision Tree also addresses this topic.

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THE DECISION TREE

The Decision Tree **CHILD OUTCOME SEEDS FOR SUCCESS**



Why Cultures Matters: Expectations for Toilet Training

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PRACTICE MANUAL REVISIONS

Select revisions have been made in three Practice Manual chapters and to the EI Activity Note template. Those revised chapters and forms will soon be posted to the Infant & Toddler Connection of Virginia website (www.infantva.org). Changes include the following:

- Chapter 4, page 5: Corrected the instruction for what to enter in ITOTS when the family states more than one race for their child: "Enter 2 or more races"
- Chapter 11, pages 6 and 7: Corrected the reference to quarterly revenue reports and clarified language about Medicaid reimbursement for eligibility determination
- Chapter 9, Contact Note Checklist: Revised to correspond with changes to EI Activity Note.
- EI Activity Note: Revised to better support providers in including the required information in their contact notes and in response to stakeholder requests for prompts to record the joint plan and ongoing assessment information. Two different templates are provided to appeal to different preferences in format. Remember, use of either of these templates is optional. They're designed to support providers in including the required information in their contact notes.

The Version Control Table at <http://www.infantva.org/Pr-PracticeManual-Forms.htm> will also be updated with links to Track Changes versions of each chapter (showing what changed) and a list of pages that will need to be reprinted in order to update any printed copy of the manual.

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MEDICAID COMMONWEALTH COORDINATED CARE PLUS

You may have heard that starting in July 2017; certain Medicaid enrolled children will transition to a new managed care program called Medicaid Commonwealth Coordinated Care Plus (CCC Plus). Children who will participate in this program include children who receive Medicaid long term care (waiver or nursing facility) services, children who are dually eligible for Medicaid and Medicare (referred to as "duals"), or children who are blind or disabled. The Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) and the Infant & Toddler Connection of Virginia at the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS) are working together to ensure a smooth transition for children who will be in the CCC Plus program and who also receive Early Intervention - Part C services.

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FEEDING PRESENTATION (JMU)

The Infant & Toddler Connection of Shenandoah Valley
Invites you to attend a brown bag seminar entitled:

"Feeding Evaluation and Intervention Strategies for the Early Intervention Therapist"

Presented by: Elizabeth Nottingham, NS, CCC-SLP, CLC
James Madison University

Wednesday, November 2, 2016
10-2:30 pm

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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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- [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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