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ACTION NEEDED

SERVICE COORDINATOR INPUT NEEDED FOR THE EARLY STEPS SUSTAINABILITY PROJECT

Service Coordinators: As you know, a sustainability planning effort is currently underway for Early Steps, funded by the Florida Developmental Disabilities Council. Please take a moment, if you have not already done so, to **click the link below and fill out an online survey**. Service Coordinators are the lynchpin of Early Steps and your input is critical! The survey will take about 10 minutes and we really need your thoughts. Thank you!

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/8VKXV37>

EARLY STEPS STATEWIDE MEETING SEPTEMBER 29, 2010 – OCTOBER 1, 2010 Orlando, Florida

The 2010 Early Steps Statewide Meeting has been scheduled to take place at the Hilton/Walt Disney World Resort in Orlando, September 29-October 1, 2010. The meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday and will end at 1:00 pm on Friday and will combine the typical Early Steps Statewide Meeting with the Service Coordinator Statewide Training.

The room rate is \$99.00 per night and will be valid 3 days before and 3 days after the meeting dates but are subject to availability. **Reservations must be made no later than Wednesday, August 25, 2010.** Please call **1-800-782-4414** to make reservations and be sure to indicate that you will be attending the Early Steps Statewide Meeting.

INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

ARRA EQUIPMENT AND PROPERTY MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES (With 1 Attachment)

Per the 8-4-10 ESSO Directors/Coordinators Conference Call about the ARRA Equipment and Property Management Guidelines for tracking equipment and property, please find in the attachment file titled *ARRA Equipment and Property Management Procedures.doc* notes from the call and websites for the Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) circulars that pertain to the program. Contact Andrew.Johnson@doh.state.fl.us if you have any questions or comments.

CMS THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATOR

The CMS Third Party Administrator (TPA) Project development process has begun and will take about 18 to 24 months. Med3000 was awarded the contract. Med3000 currently process claims for Title XXI and Medicaid Reform services. There will be a steering committee of Early Steps representatives which will include Lynn Marie Price, Sally Golden-McCord, David Johnson, Penny Geiger, and Harry Fogle. The four lines of business that claims will be processed for are Title IXX Title XXI, Safety-Net and Early Steps. The project will be using some of the current Early Steps model of service claiming. To submit questions about the CMS Third Party Administrator (TPA) project you can email them to CMSTPA_TPA@doh.state.fl.us. If you would like to receive weekly status reports on the TPA project, email Dr. Huston and request that you be added to his distribution list at Mark_Huston@doh.state.fl.us.

FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY RESEARCH: ATTENTION IN AUTISM + DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Researchers at FIU are seeking children with autism, children with developmental disabilities, and typically developing children up to 5 years of age to participate in a study of perception and attentional shifting to social and nonsocial events.

- The study requires up to three visits of 1½ - 2 hrs each.
- Children will watch interesting videos and engage in several play-based tasks with trained lab staff.
- Parents will be with their child at all times.
- Parents may be asked to provide information about their child's development and behavior.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, please contact the FIU Infant Development Lab at 305-348-7367.

DROWNING PREVENTION AND SAFE INFANT SLEEP BROCHURES

PCA Florida has drowning prevention and safe infant sleep brochures ready for dissemination. Thanks to the Florida Department of Children and Families, these materials are offered at no charge to providers!! Requests for up to 100 of each individual brochure can be made by emailing cpatterson@ounce.org with the following information:

Contact Name
Organization and Program Name
County or Counties served
Mailing Address (other than a PO Box)
Brochure Name
Quantity (up to 100)

Keep Your Eye on the Kid drowning prevention brochure is available in: [English](#), [Spanish](#) and [Creole](#) and can be viewed by clicking on the hyperlinks.

Sleep Right, Sleep Tight safe infant sleep materials available in English and Spanish and can be viewed online by clicking on the hyperlinks below.

[Safe Sleep for Your Baby - English](#)
[Better Sleep for You and Your Baby - English](#)
[Sleeping Like a Baby - English](#)
[Bonding with Your Baby - English](#)

[Safe Sleep for Your Baby - Spanish](#)
[Better Sleep for You and Your Baby - Spanish](#)
[Sleeping Like a Baby - Spanish](#)
[Bonding with Your Baby - Spanish](#)

STUDY OF BRAIN DEVELOPMENT IN INFANTS WITH DOWN SYNDROME

UNC Chapel Hill along with the Carolina Institute for Developmental Disabilities is carrying out a Study of Brain Development in Infants with Down syndrome. This study, funded by the Foundation of Hope is currently searching for children to participate in the Southeastern US who meet the following criteria:

- Are between the ages of 0-6 months of age (parents who are expecting may also be eligible)
- Have a diagnosis of Down syndrome

What Will Happen If You Participate

- Your child will receive a comprehensive series of developmental assessments
- Your child will receive an MRI scan while they are sleeping (all travel and lodging costs are reimbursed, and any services provided are at no charge to you)

Why You Should Participate

You and your child will be a part of this important study that will help provide important information about brain growth and development of children with Down syndrome, and may give clues that could eventually improve the outcomes for children diagnosed with Down syndrome. You will also receive reports on the assessments completed with your child and have access to some of the leading researchers in child development.

How You Can Help

You and your child can be significant contributors to the success of research! Participating in this study is not the only way to get involved. Please consider sharing this information with your friends

and family.

If you would like more information about this study, please call 1-800-793-5715. You could also send an email to IBISNetwork@gmail.com.

ELIGIBILITY WEBINAR QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

(With 1 Attachment)

Attached you will find the questions ESSO received based on the Eligibility Webinar conducted at the end of June.

NECTAC NEWS

For the current issue of NECTAC eNotes go to <http://www.nectac.org/enotes/enotes.asp>

UPCOMING CONFERENCE CALLS/ EVENTS/ MEETINGS/ TRAININGS

TRAINING COORDINATOR CONFERENCE CALL

(With 1 Attachment)

The approved minutes for the Training Coordinators conference call that was held on July 27, 2010 are attached. The next call is scheduled for August 17 from 2:00 - 3:30 EDT. The conference call number is 1-888-808-6959 and the code is 6254120367.

FLORIDA INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL FOR INFANTS AND TODDLERS

QUARTERLY MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

SEPTEMBER 28 + 29, 2010

(With 1 Attachment)

Please see attached announcement for more details regarding the upcoming FICCIT Meeting.