



Integrated Training Collaborative Meeting
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Minutes



Participants:

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1. Welcome, Announcements, & Celebrations

- Announcements
 - The Partnership for People with Disabilities at Virginia Commonwealth University is conducting an online survey to learn how parents in Virginia who have children 1 to 8 years old with Autism Spectrum Disorder make decisions about services for their children. Respondents will receive a \$30 Visa card for their participation in the survey. Gift cards will take 2-3 weeks to process. The address below is a direct link to the survey. You can take it in either English or Spanish. <https://redcap.vcu.edu/rc/surveys/?s=4JM38JTXA9>. If you have any questions, please contact Parthy Dinora (padinora@vcu.edu). Deana will forward the email out to Corey.
 - Fairfax is hosting training on using TEAECCH with Toddlers. It's a 2 day training, primarily for providers at the community level. Contact Pam Park if you are interested in attending – few slots available. Pam can provide an update at our next meeting.
 - CSEFEL provider trainings underway between now and June 30th
- Cori is out today having knee surgery. Good wishes for a speedy recovery!
- Celebrations!
 - Corey Cassidy – pregnant with baby #2 – Auggie will be a big brother ☺
 - Dana Childress – Virginia Beach's Infant Program got permission to take some videos for our work – and will work with the VA Beach videographer.
 - Dana Childress – finished her comps and is now in the dissertation phase of the process ☺
 - Beth Tolley – This month's PT journal included an article about bringing research to practice in areas of work we are addressing in VA (and nationally). Pediatric PT journal – Beth will provide the link for us.
 - Kris Ganley – Celebrating her daughter's good health – it has been 10 years since she has been cancer free. There is a walk this weekend in DC. Many celebrations for good health.

2. State & National Activities

I&TC office, T/TACs, VCPD, universities, local systems, Partnership, others

- T/TACs: VCPD regional meetings are happening across the state.
- Creating Connections to Shining Stars - July 8-10th. Registration is now open.
- Beth: In May 27th and June 18th (10:00) – two webinars will be offered for providers to address Medicaid provider requirements (who's eligible, how you bill, documentation, etc.).
- Early Childhood Personnel Center – Virginia is sending a team in May for an intensive work session to develop a plan.

Upcoming Conferences

- Inclusion Institute – May 12-14 in Chapel Hill (<http://inclusioninstitute.fpg.unc.edu/>)
- Creating Connections to Shining Stars – July 8-10
- DEC – Oct 7-9 in Atlanta – PD team has 4 presentations and will attend.
- Zero to Three NTI – Dec 2-4 in Seattle

3. Updates on current ITC work and tie to ITCVA Priorities

- Review the Certification Modules Revision Plan
 - Dana shared the updated plan for the module revisions. The new courses will be packaged a little differently. We have a new moodle site to host these courses. Required for all practitioners will be 5 packages. Overview: Mission and Key Practices is almost finished. Best Practices in Early Intervention and Responsibilities of Early Intervention Practices are in development. Service Coordination, Child Development and Supervision will be retained. Dana then reviewed the specific elements of each package.
 - As these tools are developed, users will have to access the new moodle eLearning site for the packages that have already been developed and will also need to go to the existing site to complete those elements that have not been revised. As new ones are finalized, they will be posted on the new moodle eLearning site.
 - We worked really hard to collaborate with other PD colleagues in Virginia and at the national level, including the Home Visiting Consortium and the Universal Curriculum Committee. The confidentially video is a collaboration with the HVC. Another video collaboration with HVD is in the works using Dana's blog posts on professional boundaries..
 - Questions?
 - This is for new people – no requirement for existing providers to complete these. Will existing providers be able to complete the new packages as part of ongoing PD requirements? Under discussion now.
 - Will content on coaching and reflective supervision be in supervision module? Coaching is in package 2 == and will also coordinate with HVC to use existing materials/tools.
 - Should all packages take as long as current modules? Not sure. Expect that they won't take longer than existing ones.
 - ITC members will be needed to serve as reviewers for these elements as they are developed.
- VEIPD Site update:
 - New pages
 - Cognition and Executive Functioning and Sensory Processing. Next one on Adult Learning or Caregiver Learning is coming next. Thanks to all that helped with the content/review. Are there pages we need to add? Feedback: focus on package work – and add video/audio elements. If folks on the ITC are available to help with this work, please let Dana know.
 - Dana has developed a video library (most of them are on our website). Here's the link: <https://sites.google.com/a/vcu.edu/early-intervention-video-library/>
 - Link to FGRBI videos of toy bag and two EI visits with families - GREAT resources: <http://fgrbi.fsu.edu/video.html>
 - Updated training calendar
 - Format updated for ease of use.
- Video collaboration with Home Visiting Consortium – see above
- Coaching Facilitation Guide – almost finished. Dana is working with a small group to pull together learning activities to match up with the Coaching Handbook. 6 sections. Dana and Tracy Miller have been pilot-testing the guide. Jeanne is formatting this resource in PDF format. It will be finished by the end of June. Potential uses: staff meetings, orientation, university courses, field-based learning opportunities, etc.

4. Request for Assistance from ITC Members:

- Feedback and discussion about Talks on Tuesdays -
 - One idea is to ask people how many are in the room with them – at the beginning of the webinar
 - How do we pick the topics? Based on recommendations from participants and needs we know are priorities
 - Like the idea of doing fewer in a year. Like the idea of linking the blog to the content in the webinar or to doing a topic in different parts (like the one Corey’s doing this year).
 - Link the blog to existing archived webinars. Remind people of the date / location of the archived one.
 - Be systematic about linking these resources we have already developed for future learning.
 - Think about hosting a ToT about the new modules
 - Topics for next year: Let us know or type in chat. We also love names of great presenters!
- Ideas needed for most pressing PD needs for next year
 - FINISH THE PACKAGES!
 - Ideas for video topics?
 - How to explain what EI is and isn’t
 - Same family/same provider/same outcomes/different practices
 - Children with similar issues but families have very different priorities and concerns
 - Child with significant disabilities and show coaching strategies in routines and activities
 - Characteristics of coaching – good for preservice, too
 - Children with ASD
 - Coaching in different settings (child care, Nanna’s house)

5. Act Early Resources

- Please let Deana know if you have any questions about the resources in the “Learn the Signs. Act Early” campaign.
- New module for child care providers - <http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/watchmetraining/index.html>. Upon completion, providers earn a certificate that can be used for VDSS training hours.

6. CCSS 2015

- Registration is live: <http://www.cvent.com/events/creating-connections-to-shining-stars-2015-virginia-s-collaborative-early-childhood-birth-through-five/event-summary-ed4ea800786543458bc5928c8c297b2c.aspx>
- Make your reservations asap! -- HOTEL will sell out long before the deadline
- Program overview
 - 138 registered so far – 51 are EI folks!
 - Sessions: 1/3 Infant & Toddler, 1/3 preschool, 1/3 birth to five
 - Can also register from our website under “CCSS 2015”

7. Other Business?

Do you have a colleague who might be interested in the work of the ITC? Let us know!

Thanks, everyone!