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# Winter 2016 Newsletter



## Winter 2016 Early Intervention Training Program Newsletter

### News and Updates

#### Bureau of Early Intervention Releases a Revised Provider Handbook

On December 1, 2016, the Bureau of Early Intervention released a Revised [Illinois Early Intervention Provider Handbook \(PDF\)](#). This handbook replaces the *Early Intervention Service Descriptions, Billing Codes and Rates* document.

Perhaps your first thought was “*Oh no, what changes have been made?*” or maybe it was something more along the lines of “*thank goodness, it needed to be updated.*” The good news is that the revised provider handbook is here and it contains a wealth of information for anyone supporting families in Illinois’ EI system. The first thing you may notice is that the Handbook begins with a Welcome and overview of the Principles of Early Intervention and the beliefs that guide our work in Illinois’ EI System.

**You might be wondering what you need to know right away; here are a few things to know:**

- The revised handbook is the result of input from providers, CFC personnel, IICEI members, Bureau staff, and the Illinois EI Partners (CBO, Provider Connections, EITP, Monitoring, and Clearinghouse).
- The Bureau’s goal is to review this annually to ensure accuracy and consistency.
- You can begin implementing immediately, but implementation is required as of February 1, 2017.
- Mostly what you will find is clarification or expanded information on topics, policies and procedures.
- There are some additions and changes you will want to pay close attention to (for example, DTH and global assessment, 6 month and discharge report formats, nursing evaluations, guidance on child outcomes summary process)
- EITP is collecting questions and requests for clarification through a discussion board.

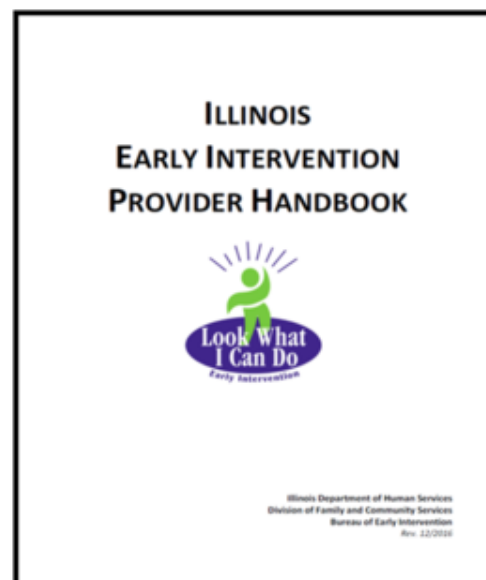
**Next steps you can take:**

1. Review the revised Provider Handbook in its entirety and note any questions you have or areas for which you need further clarification.
2. Participate in the [EITP Provider Handbook webinar on 12/16/16 at 1:00pm](#) for an overview of the Provider Handbook.
3. Submit any questions or needs for clarification on the open **Provider Handbook Discussion Board** (see instructions below)
4. Communicate with colleagues in your local area through upcoming LIC meetings or provider meetings.
5. Watch for future newsletters to highlight and discuss specific pieces of the Provider Handbook

#### Join the Provider Handbook Discussion Board!

EITP has created an open forum to ask questions and get clarification on the Illinois EI Provider Handbook revisions (<http://go.illinois.edu/EITPHandbookForum>). To participate, please follow the instructions below to join the discussion!

**Instructions for how to join the forum:**



1. **You must have a Moodle account.** If you do not currently have a Moodle account, follow this link: [To Request a Moodle Account](#)
2. Click on the link to the forum: <http://go.illinois.edu/EITPHandbookForum>
3. Click on the BLUE "Moodle-Only Login" button.
4. Enter your username and password.
5. Enter the Enrollment key: **PHtalk**
6. Click orange "Enroll Me" button
7. Once you've enrolled, you can join any discussion thread. After you logout, you will not have to enroll again, but will need to login to Moodle (steps 2-4 only) each time.

## EITP is Hosting a Webinar on Provider Handbook Overview

Friday, December 16, 2016 from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm (CST)

### 1.5 Contact Hours in Working with Families

You must register to receive credit! [Click here to register!](#)

This webinar provides an overview of newly revised Provider Handbook that will go into effect February 1, 2017. Though there are some new policy/procedural changes in this Handbook, the majority is clarification and expanded guidance on existing policies and procedures. This webinar opportunity offers a review of the organization of the handbook as well as a review of policies and procedures within Illinois' Early Intervention System.



## EITP Winter Webinar Series

EITP will host a winter webinar series starting in January 2017! Keep an eye out for more information about registration coming soon!

## EITP Office Has Limited Service during December 23 - January 2

EITP will be open during the holiday season, however, services will be limited between December 23 – January 2 due to the University vacation/holiday schedule.

# Resources You Can Use

## Updated Resources for Those New to EI

EITP has updated several pages within our [New to EI](#) site in order to help support those entering the EI system in Illinois.



### New Acronym Listing

Our [Acronyms and Terminology](#) resource page added a newly developed listing of [Acronyms Commonly Used in Illinois Early Intervention and Early Childhood Education \(Child Care\) Settings](#). Simply click on a letter to see acronyms that begin with that letter!

Alternately, you can download an [editable acronym listing](#) (MS Word document) that can be customized to add acronyms used within your CFC or community!

### Revised Key Resources and References Page

EITP has also updated our [Key Resources and References page](#) for those New to EI or for those interested in a refresher on key resources in the field.

The page includes a variety of resources that highlight the principles of early intervention and the roles and responsibilities of early interventionists collaborating in the Illinois Early Intervention System.

## Video Clips about Early Intervention

EITP has published brief clips from our "Intro to EI" and "Early Intervention and Child Care (Natural Partners)" videos. These clips offer targeted information about roles, definitions and topics in EI. The clips related to the video can be found within the playlist for that particular video. To find videos from our Youtube site, look for playlists titled "Intro to EI" or "Early Intervention and Child Care" from <https://www.youtube.com/user/IllinoisEITraining/playlists> or simply visit our EITP Videos resource page at <http://go.illinois.edu/EITPvideos>

<b>VIDEO TITLE (from EI and Child Care playlist)</b>	<b>LINK</b>	<b>VIDEO TITLE (from Intro to EI playlist)</b>	<b>LINK</b>
A Child Care Provider's Perspective	<a href="https://youtu.be/bzR3E_glefw">https://youtu.be/bzR3E_glefw</a>	Early Intervention Visits Support Daily Routines and Interactions	<a href="https://youtu.be/EzmFPZnDsik">https://youtu.be/EzmFPZnDsik</a>
A Parent's Perspective	<a href="https://youtu.be/u3Nx8M1j7PM">https://youtu.be/u3Nx8M1j7PM</a>	A Family's Role on the Team	<a href="https://youtu.be/IM0SamvRLYM">https://youtu.be/IM0SamvRLYM</a>
Benefits for Supporting Early Intervention Services	<a href="https://youtu.be/GWUUnlFhsHaE">https://youtu.be/GWUUnlFhsHaE</a>	A Parent's Perspective on Learning from Early Intervention	<a href="https://youtu.be/HkV7esG7AXI">https://youtu.be/HkV7esG7AXI</a>
Child & Family Connections and Service Coordinators	<a href="https://youtu.be/P0bRctXrmgE">https://youtu.be/P0bRctXrmgE</a>	A Parent's Perspective on Team Collaboration	<a href="https://youtu.be/UD7rl2p9w9w">https://youtu.be/UD7rl2p9w9w</a>
Collaborating with the Child Care Provider	<a href="https://youtu.be/OgDldu-2Ais">https://youtu.be/OgDldu-2Ais</a>	Developing an Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP)	<a href="https://youtu.be/4EGAs9Au5jl">https://youtu.be/4EGAs9Au5jl</a>
Collaboration among the EI Team Members	<a href="https://youtu.be/x54VFY1Cu-k">https://youtu.be/x54VFY1Cu-k</a>	Every Moment Doesn't Have to be Therapeutic	<a href="https://youtu.be/0i3iQw4zLxI">https://youtu.be/0i3iQw4zLxI</a>
Developing an Individualized Family Service Plan IFSP	<a href="https://youtu.be/8Wcc7wVojOs">https://youtu.be/8Wcc7wVojOs</a>	Family-centered Early Intervention	<a href="https://youtu.be/MJqI31k8R9Q">https://youtu.be/MJqI31k8R9Q</a>
Embedding the Intervention within the Child Care Environment	<a href="https://youtu.be/KssiSoPBU6s">https://youtu.be/KssiSoPBU6s</a>	Goals of Early Intervention for Families	<a href="https://youtu.be/GkSDD7gbjco">https://youtu.be/GkSDD7gbjco</a>
Family-Centered Practices	<a href="https://youtu.be/zNpuvD9Ed6o">https://youtu.be/zNpuvD9Ed6o</a>	How Can Early Intervention Support Help Families	<a href="https://youtu.be/z-WpZHAPwfc">https://youtu.be/z-WpZHAPwfc</a>
Illinois Early Intervention Program Mission	<a href="https://youtu.be/bOIKDNM2DR4">https://youtu.be/bOIKDNM2DR4</a>	How Will Early Intervention Providers Support Families	<a href="https://youtu.be/Xhb50oXkFZ8">https://youtu.be/Xhb50oXkFZ8</a>
Making a Referral When There are Concerns about a Child's Development	<a href="https://youtu.be/dgDaB7EGhWY">https://youtu.be/dgDaB7EGhWY</a>	Learning from Families	<a href="https://youtu.be/dhMwIDgSx3A">https://youtu.be/dhMwIDgSx3A</a>
Once a Referral is Made	<a href="https://youtu.be/mxm6gL6qqcU">https://youtu.be/mxm6gL6qqcU</a>	Making a Referral when You Have Concerns	<a href="https://youtu.be/DzP7prBzIcw">https://youtu.be/DzP7prBzIcw</a>
Parents' Perspective on the Benefits of EI	<a href="https://youtu.be/ctGIMye4QIq">https://youtu.be/ctGIMye4QIq</a>	Parent Perspective on the Benefits of Early Intervention (En Español)	<a href="https://youtu.be/dHCocCqWpg">https://youtu.be/dHCocCqWpg</a>
Respecting and Valuing Family Choice	<a href="https://youtu.be/DhJBn1x8xSw">https://youtu.be/DhJBn1x8xSw</a>	Parent Perspectives on the Benefits and Success of Early Intervention	<a href="https://youtu.be/Va882U57_f8">https://youtu.be/Va882U57_f8</a>
Settings and Contexts for Early Intervention Services	<a href="https://youtu.be/Eeg-0zjIPxQ">https://youtu.be/Eeg-0zjIPxQ</a>	Parent's Perspective on the Benefits of Early Intervention	<a href="https://youtu.be/7PW11y0PA8c">https://youtu.be/7PW11y0PA8c</a>
Supporting a Family in Early Intervention	<a href="https://youtu.be/ELEZiAHswjA">https://youtu.be/ELEZiAHswjA</a>	Partnerships in Early Intervention	<a href="https://youtu.be/ri4zsJKAo48">https://youtu.be/ri4zsJKAo48</a>
The Role of a Child Care Provider in the Referral Process	<a href="https://youtu.be/Y2Sw2qFcT0g">https://youtu.be/Y2Sw2qFcT0g</a>	Perspectives on the Family's Role in Early Intervention	<a href="https://youtu.be/hDxWiAYwpXg">https://youtu.be/hDxWiAYwpXg</a>
The Role of the Provider	<a href="https://youtu.be/lj4bkEy42VA">https://youtu.be/lj4bkEy42VA</a>	Promoting Growth and Development	<a href="https://youtu.be/5M5qz60_mjw">https://youtu.be/5M5qz60_mjw</a>
What are Early Intervention Services and Supports?	<a href="https://youtu.be/o54kRZycyVo">https://youtu.be/o54kRZycyVo</a>	Provider Perspective on the Benefits of EI	<a href="https://youtu.be/79IHqtssXWk">https://youtu.be/79IHqtssXWk</a>
What are the Child and Family Connections (CFC) Offices?	<a href="https://youtu.be/743eBh7Aq3k">https://youtu.be/743eBh7Aq3k</a>	Provider Perspective on What Families Should Expect	<a href="https://youtu.be/BIgN_uQOF74">https://youtu.be/BIgN_uQOF74</a>
What Do the Federal Regulations Say?	<a href="https://youtu.be/6eqdkoX0d_o">https://youtu.be/6eqdkoX0d_o</a>	Provider Perspective on Working Together	<a href="https://youtu.be/2iYBJg60nIU">https://youtu.be/2iYBJg60nIU</a>
What is Early Intervention?	<a href="https://youtu.be/MlcTqANnfc">https://youtu.be/MlcTqANnfc</a>	Providers and Families Working Together	<a href="https://youtu.be/djKfMtdlyko">https://youtu.be/djKfMtdlyko</a>
Who is on the IFSP Team?	<a href="https://youtu.be/kLUPg_botzQ">https://youtu.be/kLUPg_botzQ</a>	Respecting and Valuing Family Choice	<a href="https://youtu.be/cVRHvoL7Rcs">https://youtu.be/cVRHvoL7Rcs</a>

The Goal of Early Intervention	<a href="https://youtu.be/CwksR1kMyx8">https://youtu.be/CwksR1kMyx8</a>
The Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) Team	<a href="https://youtu.be/tYL703VdAZw">https://youtu.be/tYL703VdAZw</a>
The Mission of Illinois' Early Intervention Program	<a href="https://youtu.be/9YZJDEI4AvE">https://youtu.be/9YZJDEI4AvE</a>
Understanding Families' Rights and Roles in Early Intervention	<a href="https://youtu.be/8uBVAclAv_Y">https://youtu.be/8uBVAclAv_Y</a>
What Can Families Expect from Early Intervention	<a href="https://youtu.be/ajjdIPy5XVU">https://youtu.be/ajjdIPy5XVU</a>
What Do We Know About Learning	<a href="https://youtu.be/eXGQLRizODM">https://youtu.be/eXGQLRizODM</a>
What to Expect: A Parent's Perspective	<a href="https://youtu.be/jnwedULEsYg">https://youtu.be/jnwedULEsYg</a>
Where Do Services Take Place?	<a href="https://youtu.be/k_XDPAvX0M8">https://youtu.be/k_XDPAvX0M8</a>

## Free YEC Journal Article

### "Dosage" Decisions for Early Intervention Services by Miriam E. Kuhn and Christine A. Marvin

In each Newsletter, EITP will highlight a free article focused on Early Intervention that will be available for PDF download from the Young Exceptional Children journal!

Currently, we are featuring "["Dosage" Decisions for Early Intervention Services](#)" by Miriam E. Kuhn and Christine A. Marvin. This link will be open until January 30, 2017.



Figure 1

This article reviews the considerations for optimal "dosage" of Early Intervention services by evaluating social and cultural factors, as well as adult learning capacity and parent-professional partnerships, using a scenario to better understand the decision-making process to set and define clear outcomes for the child and family.

Figure 1 from the article, "Dosage decision-making process for two boys and family", reviews questions to ask during the decision-making process. (You can click on image to be taken to article to view enlarged image).

## SSIP Updates

### State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP) Workgroup Updates

- The **Leadership Teams** in Aurora, East St. Louis and Williamson County had their first meetings in November and are currently completing their Benchmarks of Quality and crafting action plans specific to their communities. They received a variety of resources that have been developed by the various SSIP workgroups and had their first train-the-trainer event in December, focused on the Child Outcomes Summary Process. The Leadership teams are meeting regularly as part of the SSIP Implementation Phase and evaluation measures are being put in place to ensure feedback loops and continuous improvement cycles to make adjustments as progress is reviewed.
- The **revised Provider Handbook** has been released and contains a new section with more in-depth information about child outcomes. Implementation with fidelity of the Child Outcomes Summary (COS) Process is one of the two identified coherent improvement strategies in the SSIP so you will see a strong statewide focus and effort on child outcomes.
- State staff attended a **meeting in Dallas with TA providers and other states** to support our understanding and implementation of the State Systemic Improvement Plan according to OSEP expectations.
- The **Messaging Group**, made up of a diverse group of stakeholders, continues it work to develop a messaging rubric to be used with all EI materials in an effort to ensure consistent messages across all EI materials. They have also been working on revising the EI brochure, "Do You Have Questions About Your Child's Development?"

### SSIP Resources

Looking for SSIP updates? EITP has a resource page focused on the [State Systemic Improvement Plan \(SSIP\)](#) to help the field stay up-to-date on news and information related to the important work being done relating to the SSIP.

Additionally, there is a new [EITP Online Training: Illinois State Systemic Improvement Plan](#). This training allows participants to learn more about the Illinois SSIP for EI credit (1.0 hour in Working with Families). This short presentation provides highlights from Phase 1 of the Plan, describes the work completed during Phase 2, and outlines what will be occurring during Phase 3. Also discussed are the identified coherent improvement strategies, partners involved, supports for implementation and goals of the evaluation plan.

## Research Opportunity for Families

### Do you have a family with toddlers between ages 16-36 months currently enrolled in EI?

Researchers at Indiana University are developing an instrument to assess parents' views of their competence and confidence to promote their toddlers' learning. They need the help of early interventionists to distribute a preliminary questionnaire to families! **If you have families with toddlers between ages 16 - 26 months who are currently enrolled in EI, then you might be interested in this sharing this information with families.**

- Information about the survey for Providers (doc)- [English](#) or [Spanish](#)
- Parent Invitation (doc) - [English](#) or [Spanish](#)

The family survey can also be found by typing [education.indiana.edu/PSE](http://education.indiana.edu/PSE) in a web browser and using the password **PS2016** to enter.



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## Upcoming Events



### Upcoming Events from EITP and others

To view upcoming events sponsored by EITP only, please visit <http://go.illinois.edu/EITPevents>.

For a list of online trainings offered by EITP, please visit our [EITP Online Events Calendar](#).

For a list of events sponsored by other entities (non-EITP events), please see the [Non-EITP Events Calendar](#).

Date	Event and Registration Link	Location
12/9/2016	<a href="#">Online System Overview Follow-Up Session</a>	New Lenox
12/14/2016	<a href="#">Bilingual Language Proficiency Exam</a>	Palos Hills
12/15/2016	<a href="#">Painting A Picture: Effective Report Writing in Early Intervention</a>	Skokie
12/16/2016	<a href="#">Provider Handbook Overview</a>	Live Webinar
1/11/2017	<a href="#">Online System Overview Follow-Up Session</a>	Tinley Park
1/12/2017	<a href="#">Natural Partners: Supporting Families in Early Intervention &amp; Child Care</a> *Gateways approved event*	Springfield
1/17/2017 - 1/19/2017	<a href="#">3-Day System Overview for Bilingual Interpreters/Translators in Illinois Early Intervention</a> (must attend all 3 days)	Tinley Park
1/20/2017	<a href="#">Online System Overview Follow-Up Session</a>	Chicago
2/7/2017	<a href="#">Online System Overview Follow-Up Session</a>	Champaign
2/27/2017	<a href="#">Building Bridges: The Transition Process from Early Intervention to Early Childhood</a>	Pontiac
3/11/2017	<a href="#">Natural Partners: Supporting Families in Early Intervention &amp; Child Care</a> *Gateways approved event*	Crystal Lake

3/15/2017 [Painting A Picture: Effective Report Writing in Early Intervention](#)

Springfield

4/6/2017 [Building Bridges: The Transition Process from Early Intervention to Early Childhood](#)

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