

Morning Plenary

Opening and Welcome, CFC Leadership/Systematic Statewide Improvement Plan (SSIP), Early Intervention Updates and Future Directions, and Exhibitor Booths

1.25 Working with Families

Breakout Sessions #1

Reviewing Reports-Simple Tool for Service Coordinators

Presented by Kristi Schwantner

1.25 Assessment

Walk away from this session with a simple tool to guide you through identifying key components when reviewing provider reports. Opportunity for group discussion will be provided to share ways of handling conversations with providers when reports need to be sent back for revision, or when you may need to call upon your Technical Assistance provider.

Bringing Child Outcomes to Life with Families & Providers

Presented by Susie Nevin

1.25 Working with Families

Join in the conversation related to tips for helping families to understand the 3 OSEP Child Outcomes. Strategies to involve families in sharing what they know about their child's functional abilities are shared.

Connecting Cafés

Presented by the Early Intervention Training Program

1.25 Intervention

Come together to explore, encourage, connect, listen and share knowledge, thoughts, and/or experiences related to topics of choice and let the power of conversation inspire. Topics include facilitating difficult meetings, children with complex medical needs, and working with multigenerational families.

Come on – Join Me in Becoming Part of a Dignity Revolution

Presented by Michael Barla

1.25 Intervention

Based on the book *Dignity Revolution* by Bob Lenz, participants will explore the concepts of purpose and value for all people regardless of the characteristics that pull them together or push them apart. Participants will explore Bob Lenz's four reasons for "leaning into" the concept of a dignity revolution:

- 1) Society's system isn't working,
- 2) What society says we must have, or be, or do to "feel good" isn't fair,
- 3) Society's current system of determining self-worth dehumanizes people, and
- 4) The system is controlling us.

Participants will contribute to the process of developing a “Dignity Goal” that can be an area of focus for their leadership in the field.

Exhibitor Showcase: Early Intervention Partners

Presented by the DSCC (Brandi Williamson), EI Clearinghouse (Sarah Isaacs), Provider Connections (Lynn Johanson), EI Monitoring (Gary Reed), and EI Training Program (Chelsea Guillen and Lucy Gimble)

1.25 Intervention

Helping YOU in your work with families! So much happens behind the scenes at the CFC’s and the EI Partners can help you along the way! Come hear from Division of Specialized Care for Children (DSCC), the EI Clearinghouse, Provider Connections, EI Monitoring, and the EI Training Program as representatives for each partner talk about resources to assist you in your work with families.

Illinois Assistive Technology Program: The Why and How for EI!

Presented by Lynette Strode

1.25 Atypical Development

This session defines Assistive Technologies (AT) and the benefits of their use. Policies/procedures for obtaining AT are also presented. There will be a display of the different types of technologies that include some hands-on time.

Using Your Facilitation Skills to be an Effective Host**

Presented by Shameka Brown and Maria Kastanis

1.25 Intervention

This interactive event explores tips, tools and strategies to help facilitators become good meeting hosts and allow IFSP teams make the most of their time together so meetings can be efficient, effective and meaningful for all participants. Participants are encouraged to share ideas and suggestions related to meeting facilitation and hosting techniques that work for them.

**Please note that ALL service coordinators are invited to participate in this discussion even if they participated in the linked learning opportunity and web conversation with the same title on 3/8/17. Your knowledge, questions, ideas and expertise will add to the richness of this discussion and the path that this community of service coordinators chooses moving forward.

Breakout Sessions #2

Strategies for Supporting Families in Crisis

Presented by Benton Johnson, PhD

1.25 Intervention

It is not uncommon for Service Coordinators to hear from families in crises at various points in the early intervention process. This session offers strategies to help support families in identifying what they need through individualized interventions, including the possible referral for a psychological services evaluation.

Family Fees and Insurance

Presented by Ryan Pulver

1.25 Working with Families

Learn basic concepts of EI family participation fees and various factors that affect the amount owed by the family. The session also discusses the use of insurance in EI and the process of benefit verification, including expected time frames and required documentation.

Connecting Cafés

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SEC Networking and PL/LIC Networking

Presented by Jenni Grissom

1.25 Intervention

Join other CFC support team members to build relationships & share ideas with one another.

Exhibitor Showcase: Community Resources for Families in EI

Presented by Illinois Head Start Association (Donna Emmons and Lauri Morrison-Frichtl), iGrow Home Visiting (Kathy Staten), Illinois Network of Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies (Mark Obuchowski), Caregiver Connections (Charlotte Henderson), STARNET (Mary Smith and Stephanie Herling) and Family Matters (Deb Einhorn)

1.25 Intervention

Aside from EI, there are other community programs and services that families may benefit from. Come learn the nuts & bolts about several programs in your CFC Community including Early Head Start, iGrow Illinois Home Visiting Collaborative, Illinois Network of Child Care Resource & Referral (CCR&R), Caregiver Connections, STARNET, and Family Matters.

Conversations in the Kitchen – Asking Questions in a Way that Promotes Partnerships with Families

Presented by the Alanda Lockhart and Shameka Brown

1.25 Assessment

It is very important to establish a positive relationship at the first point of contact in order to help build a positive family partnership. This session discusses strategies to help promote positive relationships as well as sharing techniques that can be used to interview and complete the intake without being invasive. Group discussion provides an opportunity to brainstorm strategies and share ideas that work. Having a positive relationship can bring positive results, thus encouraging a family to participate in the EI program.

Using the RBI & ASQ:SE-2 to Guide Evaluation & Assessment Teams

Presented by Jami Swindell and Maria Kastanis

1.25 Assessment

The ASQ:SE-2 and the Routines-Based Interview are part of intake process and help build positive relationships with families and caregivers. These tools show how to gather functional information across settings and situations that help inform next steps of the evaluation process and help build family centered outcomes. During this interactive session participants can expect to learn to maximize the benefits of these two great tools. They will learn how each of these tools can be incorporated into the intake process and how they can help assess family needs and priorities that help inform evaluation and assessment team.

Keynote Presentation

Learning to Lead – Leading to Learn

Presented by Michael Barla, PhD

1.0 Intervention

The influences of personal and professional experiences affect one's ability to impact children and families via leadership roles across the spectrum of services in early care and early intervention. Along the leadership journey, individuals engage in the learning to lead process. At what point does a leader navigate more toward leading to learn? Through personal and professional experiences and stories, Michael will entertain, inspire, challenge, and stretch participants to recognize and accept their own leadership potential.

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