

Morning Plenary

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

1.75 Working with Families

Breakout Sessions #1

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.

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, getting organized, children passing away & working with multigenerational families.

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.

Exhibitor Showcase: Early Intervention Partners

Presented by the DSCC (Maureen Hegji), EI Clearinghouse (Sarah Isaacs), Provider Connections (Carrie Woodside, Amy Bietz), EI Monitoring (Gary Reed), and EI Training Program (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.

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.

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.

PL/LIC Networking

Presented by Jenni Grissom

1.25 Intervention

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

SEC Networking

Presented by SEC

1.25 Intervention

Come and build relationships with other Social Emotional Consultants.

Why, When, & How to Refer for Medical Diagnostics

Presented by Wendy Kolar

1.25 Assessment

In this session we will discuss the "hows", "whys", and "whens" of referring a family for a medical diagnostic evaluation. We will address scenarios which may, or may not, lead to a referral. Discussion will include an overview of indicators which may be considered as "red flags" for pursuing a referral, as well as other considerations which may arise. These considerations may be pertinent to the discussion and decision to pursue a diagnostic.

In addition, Wendy will share a document she developed for CFC #15 which supports families in "getting the most" from their diagnostic experience.

Breakout Sessions #2

Bringing Child Outcomes to Life with Families & Providers

Presented by Early Intervention Training Program

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.

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Exhibitor Showcase: Community Resources for Families in EI

Presented by Illinois Head Start Association (Lauri Morrison-Frichtl), iGrow Home Visiting (Kathy Staten), Illinois Network of Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies (Mark Obuchowski), Caregiver Connections (Charlotte Henderson), STARNET (Marlene Christ) and Family Resource Center on Disability (Lynn Betts)

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 Resource Center on Disability.

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So Now I'm A Service Coordinator...Strategies for Success after Initial Training & Orientation

Presented by Alanda Lockhart

1.25 Intervention

Preparing for success as a newer service coordinator often involves some strategies to ensure organization and follow up. It also includes life lines of support for those questions that arise on a regular basis. Join other new service coordinators to learn and share ideas!

Staying Safe

Presented by Rafael Yanez

1.25 Working with Families

Join Officer Yanez, Crime Prevention Specialist from the Chicago Police Department to learn practical strategies for staying safe in our work within communities & families homes.

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.

Using Your Facilitation Skills to be an Effective Host**

Presented by Shameka Brown, Amber Ortiz 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.*

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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