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EI Conferences offer training in 4 key knowledge areas

A lesson many Early Intervention (EI) providers learned from the first EI Conference held the end of September was register early. The "Insight Into Assessment," conference was a sell out.

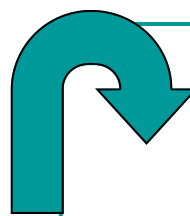
Registration is now underway for the next three conferences sponsored by the EI Training Program: *Creating Caring Connections: Working with Families in Early Intervention* on Dec. 8, 2006, *Baby Steps and Helping Hands-Child Development in Early Intervention*, on March 21, 2007 and *Intervention Strategies* (title to be determined) on June 11, 2007.

The three one-day conferences feature keynote speakers, nationally and internationally known in the fields of early child development. Up to 10 different breakout sessions will offer more specialized learning options to EI professionals and families.

An EI EXPO provides local vendors opportunity to introduce and share products/services and information/resources with the Illinois early intervention community.

A registration fee of \$50 per participant includes: Continental Breakfast, Buffet Luncheon, EI EXPO, and your choice of breakout session(s). Up to 5.75 contact hours of Illinois Early Intervention credentialing credit is available along with Illinois State licensure CEs for SLPs, PTs, OTs, Social Work and CPDU's towards IL teaching recertification. The registration flyer is on page 4.

Keep watching the EI Training Program's website at www.illinoiseittraining.org for information on speakers and topics.



Mark your
calendars and
register early
for....

- ◆ 'Creating Caring Connections: Working with Families in Early Intervention', featuring Dr. Ken Moses will be held December 8, 2006 in Rolling Meadows
- ◆ 'Baby Steps and Helping Hands - Child Development in Early Intervention', featuring members of the Brazelton Institute will be held March 21, 2007 in Fairview Heights, IL
- ◆ Early Intervention Strategies (title to be announced), featuring Tweety Yates and Larry Edelman will be held in June, 2007 in Effingham, IL. Date to be announced soon. Keep checking the website for details.

Providers and families also have an opportunity to attend a workshop featuring Dr. T. Berry Brazelton and his child development team on the evening of Nov. 6, 2006 and all-day on Nov. 7, 2007. (See story on page 2)

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T. Berry Brazelton to speak on supporting families with young children in Arlington Heights November 6th and November 7th

International child development expert Dr. T. Berry Brazelton will be in Arlington Heights, IL November 6, 2006 to conduct an evening lecture for parents and on Nov. 7, 2006 to lead an all-day workshop for professionals who work with parents and children. This program is made possible by funding through Clearbrook, Child and Family Connections 6, and STAR NET Region II.

Brazelton, author of 40 books on pediatrics and child development, is a professor emeritus at Harvard Medical School and founder of the Brazelton Touchpoints Center at the Children's Hospital in Boston. He is well known to television viewers for his frequent television appearances and to readers of the New York Times and Family Circle magazine for his popular columns on the art of raising children.

The public is invited to attend a parents' night presentation on Monday, November 6 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Metropolis Performing Arts Centre. Brazelton will speak on "Stresses and Supports for Families" and share proven strategies for raising healthy children and establishing self-esteem in parents and children. The lecture is \$10 per person. Pre-registration is required.

Tuesday, November 7, Brazelton will be joined by Dr. Joshua Sparrow, Maria Trozzi and Kristie Brandt to present a daylong

professional seminar, "Off to a Good Start: Supporting Families with Young Children." The seminar is designed for pediatricians, psychologists, social workers, teachers, nurses and childcare professionals. Continuing education credits are available. The seminar runs from 7:45 a.m.-4 p.m. in the Metropolis Performing Arts Centre in Arlington Heights, IL. Cost is \$125.

Dr. Brazelton will discuss, *"The Touchpoints in Development: A Model for Early Intervention."* Other faculty presentations include: Dr. Sparrow discussing *"Emotional Competence in Infants and Young Children,"* Ms. Trozzi presenting on *"Helping Children Cope with Stressful Life Events,"* and Dr. Brandt focusing on *"Brazelton's Touchpoints Model: A Framework for Personal Practice and Community Collaboration."*

Registration Information

Registration information can be obtained by calling Clearbrook at 847-385-5303 or email Brazelton.conference@clearbrook.org for more information. Seating is limited. Registrations will be honored through the mail only.

Early Intervention credits are available. Additional continuing education for Early Intervention professionals and CDPU credits for teachers are sponsored through STAR NET Region II

Background checks now required for new and current EI Providers

By Rob Derry, Director Provider Connections

Provider Connections has been working with the Bureau of Early Intervention to implement background checks as part of the credential application process. An interagency agreement between Provider Connections and the Illinois State Police (ISP) is being developed to receive the criminal background reports. As part of the credential application and renewal process, providers will be directed to ISP approved vendor(s) for electronic fingerprint processing (Livescan).

Both ISP and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) criminal background checks will be completed. As part of the application process, providers must authorize a background check of the Statewide Automated Child Welfare Information System

(SACWIS, formerly known as CANTS) to determine if the provider has been indicated as a perpetrator of child abuse or neglect. The Illinois Department of Child and Family Services (DCFS) will complete this check. Compliance with these checks is defined in Early Intervention statute and rule and will involve convictions and indicated child abuse/ neglect within the preceding five years. Provider Connections will also check the Illinois Sex Offender Registry.

New applicants will be screened for compliance with credential requirements and then directed to submit fingerprints within 30 days of notice of pre-approval for a credential. At least three months prior to their ex-

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pirations dates, renewing applicants will be notified to submit fingerprints. Fingerprints must be submitted at least 30 days prior to credential expiration.

It will be the responsibility of the provider or his/her employer to pay the cost of submitting fingerprints. To avoid duplicate payments for provider agencies, Provider Connections will accept, as part of the application process, background check reports that include both ISP and FBI checks and have been conducted within one year of the submission of the application.

Stay posted to our website, www.wiu.edu/providerconnections, for additional information.

July 1, 2007 changes not far away

As July 1, 2007 draws closer, providers need to be aware that the EI Core Knowledge Content Areas will be required of all new applicants. *Renewing applicants must document not only 30 clock hours of EI Approved continuing professional education taken during the 3 year credential period, but also document a minimum of 2 semester hours (30 clock hours) in each of the Core Knowledge Content Areas.* The Core Knowledge Content Areas are a cumulative total of all EI approved college course work and workshops taken.

Approved College/University Coursework may be looked-up at www.wiu.edu/providerconnections/training/search.php/

EI Approved Workshops may be viewed at www.illinoiseittraining.org.

Be advised that this requirement for renewing applicants must be documented only at the time of renewal.

Recommended Practices for *Supporting Infants and Toddlers with Challenging Behaviors*

By Lise Fox, Ph.D., University of South Florida
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In the last decade researchers, policy-makers, educators, practitioners, and families have become increasingly aware of the importance of the emotional and social development of infants and toddlers. Research has shown that development in these early years provides the foundation for the child's future emotional, social, and cognitive development. Research has also indicated that problems that occur in the infant's or toddler's social or behavioral development are likely to be early indicators of more difficult and persistent challenging behavior as the child grows older.

The public health model of universal, secondary, and tertiary prevention and intervention practices provide a helpful framework for considering the types of supports that may be provided to very young children and their families.

Universal level of prevention

This level includes: regular and adequate health care, screening and the monitoring of their child's development, nurturing relationships with caregivers, parenting advice and support, anticipatory guidance from health care providers, high quality early education and care, and child guid-

ance as the baby begins to interact with others and develop relationships.

Secondary prevention

The secondary prevention efforts may include community programs, such as parenting classes, monitoring and home visiting for high-risk parents, community education about child development through pamphlets, videos, television programs, resource and referral support for families who have multiple risk factors, professionally guided play groups, etc.

Tertiary level

At the tertiary level, when children are showing evidence that there are delays in their social or behavioral development, focused intervention efforts should be provided.

Focused intervention may be delivered by home visitors who support families in learning the critical skills needed to support their children's development and by professionals who work directly with the children to demonstrate to family members and other caregivers strategies and techniques that may be used to support them.

Early intervention for infants and toddlers with challenging behavior is essential. It is never too early to begin to address concerns about a child's problem behavior although a major task will be to identify if the behavior is developmentally expected or of a level of intensity or persistence that exceeds normal development.

EI Conference Registration Form

TO REGISTER: Indicate the conference(s) you are registering for, complete the portion below and send payment, check (\$50.00 per conference) payable to UCP of Greater Chicago, to:

The Illinois EI Training Program - 7550 W 183rd Street - Tinley Park, IL 60477

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- 'Baby Steps and Helping Hands - Child Development in Early Intervention', featuring members of the Brazelton Institute - Wednesday, March 21, 2007, in Fairview Heights, IL
- Intervention Strategies (title TBD) featuring Tweety Yates, Larry Edleman ~ TBD the week of June 11, 2007 In Effingham, IL

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