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Early Intervention Course Registration Now Open

Register now for the IDEA 2004 Part C Early Intervention Programs: Implementing Competencies for Physical Therapists Course sponsored by the Section on Pediatrics' Early Intervention SIG, July 24-25, 2009, Denver, CO. Click [here](#) for more information or to register (or visit the Section on Pediatrics Web site at www.pediatricapta.org and click on Meetings & Education).

What's New with the EI SIG

EI SIG members are working on several resources and presentations. Some of the projects include:

- Elisa Kennedy represented the Section on Pediatrics by participating in a NECTAC panel discussion with members from AOTA and ASHA regarding personnel shortages in Early Intervention.
- Lynn Jeffries wrote the chapter on IFSP development and co-authored a chapter on Natural Environments in the new edition of *Providing Physical Therapy Service Under Parts B and C of IDEA*, edited by Irene McEwen and available [online](#).
- The EI SIG has a new discussion board. To subscribe go to PT_EISIG_subscribe@yahoo.com.
- SIG members are spearheading the development of a new Section fact sheet titled "Service Delivery Models in Pediatric Practice" - look for it soon! To see the other Section fact sheets, click [here](#).

Valuable Online Resources

- [Brain Research and Early Childhood Development: A Selection of Online Resources Bibliography](#)

Section's [Volunteer Page](#) to find out how to do it!

- [Funding of Assistive Technology for Infants, Toddlers and Young Children with Disabilities - Minibibliography](#)
- Check out resources in your state for parents of babies who have difficulty with sleeping, feeding, fussing, and excessive crying at fussybaby@erikson.edu. The project was developed by University of Chicago developmental pediatricians and the Erikson Institute to support families with premature infants.

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Volunteering in SIG

Are you interested in volunteering for EI SIG projects? Please contact Elisa Kennedy at ekennedy@usouthal.edu for a list of workgroups requiring assistance. You may also contact your EI SIG representatives for opportunities to volunteer, voice concerns, share information, and plan educational programming regarding physical therapy in early intervention. EI SIG representatives and contact information is listed on the [EI SIG home page](#).

Request for Information

Pat Edwards is the editor of the EI SIG Newsblast. Please contact her with information you think other therapists would find helpful at PEdwards@childrensmemorial.org.

"Early childhood intervention... reflects our willingness to invest in young children and our determination to help them and their families take charge of their lives and have a greater influence on their future" - JP Shonkoff and SJ Meisels, *Handbook of Early Childhood Intervention*, 1990.

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