Early Intervention Special Interest Group (SIG) Meeting

CSM 2012
Chicago, IL
Purpose of the SIG

A forum for those practicing and interested in early intervention to:

- Confer
- Meet
- Share resources
- Promote high standards of practice
Membership

- 259 members
- 20 members actively working on EI SIG initiatives
  - Working members participate in 2 annual phone conferences
  - Chair, Lisa Chiarello, PT, PhD, PCS, lc38@drexel.edu; Pennsylvania
  - Vice Chair, Tricia Catalino, PT, DSc, PCS, tricia.catalino@tun.touro.edu; Nevada
  - Secretary Kendra Gagnon PT PhD, kgagnon@kumc.edu; Kansas
  - Executive Committee liaison to the EI SIG: Sally Westcott McCoy, PT, PhD
  - Practice Committee liaison to the EI SIG: Lynn Jeffries, PT, PhD, PCS
Reports

- Annual official reports for CSM and SoP strategic planning meeting
- Update of activities in Spring SoP newsletter
  - Practice tip
  - Resource highlight
- Topical article in Fall SoP newsletter

All reports will be posted on the website

Ideas for practice tips, resources, and topics welcomed!
Organization of SIG Activities

**Subcommittees**

- **Communications and Networking**
  - Annual newsletter
  - Website: Do members use the website? What information & resources would members like on the website?
  - Social media and electronic communication
    - Twitter and Face Book?
  - Email blast to share news and resources: How often?
- **Continuing Education**: What topics do you want addressed?
  - SoPAC programming
    - For 2012: Series on autism, panel and round table discussion sessions on primary service provider approach, presentation on therapist’s emotional journey in EI service delivery, SIG night activity
  - CSM session proposal and EI SIG meeting
    - For 2013: Submitting proposal on PT’s role in ecological assessment
  - Audio-conferences / Virtual chats / podcast / webinars
    - Planning for 2012 / 2013 on primary service provider approach
- **Translating EI Competencies into Practice**
  - Roadmap / learning plan / self-reflection guide on intervention: Next area?
• Task forces
  ○ PowerPoint presentation on the role of physical therapy in early intervention
    ▪ Content complete but product needs to be professional formatted
  ○ EI to preschool transition
    ▪ Collaborating with School-based SIG who is leading this task force
    ▪ Developing a collaboration worksheet between EI PT and Preschool-services PT
  ○ Relationship-based approach fact sheet
  ○ Primary service provider approach fact sheet
Inquiries from Members in the Past Year

- Eligibility requirements for EI
- How service decisions are made
- Primary service provider approach
- Evidence-based interventions for PTs
- Need for prescriptions in EI: program policies and procedures
- Transition from NICU to EI
- EI versus outpatient clinic services
- Billing
- PT versus OT in EI
- EI in the military departments
Lisa Chiarello, as Chair of the EI SIG, serves as external liaison to the:

- Division for Early Childhood (DEC) of the Council for Exceptional Children
  - Attended webinar on Part C regulations & disseminated resources to our members
  - Presented at annual conference
  - Attended their EI SIG meeting and will work collaboratively on several initiatives, i.e. EI competencies
  - Provided comment on position paper: Promoting the Health, Safety, and Well-Being of Young Children with Disabilities or Developmental Delays

- Office of Special Education Programs / National Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center
Possible New Initiatives for Next Year

- Practice advisory: recommendations for physical therapy practice in early intervention
- Resource for consumers: fun with movement
Your Thoughts, Ideas, Suggestions, Questions

- Getting to know each other
- Supporting each other
- Sharing positive practices, activities, and intervention strategies
Resources for EI SIG Members

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
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What’s New

CEC Needs Your Part C and 619 Success Story!
DEC Members, we need your help! What CEC needs: Part C and 619 success stories!!! Why CEC Needs Our Stories . . . Every year, CEC publish...

Request for Manuscripts
DEC is requesting manuscripts for YEC Monograph No. 14: Supporting Young Children who are Dual Language Learners with or at-risk for Disabilities.

Follow us on Twitter @DECTweets!
Annual conference news, exciting policy updates, important publications releases, and opportunities to advocate for young children with special needs...

View More What’s New
Division for Early Childhood (DEC) Overview

- A division of the Council for Exceptional Children
- “International membership organization for individuals who work with or on behalf of children with special needs, birth through age eight, and their families”

Mission

- “Promotes policies and advances evidence-based practices that support families and enhance the optimal development of young children who have or are at risk for developmental delays and disabilities.”

DEC Activities & Resources

- Annual conference
- EI SIG
- Webinars
- Recommended practices
  - Child-focused interventions, family-based practices
- Position papers and concept papers
  - Challenging behavior, family culture, prevention of disabilities / health promotion
- Journals
  - Journal of Early Intervention, Young Exceptional Children
- Policy & Advocacy
  - Advocacy tips
NECTAC is the national early childhood technical assistance center supported by the U.S. Department of Education’s Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) under the provisions of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). NECTAC serves Part C-Infant and Toddlers with Disabilities Programs and Part B-Section 619 Preschool Programs for Children with Disabilities in all 50 states and 10 jurisdictions to improve service systems and outcomes for children and families. This web site is one of an array of services we provide to Part C Coordinators and Section 619 Coordinators and the resources on this site are available to all. Funded since 2001, NECTAC and its predecessor TA projects have a foundation of forty years of technical assistance excellence in early childhood services.

Announcements

- A recorded presentation and related materials are now available from: NECTAC Webinar on Accessing EPSDT for Part C Services: Achieving a Better Fit Between the EI Philosophy and Allowable Medicaid Covered Services (posted December 14, 2011)
- Now available: Part C SPP/APR and Part B SPP/APR information collection packages for February 1, 2012 submission. (posted December 01, 2011)

About NECTAC

What we do, Initiatives and Collaborations

- About the TA Center (PDF: 26kb)
- NECTAC Evaluation and Logic Model
- Early Childhood Technical Assistance Consortium
- Expanding Opportunities Initiative
- National Early Childhood Transition Initiative
- OSEP’s Early Childhood Personnel Development Projects
- State Early Childhood TA Systems
- OSEP’s TA Communities
- Our commitment to diversity
- In Memoriam: Dr. Pascal ‘Pat’ Trohanis
- Contact us
- Bienvenidos

IDEAS = Partnerships = Results

Events

- NECTAC Webinars - Multimedia presentations, audio-recordings, and related resources from webinars hosted by NECTAC in collaboration with a variety of our partners.
- Conferences and Calendars - OSEP, NECTAC and others' events.
- Presentation Finder Database - Search presentations from OSEP's National Early Childhood Conferences, Measuring Child and Family Outcomes Conferences, and Early Childhood Inclusion Institutes.

Early Childhood Research & Reference Portal

Find resources of interest to a wide range of early childhood stakeholders. Take a tour.

eNotes

- Read, search or subscribe to NECTAC's weekly synopsis of the latest grant announcements, research reports, and more.

Publications

Download, search, view by title, date or subject.

Site Map

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Mission

“Strengthen state and local service systems to ensure that children with disabilities (birth through 5 years) and their families receive and benefit from high-quality, evidence-based, culturally appropriate and family-centered supports and services.”

http://www.nectac.org/
NECTAC Activities & Resources

- Contact lists: Part C coordinators, ICC chairs, federal & state early childhood programs
- Topic pages: Child outcomes, evidence-based practice, natural environments
- Webinars (i.e. Accessing EPSDT for Part C Services) and conferences
- Research & reference: Access to data sources, online journals, resources on EBP, ERIC database, EI-related funded grants, What works in education clearinghouse
- e-notes
- Publications: Part C update, Importance of EI, Outcomes of EI
- Initiatives: Transition
**NEW PARENTING PODCAST SERIES AVAILABLE!**

*Little Kids, Big Questions* is a series of 12 podcasts that translates the research of early childhood development into parenting practices that mothers, fathers, and other caregivers can tailor to the needs of their own child and family. [Click here](#) to listen to or download the podcasts. This podcast series is generously funded by MetLife Foundation.

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**WHAT'S NEW**

*Call for Proposals* - ZERO TO THREE is now accepting submissions to present for the 27th National Training Institute (NTI). The conference will be held November 29th - December 1st, 2012, in Los Angeles, California. [Click here](#) to learn how to submit your proposal online.

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**FEATURED RESOURCES**

*Conversations With the Experts* - The articles in this issue of Zero to Three provide excerpts that have been adapted from these interviews, and offer a unique look at how leaders in their fields understand and address the issues raised in the survey. [More Details](#)

*Shop Our Bookstore* - Learn more about the Zero To Three Journal

*Browse our Free Parenting Resources*

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**FIND IT FAST**

Select a Key Topic

**BABY BRAIN MAP**

The Baby Brain Map reveals the secrets of how early care enriches development.

**DOWNLOAD OF THE WEEK**

**Healthy Minds 9-12 months**

Provides age-based information to parents that links research on child and brain development to the important ways which babies and toddlers grow and learn in months 9 to 12.

[Download Now](#)
Zero to Three: Overview

- “National, nonprofit organization that informs, trains, and supports professionals, policymakers, and parents in their efforts to improve the lives of infants and toddlers.”
- Mission
  - “Promote the health and development of infants and toddlers.”
- http://zerotothree.org/
Zero to Three Activities & Resources

- Translating research of early childhood development to practice
- Parenting podcasts
- Zero to Three journal
- Annual conference

Resources
- Behavior & development: play, sleep, health & nutrition
- Care & education: child care, school readiness initiative
- Public policy: policy toolkit, webinars
- Maltreatment: child abuse, health promotion & prevention