

IL SC CoP Bulletin - April 2019

NATIONAL SC INITIATIVES

- National SC CoP within the Division for Early Childhood (DEC) has a new page on the DEC website: <https://www.dec-sped.org/servicecoordinationcop>
 - Visit this page to get signed up for the SC CoP
 - Share it with SCs in your office who might be interested in joining the community
 - Note that you do not need to be a DEC member to join the national SC CoP
- National SC Webinars - Archived webinars and associated resources can be found on the [EITP website](#)

2019 CFC CONFERENCES

2019 CFC Conference theme: “Engaging Mind, Body and Spirit – CFCs Making a Difference”

- [Wednesday, May 1, 2019](#) at Moraine Valley Community College in Palos Hills, IL
- [Friday, May 10, 2019](#) at Keller Convention Center in Effingham, IL

We will have an opportunity to network in person while we are there!

IL SC STAKEHOLDER GROUP – SURVEY/NEEDS ASSESSMENT

A survey will be emailed at the end of April to ALL service coordinators and those who support them within the IL SC Model (e.g. Program Managers, Parent Liaisons, Social Emotional Consultants (SECs), Local Interagency Council (LIC) Coordinators, and Pediatric Technical Assistant (TA) providers) to help us understand:

1. The various ways that individuals at the CFC are motivated and able to grow as professionals (including the things service coordinators may seek for recognition, satisfaction and leadership development);
2. The knowledge and skills service coordinators need to have to be effective and efficient in their role; and
3. Needs identified by service coordinators as it relates to their existing knowledge and skills.

Why should you take the time to complete the IL SC Stakeholder Survey?

It's a great chance to share your opinions and get your voice heard! Help inform decisions (being part of the decision making process)! You can be a part of the solution! It's your chance to communicate what you want/need to be recognized and supported! It's a chance to express areas you need more support! Help SC as profession in IL and maybe help SC advance at national level pending what we learn!

NATIONAL SC LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE UPDATES

- [National SC Initiatives – Spring 2019](#) – Visual aid that illustrates all the national SC initiatives in place
- [Recommended Knowledge & Skills for Service Coordinators Infographic](#) – Check out this infographic if you want to know more about how these are being developed and what some of the next steps are in the process.
- [SC Identity Infographic](#) – Overview of the initial and long term goals set as the group works to advance the profession of SC. Note two of the long term goals on this graphic have already been achieved (National SC CoP has formed and IYC Article has been published!).

- [Strengths and Challenges of Service Coordination in Eight States](#) – A journal article written by Dana Childress (VA), Melissa Schnurr (IA) and Sarah Nichols (IL) summarizes the findings from the national SC survey that was distributed to service coordinators in eight states in 2017.
- Sarah Nichols, EITP Professional Development Specialist, has been invited by the Early Childhood Personnel Center (ECPC) and Division for Early Childhood (DEC) to represent service coordination as a profession at national cross disciplinary competency meetings which include representatives from other professional associations including American Occupational Therapy Association(AOTA), American Physical Therapy Association (APTA), American Speech-Language- Hearing Association (ASHA), Infant Mental Health, Zero to Three and the OSEP (Office of Special Education Programs). For more information about this work [click here](#).

IL SC COP WORKSPACE - [HTTP://ILSERVICECOORDINATIONCOMMUNITYOFPRACTICE.PBWORKS.COM](http://ilservicecoordinationcommunityofpractice.pbworks.com)

- Please be sure to add your information to the [contact list](#) page if you have not yet done so. Just login, click “edit” add your info in the table provided and click save when finished. *Note that if there are no more lines in the table just go to the last row and click enter to add a new row.*
- Please be sure to post/share resources as they pertain to [topics of interest](#) on the workspace. If you need assistance navigating the workspace and/or adding information to it please email Sarah Nichols at snichols@illinoiseittraining.org.

ILLINOIS SERVICE COORDINATION CORNER – SEEKING WRITERS!

Each quarter EITP includes an IL SC Corner in the newsletter. We would love to partner with someone in the field to help us write these short articles that apply to service coordination and those who prepare them. If you are interested in writing one or more articles for our upcoming newsletters please email Sarah Nichols at snichols@illinoiseittraining.org.

RESOURCES YOU CAN USE!

- **Illinois Service Coordination Systems of Support** - Gain a better understanding of all the system of support that are in place for service coordinators by visiting this link: <https://blogs.illinois.edu/view/6039/114592#ILSCSupport>
- **Taking Care of You** - Are you stressed out and looking for self-care strategies? Visit this link on the EITP SC Resource Page: <https://blogs.illinois.edu/view/6039/114592#ILSCSupport>
- **Communication Tools** – Are you looking for strategies to effectively communicate and track your documentation with all the people you communicate with on a daily basis? Visit this link to see if any of these tools help: https://blogs.illinois.edu/view/6039/114592#a_toc5