

Illinois Service Coordination Forum Bulletin - Summer 2021

IL SC INITIATIVES

- **Next IL SC Forum Meeting 8/11/21 10-11:15 AM CT** - Discussion topic facilitated by IL SC Forum Leaders: *"Partnering with Families as they Promote their Child's Social Development During and After the Pandemic."* Please come prepared to discuss concerns expressed by families, natural environments, playgroups and more! - **Register** if you want EI credit and have not previously registered for any meetings
- **IL SC Forum Community of Practice (CoP) Evaluation** - We need your input if you have not yet responded to the email we sent you about this! (Note if you are new to the CoP in the last month or have not participated in any meetings/activities then no need to respond at this time).
- **Help IL SC Forum Leaders plan for possible future meeting topics by adding your questions via the links below:**
 - **Questions related to Insurance, Waivers & Exemptions**
 - **Questions and concerns around returning to in-person**

NATIONAL SC INITIATIVES

- **Division for Early Childhood (DEC) SC CoP** - National SC Leaders Group and SC Materials Task Team using **2021 needs assessment findings** to plan next steps for web-discussions and development of resources/materials - Great turnout/high level of interest in National SC Leaders Group (new subgroup) from more than 30 states (plus D.C.)
- **National SC Initiatives 2016-2021** - infographic that illustrates all that has happened over the last 5 years!
- **Join the DEC SC CoP** to stay informed/connected to National SC Initiatives and gain access to SC resources.

OPPORTUNITIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Virtual DEC Conference (September 20-24th)** - **Justification ToolKit** for those needing approval to participate and **registration rates/discounts** (including 50% off for practitioners/service coordinators!). EITP will present on several topics at the conference including 2 related to SC systems of support and SC initiatives in our state!
- **Upcoming events that might be of interest:**
 - **Nature, Nurture, and the Growing Brain Gone Virtual: Brain Basics & Factors Affecting Brain Growth and Development** (August 6, 2021) 2 typical, 2 atypical (KSSC-Infant and Toddler Development)
 - **Virtual Hawaii Early Learning Profile (HELP) Overview** (August 20, 2021) 5 assessment (KSSC-Infant and Toddler Development, Family-Centered Practices)
 - **Virtual Painting A Picture: Writing Effective Early Intervention Reports** (September 8, 2021) 4 assessment, 1 WWF (KSSC-Infant and Toddler Development, Family-Centered Practices)
 - **Transition from Early Intervention to Early Childhood Services: Roles and Responsibilities** (October 13, 2021) 5 WWF (KSSC-Transition, Family-Centered Practices)

RESOURCES YOU CAN USE!

- **Natural Environments Information & Resources** found on the PACER Center website
- **Articles on Natural Environments** - Gain a better understanding of Natural Environments by reading these articles on the EITP **Natural Environments** Resource Page
- **What Comes Next? Back to Child Care after Sheltering-in-Place** - **Zero To Three** Article
- **ASQ:SE Resource Library** - Parent Activities
- **Knowledge and Skills for Service Coordinators (KSSC) Self-Assessment Tool** - Use the self assessment scale to reflect on your knowledge and skills. Then use the action plan to identify goals and activities you would like to pursue as it relates to your strengths and areas of need.