

Illinois Service Coordination Forum Bulletin - Winter 2024

IL SC INITIATIVES

- **IL SC Forum Meeting: February 14, 2024 (10:00 AM - 11:15 AM CT)** [Register](#) if you want EI Credit and have not previously registered for any IL SC Forum meetings
- **2024 IL SC Forum Meetings:** February 14, May 8, August 14, November 12 ([flyer](#) with more info about this group)
- **IL SC Forum Leaders Group:** Join this group if you'd like to help plan future IL SC Forum discussion topics (meetings in January, April, July, and October - 3rd Thursday of the month from 11:30-12:30 CT)
- **Upcoming [quarterly SC Forums](#):** (*links to register for each forum will be shared soon!*)
 - **Facilitating Team Meetings** - March 14, 12:00 PM CT - 1:00 PM CT
 - **Navigating Financial and Insurance Conversations** - April 9th, 2024, at 3:00 PM CT
- **Need support from community members in-between meetings?** - Post your request on the [workspace](#) and an email alert will go out. Please remember to be courteous and post responsibly.

NATIONAL SC INITIATIVES

- **[DEC Service Coordination Community of Practice](#)** - Visit the [DEC website](#) to sign up for resources to be emailed to you twice a month and to be the first to learn about upcoming events and national webinars for SCs.
- **[DEC SC Committee](#)**
 - *Promoting the Joint Position Statement and Calls to Action* - Exploring the identification and development of videos illustrating the KSSC (**if you have some please share!**), coordinating a study to better understand the SC workload (and its impact), and planning to develop an infographic to bring awareness to the position statement.
 - *Service Coordination Workforce Recruitment and Retention* - **[A DRAFT Toolkit with pre-packaged and customizable resources is ready!](#)**
 - *Service Coordination Training* - **[SC Tools and Resources for Pre-Service and In-Service Professional Development](#) are now available!** The committee is also exploring the development of a future "Service Coordination Institute", funding for a universal service coordination curriculum and the possibility of a future service coordination "certificate" program/path.
 - *Service Coordination Research* - Stay tuned for a survey that will help us better understand SC workload. If you are conducting research related to service coordination (or plan to) please let us ([Dana Childress](#) and [Sarah Nichols](#)) know so we can be informed and of assistance as needed.

OPPORTUNITIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **[DEC Conference](#)** 9/17 thru 9/20 in New Orleans! **Call for Proposals are due 2/15.** If you would like help thinking about possible SC related topics to submit. email [Sarah Nichols](#) for support.
- **Your Input is requested!** - The following are being developed *jointly* with IL SC Forum members as a result of past IL SC Forum and Facilitating Team Meeting Forum discussions. ***Please review and offer feedback by 2/23/24.***
 - **[SC Toolkit DRAFT - Sample IFSP Meeting Notices](#)** - Notices that can be adapted/customized as you communicate with providers and families prior to team meetings (setting the tone, expectations, and sharing necessary resources to help them prepare for the meeting).
 - **Tech Tip Sheets ([Zoom Tech Tips](#) and [Teams Tech Tips](#))** - To support providers and families who may need support or guidance as they navigate the Zoom or Teams platforms for meetings and LVV.

- Note we will also collect input from EI Clearinghouse and EI Monitoring before finalizing these resources!
- **Upcoming EITP Offerings:**
 - 2/21/24 [Eligibility & Clinical Opinion-Demystified](#) EI credit 2 hours Asmt KSSC: Infant and Toddler Development
 - 3/1/24 [CFC Conference The Many Hats We Wear, The Many Roles We Share](#) EI Credit (pending participation) , KSSC:Infant and Toddler Development, Family-Centered Practices, Leadership/Teaming, Coordination of Services

RESOURCES YOU CAN USE!

- **New/Updated EI Clearinghouse Resources**
 - [Resources for Families on LVV](#) - one page document that can be shared with families as they consider LVV (also available in [Spanish](#))
 - [Transition Resources](#) - share with families as you see fit!
 - [Tip Sheets](#) - search by keyword or topic for tips to share with families, providers, physicians, or others seeking to better understand early intervention and what services look like in practice
- **New EITP Resource:** [Developing High Quality IFSP Outcomes](#)
- **Discussion Topic Resources**
 - **Equity**
 - [Division for Early Childhood Racial Equity Point of View](#)
 - [EI Clearinghouse Tech Loan Program](#)
 - [Confronting Racism and Bias within Early Intervention: The Responsibility of Systems and Individuals to Influence Change and Advance Equity](#)
 - [Increasing Equity in Early Intervention](#) (The Education Trust)
 - **Family Rights**
 - [EITP Family Rights Resource Page](#)
 - [EI Clearinghouse Family Rights Resources](#) (to share with Families too!)
 - [EI Clearinghouse Family Trainings & Education Toolbox](#)
 - [Transition](#) (EITP Resource Page)
 - **Connecting with Families**
 - [Monthly Contact Infographic](#)
 - [SC Coaching Resource](#)
 - [Coaching Families During Service Coordination](#) (VEIPD Resource)

SERVICE COORDINATION ESSENTIALS

- [DEC/ITCA Joint Position Statement on Service Coordination in EI](#)
- [Knowledge and Skills for Service Coordinators \(KSSC\)](#)
- [Knowledge and Skills for Service Coordinators \(KSSC\) Infographic](#)
- [Knowledge and Skills for Service Coordinators \(KSSC\) Self-Assessment Tool](#)
 - [fillable version of the KSSC Self-Assessment Tool](#)
- [Knowledge and Skills for Service Coordinators \(KSSC\) Examples in Practice](#)
- [Knowledge and Skills for Service Coordinators \(KSSC\) Resources with Scenarios and Reflection Questions](#)
- [EITP Service Coordination Resource Page](#)