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Welcome to the Early ACCESS (EA) Wednesday Wonders! The purpose of this newsletter is to have a consistent, predictable way for EA stakeholders to stay current on happenings as well as share information with other stakeholders such as practical advice, training announcements, video clips, and/or success stories. It is a newsletter for stakeholders, by stakeholders. Please let me know if you have something you would like to contribute or have suggestions or comments at: melissa.schnurr@iowa.gov

To view archived Wednesday Wonders, visit the Iowa Family Support Network [website](#).

I get angry about things, then go on and work. —[Toni Morrison](#)

Wondering about FGRBI?

Another New Video on FGRBI and Mobile Coaching from Iowa - Chloe:

Larry Edelman has been busy in Iowa. Last week, he released another [video from Keystone AEA](#) on mobile coaching. Nicole, Chloe's mother, and Afton, her PT, describe their process for using the FGRBI coaching frameworks, SS-OO-PP-RR and the Family 5Q, to plan, practice, and problem solve how to best support Chloe's learning and development. Afton describes how the Family's 5Q helps her share relevant information and coach the caregivers on the strategies they believe work well to enhance their confidence and competence. This and several videos are on the [FGRBI website](#).

Wondering about Service Coordination?

Resources on Working with Families for Whom English is Their Second Language:

Recently in the [DEC Service Coordination Community of Practice](#), a member asked for resources to help build their skillset around working with families for whom English is their second language. We gathered almost [two full pages of resources](#) from folks across the nation! Some of the resources are geared toward classrooms; however, there are several specific to early intervention and most contain information that will be helpful for working with families in any setting.



In case you were wondering....

New Resources from ECTA and DaSy for Remote Screening, Evaluation, and Assessment:

Several new resources have been posted on the [ECTA website](#) for professionals who work with children birth to five years and their families. Many assessment practices can be successfully implemented even when the practitioner cannot be in the same room with the child and family such as during the COVID-19 pandemic. The resources included [here](#) are

Early ACCESS Vision: Every infant and toddler with or likely to have a developmental delay and their families will be supported and included in their communities so they will be healthy and successful.

designed to help states, programs, and local practitioners examine and answer difficult questions about remote screening, evaluation, and assessment.

Nurturing a Child's Curiosity:

New research shows that the more curious children are, the better they do academically in reading and math once they enter school. Touching something interesting, asking a question, leaning in to look closely, and repeating an action again and again to see what happens are ways we use our curiosity to discover how the world works. Check out this [website](#) from Zero to Three to learn how questions and other strategies can promote curiosity in infants and toddlers.

A Short Video with an Important Message:

This [video](#) highlights the things that young children are expecting of us including the request that we ask more engaging and thought-provoking questions than “what color is a banana?”

Something wonderful is happening....

Building the Brain: Supporting Children's Early Brain Development

Join the National Center on Early Childhood Development, Teaching and Learning on Thursday, January 21 from 2-3pm CT for a webinar to learn about the stages and phases of early brain development. Also discuss how children's early experiences shape the physical development of the brain and sets a foundation for later learning and development. Finally, learn strategies and activities that support children's brain development. Register [here](#).

Save the Date for TWO Iowa AEYC Virtual Institutes:

[Iowa AEYC](#) recently released dates for their 2021 Spring Leadership Institute and Early Learning Fall Institute. Save April 30 for the Virtual Spring Leadership Institute and October 1-2 for the Virtual Early Learning Fall Institute.

For more information about Early Childhood Iowa, visit: <https://earlychildhood.iowa.gov>

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