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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](#).

When something is important enough, you do it even if the odds are not in your favor. – Elon Musk

Wondering about FGRBI?

Iowa's Shift Toward Family Guided Routines Based Interventions Shared at National Conference:

Melissa Schnurr, Cindy Weigel (both from the Iowa Department of Education), and Mollie Romano (from Florida State University) are currently attending the [Division for Early Childhood's Annual International Conference](#) on Young Children with Special Needs and Their Families in Dallas, TX. While there, they are presenting a poster that describes how internal coaching is impacting Early ACCESS providers' use of the FGRBI key indicators. In addition, they will be sharing about their article recently published in the DEC Monograph on Teaming & Collaboration titled, *Implementing Teaming and Collaboration Recommended Practices Statewide: Varying Paths Toward a Common Destination in Iowa's Part C Program*.

Wondering about Service Coordination?

DEC Service Coordination Community of Practice Webinar on Coaching:

Join the next Community of Practice (CoP) webinar from the new DEC Service Coordination CoP to learn about the SCs role in coaching families (October 30, 2019 from 1-2pm (CT)). To join the CoP (open to all), visit the [website](#) and fill out the form toward the bottom of the page. To register for the webinar, click [here](#). Space is limited and it will be recorded so please only register if you intend to join live. The recording will be posted on the CoP's website following the webinar.

In case you were wondering....

FREE Online Modules From CONNECT:

These [practice-based modules](#) are designed to build early childhood practitioners' abilities to make evidence-based decisions. They emphasize a decision-making process, realistic problems to solve, the importance of integrating multiple



Early ACCESS Vision: Every infant and toddler with or at risk for a developmental delay and their families will be supported and included in their communities so that the children will be healthy and successful.

perspectives and sources of evidence, the relevance and quality of content, and feedback. There are seven different topical modules available in English and Spanish.

Connecting and Collaborating with Families of Young Children who are Dual Language Learners (DLLs):

The [Early Childhood Learning and Knowledge Center](#) (ECLKC) has a [section of the website](#) devoted to resources for engaging families to support their children who are DLLs. Among the resources at this website is the [Importance of Home Language series](#). Resources in this series document the priority for young DLLs whose home languages are other than English to grow up and learn in both languages. Resources are available in multiple languages.

Something wonderful is happening....

Webinar – Staff Wellness for Home Visitors:

On Wednesday, October 9 from 2-3pm CT, the [National Center on Early Childhood Development, Teaching and Learning](#) is hosting a webinar for home visitors and their supervisors about self-care and reducing stress. To register, [click here](#).

Autism Webinar Series for Families from Iowa Regional Autism Assistance Program (RAP):

The Iowa Regional Autism Assistance Program is hosting a 4-part webinar series for families of children with a new autism diagnosis. The webinars are on Tuesdays (1st, 8th, 22nd, 29th) in October from noon to 1pm. The first one was yesterday, but families can still [register](#) (if space is still available) and get in on the remaining three webinars. Find more information [here](#) and email Erika Hertel with questions at erika-hertel@uiowa.edu.

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

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