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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](#).

It's always too early to quit. – Norman Vincent Peale

Wondering about Service Coordination?

FREE Modules on Facilitation for Service Coordinators:

These modules were developed by the [Early Intervention Training Program](#) (EITP) at the University of Illinois and cover five different areas related to facilitating team meetings:

1. [Defining facilitation](#): 6 min. 51 sec. This module will review what it means to be a facilitator and the role of the service coordinator as an IFSP meeting facilitator.
2. [Roles of a Facilitator](#): 8 min. 52 sec. This module will examine the important roles that a facilitator fulfills.
3. [Facilitating Teaming](#): 9 min. 20 sec. This module will discuss some strategies for facilitating team members with various personality traits.
4. [Facilitation Tips](#): 11 min. 47 sec. This module will cover facilitation tips for a smooth and effective IFSP meeting.
5. [Overcoming Facilitation Barriers](#): 11 min. 51 sec. This module will review strategies for overcoming barriers you may encounter as a meeting facilitator.



In case you were wondering....

A Terrific Website on Child Development During the First Five Years:

The [Raising Children](#) website is a treasure. Devoted to providing evidence-based information about how children grow physically and emotionally and learn to communicate, think, and socialize, this site is also easy to navigate. The orange banner at the top offers nine chronological categories into which resources are sorted, from pregnancy and newborns to teens and grown-ups. Two additional categories offer resources specifically about [children with autism spectrum disorder](#) and [children with disabilities](#).

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.

NAEYC Position Statement on Advancing Equity in Early Childhood Education:

The [National Association for the Education of Young Children](#) (NAEYC) position statement on [advancing equity](#) states: "All children have the right to equitable learning opportunities that enable them to achieve their full potential as engaged learners and valued members of society." The position statement includes goals for children as a result of anti-biased education, as well as recommendations for early childhood educators, administrators, education preparation and professional development providers, and public policy makers.

Feeding Guidelines for Infants and Young Toddlers - A Responsive Parenting Approach:

[This report](#), which is posted on [1000 Days](#), presents evidence-based recommendations for promoting healthy nutrition and feeding patterns for infants and toddlers from birth to 24 months, with an emphasis on dietary quality, portion sizes, and mealtime environment. Physical activity, soothing, and sleep are also discussed in the report, as they have also been shown to influence early life feeding behaviors and weight outcomes. These guidelines were developed by an expert panel convened by Healthy Eating Research, a national program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. The aim of the guidelines is to empower caregivers to address the nutrition and well-being of infants and toddlers by offering them healthier food and beverage options in response to their behavioral cues. The guidelines can be used by parents and caregivers in the home, as well as be applied in child care settings.

Something wonderful is happening....

Job Announcement – ECQUIP Project Manager at Iowa Association for the Education of Young Children:

The Project Director Serves in a leadership role as the Early Childhood Quality Improvement Project (ECQUIP) Manager. Manages the day-to-day operation of the ECQUIP Project and Farm2ECE Project, including consultant supervision, quality control, and outreach. For full details, click [here](#).

Free Webinar – Enhancing Professional Development for Home Visitors:

On Wednesday, December 11, 2019 from 2-3pm CT, the [National Center on Early Childhood Development, Teaching and Learning](#) is hosting a webinar for anyone involved with home visitation. In this webinar, explore the role of intentional professional development in building and expanding home visitor capacity to work with families to support their child's development. Learn about research-based home visiting skills and practices that promote positive parenting and secure parent-child relationships. Find out about resources and strategies that support ongoing and intentional professional development for home visitors. Click [here](#) to register.

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