



Early ACCESS  
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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](mailto:melissa.schnurr@iowa.gov)

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

*Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'* – Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

## Wondering about FGRBI?

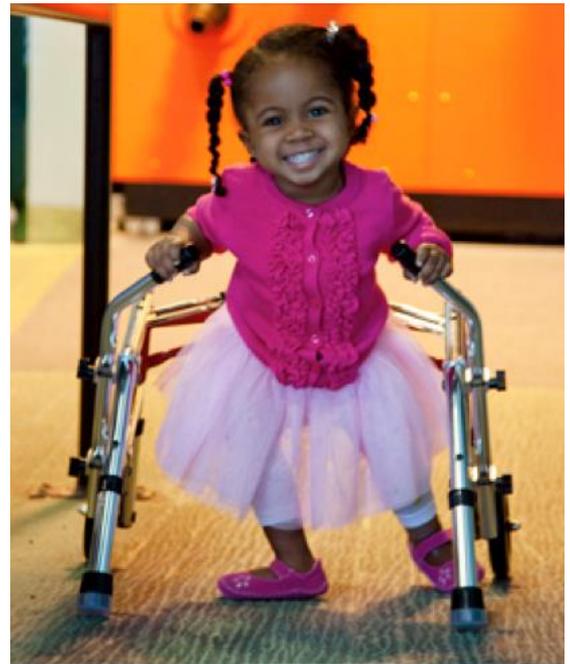
### Tips Sheet - Engaging Families in Family Guided Routines Based Intervention:

This [tip sheet](#) provides tips to guide the FGRBI process and make it just right for each child and family situation.

## Wondering about Service Coordination?

### Save the Date for the Iowa Learning Academy (Special Sessions for Service Coordinators):

Please **Save the Date** for the first annual **Iowa Learning Academy (ILA)** on June 9-12, 2020, at the Iowa Events Center. Formerly the Special Education Symposium and the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) June Institute, the ILA is designed to align statewide efforts to better support Iowa's area education agencies (AEAs), school districts, and partnering agencies and organizations in the provision of leadership, instructional services, and other supports to promote the success of all learners. On June 9, special sessions will be held for **Service Coordinators** and June 10 will also include sessions that maybe of interest for Service Coordinators. All Early ACCESS providers will find relevant sessions on June 9 and 10 as well. [Registration](#) will open in March.



## In case you were wondering....

### Free Resources to Help Families Understand and Monitor Development:

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention's "Learn the Signs. Act Early." campaign often adds new resources to support developmental monitoring. In addition to print materials, there are online resources, including the [Milestone](#)

*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.*

[Tracker App](#) which is available for multiple platforms in English and Spanish. The [Milestones in Action Library](#) provides videos and photos of each developmental milestone to assist families with identification.

**Strong Relationships with Trusted Adults Prevent and Help Children Recover From Toxic Stress:**

Researchers from the [Center on the Developing Child](#) at Harvard University warn of the potential negative effects of childhood adversities on children later in life, in the absence of a strong and stable relationship with a trusted adult. Childhood adversities, such as being separated from a parent or experiencing childhood maltreatment, can cause toxic stress, which can lead to mental and physical health issues if experienced over a long period. According to the researchers, making sure that children have a strong relationship with a trusted caregiver is the best way to prevent or reverse the damage of childhood adversity. [Read more or watch a video](#) in English or Spanish.

**Something wonderful is happening....**

**Save the Date – ACEs Summit + Psychological Trauma & Juvenile Justice Conference:**

[Iowa ACEs 360](#) is teaming up with the [Trauma Informed Care Project](#) to bring three days of learning about how systems and communities can lead to trauma and how we can respond. You're invited to attend the Midwest ACEs Summit, the Psychological Trauma & Juvenile Justice Conference, or both events! Events will take place June 8-10, 2020, at the Holiday Inn Airport - Des Moines. Registration for both events will open in April 2020. More information can be found [here](#).

**Race – The Power of an Illusion (RPI) Learning Exchange:**

This unique opportunity is taking place on Saturday, February 8 in Des Moines and is no cost to participants. RPI is a 1-day learning exchange that brings together professionals, volunteers, and community members to have conversations about the intersections of race, equity and child welfare. The [registration](#) deadline is January 30. For more information, view this [informational flyer](#).

**Workshop on Diversity Informed Tenets for Working with Infants, Young Children, Families:**

The [Iowa Association for Infant & Early Childhood Mental Health](#) and Polk County Health Services are excited to invite you to a day-long workshop on the [Diversity-Informed Tenets](#) for Work with Infants, Children and Families! This workshop will be held on Tuesday, March 31, 2020 in Des Moines. The Diversity-Informed Tenets for Work with Infants, Children and Families (Tenets) are a set of strategies and tools for strengthening the commitment and capacity of professionals, organizations and systems that serve infants, children and families to embed diversity, inclusion and equity principles into their work. More information and registration is [here](#).

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

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