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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](#).

*Never be limited by other people's limited imaginations.* – Dr. Mae Jemison, first African-American female astronaut

## Wondering about FGRBI?

### Robin McWilliam Webinar on Quotidian Activities is Now Archived:

If you missed Dr. McWilliam's webinar in the DEC Early Intervention Community of Practice (CoP) in January, you can watch it now on the [CoP website](#). Routines are a key part of family guided routines based intervention. This webinar examined routines as the context for functional assessment and for support to families and teachers. He discussed what it is about child functioning in routines that makes sense to families, teachers, and early interventionists. Routines are what allows us to get real in early intervention (birth to 5 years of age).



## Wondering about Service Coordination?

### SC Networking Webinar for All Iowa SCs:

The next Service Coordinator Networking Webinar will be facilitated by Gina Greene (Central Rivers AEA) and Rachel Charlot (Child Health Specialty Clinics) on Monday, February 17 from 1-2pm CT. They will share a bit about procedures for transition and offer several resources that can be used to help families ease the transition out of Early ACCESS. Click [here](#) to join and if you can't make it to the live session, view the recording [here](#) after February 17. Email Melissa Schnurr ([melissa.schnurr@iowa.gov](mailto:melissa.schnurr@iowa.gov)) with questions.

## In case you were wondering....

### Opportunities for States To Improve Infant Health Outcomes:

The United States is experiencing an infant health crisis. But a jarring percentage of the country's infant health crisis disproportionately affects communities of color. To learn how Iowa is doing (and what we could be doing), go [here](#) and scroll down to [INTERACTIVE 1](#): Exploring Infant Health Outcomes Across Race and Ethnicity and by state, and [INTERACTIVE 2](#): Opportunities for States to Improve Infant Health Outcomes, where you'll also find an issue brief

*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.*

that summarizes trends and findings—pairing these data on health outcomes with information on state-level policy action.

### **How Long Should Babies Sleep?**

A good night's rest is great for babies and parents. Infants, aged 4 to 11 months, get an average of 12 to 15 hours of sleep per day. But what happens if a baby isn't sleeping that long? Learn more from this [information bulletin and video](#) in English and Spanish.

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

#### **FREE Webinar Series on Promoting Positive Behavior in Young Children:**

The Military Families Learning Network presents, "[Intentional Design: Promoting Positive Behavior.](#)" This four-part webinar series will focus on promoting positive behavior in young children. Throughout the series, our highly respected presenters will take us through important topics related to promoting positive behavior across home, preschool, and childcare settings for young children with and without disabilities. Register for each of the four webinars separately at the link above. Webinars are 10:00-11:30am CT on March 24, June 16, September 29, and December 1.

#### **Save the Date – Deafblind Summer Symposium:**

The 2020 Symposium will be held on Friday, June 12 and additional sessions will be available on Thursday, June 11 in collaboration with the [Iowa Learning Academy](#) in Des Moines. June 12 will feature Denise Fitzgerald from the Perkins School for the Blind. The registration fee is \$50 and the fee is waived for parents of children on Iowa's Deafblind Registry. More information will be available soon. Contact Katy Ring with questions ([katy.ring@iaedb.org](mailto:katy.ring@iaedb.org)).

#### **FREE Webinar Series for Families on Autism Basics:**

The [Iowa Regional Autism Assistance Program](#) (RAP) is hosting Kelly Pelzel, PhD to present a series of four webinars for parents or primary caregivers of children with a new autism diagnosis on the following Tuesdays from noon-1pm CT: February 18, February 25, March 3, March 10. [Registration](#) is limited to 100 participants. Contact Erika Hertel, RAP Program Coordinator, with questions ([Erika-hertel@uiowa.edu](mailto:Erika-hertel@uiowa.edu)).

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