



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

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

Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not. – Dr. Seuss

Wondering about FGRBI?

NEW VIDEO For Families – A Family Guide To Early ACCESS:

[This video](#) was created with families in mind and describes what Early ACCESS services look like using family guided routines based intervention (FGRBI) and caregiver coaching. For convenience, it can be downloaded to share with families offline or uploaded into youtube for the instant closed captioning.



Wondering about Service Coordination?

Take a Walk with Me – Blogpost About Gathering Information From Families:

An important and ongoing part of a service coordinator's job is gathering information from families about their child and how that child fits into the daily routines of their life. This information ebbs and flows, changing as children and parents develop together over time. Come walk a mile with [Virginia](#) Service Coordinator, Kimberly Morse, as she [steps through a day](#) in the life of a family. Simple though it may seem, let's start in the very beginning...

In case you were wondering....

Adverse Childhood Experiences are Different than Child Trauma, and It's Critical to Understand Why:

As the use of ACEs questionnaires for identifying potentially harmful childhood experiences has gained popularity, it is important to understand how ACEs differ from other commonly used terms, including childhood adversity, trauma, and toxic stress. This [blogpost](#) clearly and succinctly defines and clarifies each term.

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.

Family Resource – Strategies that Help You and Your Child During Challenging Behavior:

The strategies in this infographic help both caregiver and child stay calm during challenging behavior. Early care and education and family support programs are encouraged to download the infographic to use in their social media to families or repost on their website.

- English Version ([Image](#) or [PDF](#))
- Spanish Version ([Image](#) or [PDF](#))

Something wonderful is happening....

New Podcast from Center on the Developing Child:

Healthy development in the early years provides the building blocks for educational achievement, economic productivity, responsible citizenship, strong communities, and successful parenting of the next generation. But if you're a parent, caregiver, teacher, or someone who works with children every day, you may be wondering, "Where do I start?!" From brain architecture to toxic stress to serve and return, [The Brain Architects](#) will explore what we can do during this incredibly important period to ensure that all children have a strong foundation for future development.

Free Webinar – Coaching Using Culturally Responsive Practices:

Culture shapes how we think and view the world around us. It also shapes how we interact with others and how others interpret our actions. On Wednesday, March 25 from 2-3pm CT, the [Office of Head Start](#) is sponsoring a webinar which will include an expert coach panel sharing about cultural considerations, resources, and strategies that support coaches and coachees to be culturally responsive. [Register here](#) to save your spot.

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

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