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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](#).

At the end of the day, we don't dream our lives...we live them! – Anthony Janni

Wondering about FGRBI?

New Website for All Things Family Guided Routines Based Intervention (FGRBI):

Recently, a [new website](#) was launched to house resources to support the use of family guided routines based intervention and caregiver coaching (FGRBI). The site is organized by families, providers, and mobile coaching resources and includes a variety of handouts and video illustrations.

Wondering about Service Coordination?

Seeking Input on Draft Recommended Knowledge & Skills of Service Coordinators:

This [survey](#) may be shared and completed by service coordination stakeholders who can speak to the knowledge and skills service coordinators need to perform their duties. Stakeholders may include service coordinators, administrators (including Part C Coordinators), service coordination supervisors, training and technical assistance providers, council members and family representatives. Prior to completing the survey we ask that you orient yourself to the [DRAFT RKSSC](#), how they were developed, and potential uses for them. This survey should take approximately 10 minutes to complete and we request all responses by May 1, 2020.

In case you were wondering....

Website with Resources for Families and Providers:

Vroom is a set of tools and resources from the Bezos Family Foundation designed to inspire families to turn everyday moments into “brain building moments” by layering activities that are essential to healthy brain development onto existing routines. [Vroom's website](#) offers a variety of tools to download for free, as well as a mobile app that provides easy access to daily “brain building” activities. Many resources are available in English and Spanish. Check out examples of Vroom videos at <https://www.youtube.com/user/joinvroom>.



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.

Free, Ad-Free Videos, Articles, and Apps for Supporting Newborns, Babies, and Toddlers:

The [Australian Parenting Website](#) has extensive resources for families and caregivers. In addition to resources for children under three, the site also features resources for children of all ages, and includes sections with specific emphasis on children on the autism spectrum and children with disabilities.

Something wonderful is happening....

Iowa Early Learning Fall Institute Call for Proposals:

The 2020 Iowa Early Learning Fall Institute, Building Brighter Futures, will take place on October 2-3, 2020 with pre-institute sessions on October 1. The [Iowa Association for the Education of Young Children](#) invites you to submit a [workshop proposal](#)! Proposals will be collected online through [this link](#). Proposals are due by May 4, 2020.

Webinar Series on Equity – Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation (IECMHC):

The purpose of the webinar series is to promote equity through IECMHC by building awareness of the impact of institutional racism and other forms of bias on the experiences of children and families from marginalized communities, identifying policies that support more equitable systems, and strengthening culturally responsive IECMHC practices that reduce disparities and improve child outcomes. The first webinar is April 30 from 11:30am to 1pm – learn more and [register here](#). The next three webinars are at the same time on the last Thursday of each month ([May](#), [June](#), and [July](#)).

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

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