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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](#).

No matter what accomplishments you make, somebody helped you. – [Althea Gibson](#)

Wondering about FGRBI?

FGRBI Mobile Coaching Resources:

There are a number of handouts and videos to support using family guided routines based interventions (FGRBI) and caregiver coaching via technology with families on the [FGRBI website](#).

Service Coordinator Shout-Out (Spotlight on Service Coordinators in Iowa)

Shout-Out to Central Rivers AEA Service Coordinator – Elaine Schult:

Congratulations to Elaine for being submitted for a Shout-Out by THREE of her colleagues! Here is what they had to say about her outstanding Service Coordination.

TEAM: T for TERRIFIC service you provide to our families. E in always striving for EXCELLENCE. A for AWESOME support and leadership to our Early ACCESS Team. M for the MOUNTAINS of work that you do to lighten the load for our Early ACCESS Team. You are SO VERY APPRECIATED!!

Elaine is a phenomenal Service Coordinator. She is extremely knowledgeable with community resources, supports co-workers and offers guidance, and advocates for her families and service providers alike. Elaine took time out of her busy schedule on several occasions to check-in and see if I had questions, offer support, and assist with gathering resources for myself and the families we serve. She is an asset to our profession and I am so very thankful that she is on my team.

Elaine is professional, thorough, and extremely organized. She keeps primary service providers informed and up to date with families.

If you work with an outstanding Service Coordinator, submit their information [here](#) to be included in a future Shout-Out.

Early ACCESS Vision: Every infant and toddler with or likely to have a developmental delay and their families will be supported and included in their communities so they will be healthy and successful.



In case you were wondering....

Questions about Baby-Led Weaning?

Child Health Specialty Clinics Nutrition Services Manager, Steph Brimeyer, asked to include this information on baby-led weaning. This approach to feeding has becoming increasingly popular among both parents and therapists. This is an [article](#) on modified baby-led weaning for babies with feeding challenges. It also provides information on an upcoming training for this approach.

Rocking and Rolling - Nurturing Infants and Toddlers with Diverse Language Experiences:

Do you work with infants and toddlers whose family members speak languages other than English? This [article](#) highlights ways in which to support children who are dual language learners (DLL), the term used to refer to any young child who is learning two or more languages. It shares facts about the benefits of being a DLL, evidence-based practices for supporting very young DLLs, and thoughtful strategies for honoring the language and cultural traditions of each child's family.

Something wonderful is happening....

Early Learning VIRTUAL Fall Institute:

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Iowa AEYC will be moving the 2020 [Early Learning Fall Institute](#) to a **virtual event**. Our goal is to continue to provide high-quality professional development while keeping everyone safe and comfortable. Please save the date for our virtual event, October 1-3, 2020. Pre-institute sessions will take place during the week of September 28. Additional information will be available throughout the summer. Stay safe and take care!

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

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