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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](#).

*Instead of looking at the past, I put myself ahead twenty years and try to look at what I need to do now in order to get there then. – Diana Ross*

## Wondering about FGRBI?

### Resource on Writing Outcomes and Progress Monitoring:

A new [handout](#) was recently posted on the [Distance Mentoring Model Resources](#) website that outlines steps to writing high quality child outcomes as well as progress monitoring strategies within family guided routines based intervention.

## Wondering about Service Coordination?

### Recording of SC Networking Webinar – Family Panel:

The September 21, 2020 SC Networking Webinar received rave reviews! If you weren't able to join live, view the [recording](#) and take advantage of the resources that the three mothers on the panel shared during the webinar. The next SC Networking Webinar is on November 16, 2020 from 1-2pm with Ryan Page from DHS. She will share more details about childcare assistance.

## In case you were wondering....

### Recorded Webinar – Creating Anti-Racist Early Childhood Spaces:

Now, more than ever, it is important to address issues of race and bias in early childhood settings. Children notice race at a very early age and can begin to categorize people according to skin color. Hear from host, Rosemarie Allen, and three panelists in this [webinar](#) to learn strategies for creating an anti-racist environment to promote the development of healthy racial identities.



*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.*

**Recorded Presentation – Leveraging Advances in Science to Strengthen the Early Foundations of Learning/Health:**

Hear the science straight from [Center for the Developing Child](#) Director, Jack P. Shonkoff, M.D., along with presentations from experts on birth disparities and early childhood policies, in [three brief presentations](#) at the inaugural National Prenatal-to-3 Research to Policy Summit. Also features a panel discussion among the experts and examples of different approaches from state policymakers.

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

**Iowa Family Leadership Training Institute Accepting Applications:**

The Iowa Family Leadership Training Institute, a project of the Division of Child and Community Health, Stead Family Department of Pediatrics at the University of Iowa is accepting applications from parents or primary caregivers of children or youth with special health care needs (CYSHCN) between the ages of 3 and 19 and located anywhere in Iowa. The training seeks to equip parents or primary caregivers of CYSHCN to partner with professionals at all levels, that is, at the individual, community and policy levels. More information in English and Spanish is [here](#).

**Division for Early Childhood (DEC) of the Council for Exceptional Children Annual International Conference:**

This year is easier (and cheaper!) than ever to join the DEC Annual International Conference virtually. Early bird pricing has been extended to October 30, 2020 for the Virtual Conference that will take place January 21-22 (pre-conference) and January 25-29, 2021. More details [here](#).

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

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