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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](#).

*It does not matter how slowly you go as long as you do not stop. –Confucius*

## Wondering about FGRBI?

### Resources For Family Guided Routines Based Intervention (FGRBI) and Caregiver Coaching:

The early intervention system in Iowa ([Early ACCESS](#)) has been working since 2013 to implement, scale-up, and sustain the use of FGRBI and caregiver coaching. Over the years, data shows a clear connection between the professional development ([Iowa-Distance Mentoring Model](#)) that is being used to support our providers' shift in practice – increase in the use of coaching strategies with families, routines used for interventions, and FGRBI key indicators. To learn more about FGRBI, visit the [website](#) for a variety of resources.

## Wondering about Service Coordination?

### New Recorded Webinar – National Autism Resources to Share with Families:

On February 11, 2019, Wendy Trotter, Autism Consultant at the Iowa Department of Education, facilitated the quarterly Service Coordinator Networking Webinar. She shared two online resources related to social communication development and autism spectrum disorder red flags in infants and toddlers. The content is useful for Service Coordinators, early intervention providers, and for families. The [webinar](#) is 1 hour in length and got rave reviews.



## In case you were wondering....

### Early Childhood Advocacy Tools:

Discover how to talk to your legislator, how your action can help families in need, and how to work with the media with these [advocacy tools](#) from the [Ounce of Prevention](#). Tell your friends and contacts about the importance of early childhood on [social media](#) with the help of these videos, resources and a pre-recorded webinar.

*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.*

**Resource for Families on Social-Emotional Development in Infants & Toddlers:**

Like any skill, social and emotional abilities develop in small steps over time. Learn what you can do to support [social-emotional development](#) in a child from birth to age three in three articles from [Zero to Three](#), which are available in English and Spanish.

**Family-Child Social Games – A Fun (and Evidence-Based) Way to Build Competence:**

This [family practice guide](#) from the Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center ([ECTA](#)) illustrates interactive play between family members and very young children can be used to build social competence. The guide, which is available in English and Spanish, includes a video showing the practices, along with examples and guidance for how to tell when the practice is working.

**Something wonderful is happening....****Children’s Mental Health & Well-Being Collaborative:**

Come learn more about the Children’s Mental Health and Wellbeing Collaborative efforts in Lee, Van Buren, Keokuk, Mahaska, and Davis Counties at a lunch and learn (location in each county) on Thursday, March 14 from 11:45am-12:45pm. Click [here](#) for more details and registration. The mission of the Children’s Mental Health and Well-Being Collaborative is to use our diversified knowledge, expertise, and networks to build, improve, and connect a sustainable system of prevention and responsive mental health supports for children and families. And to be a collaborative to coordinate the resources of all members towards a common goal of ensuring children and families receive effective prevention and early intervention services, including mental health services, which improve the child and families well-being.

**Registration Now Open for the 2019 Child Abuse Prevention and Family Support Conference:**

This year’s conference will be held on May 6-7 at the FFA Enrichment Center in Ankeny and will include 25 dynamic sessions centered around home visiting, infant and children's mental health, trauma-informed practices, adolescent support, board development, parent supports, community wrap-around services, mental health, and sexual health. The conference will also include two keynote speakers, a lunch, and an awards ceremony. For more information and to register, click [here](#).

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

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