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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](#).

Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much. –Helen Keller

Wondering about FGRBI?

Using Video Technology to Enhance Coaching in Early Intervention:

Although [this video](#) was taken in New Mexico, it reflects how Iowa has been using video in coaching. It illustrates a pilot project in New Mexico in which early intervention practitioners video record their home visits, post the videos to a private video sharing and collaboration platform, and receive coaching on their application of new practices (family guided routines based intervention in Iowa).

Wondering about Service Coordination?

Resource to Share with Parents of Children with Cerebral Palsy:

CP Parents of Iowa is a new (and growing) group of parents and caregivers dedicated to providing the very best care to their families, friends, and loved ones affected by Cerebral Palsy. The online group is private and secure, designed to be a safe place to share resources, thoughts, and experiences. Their hope is that local families can connect with others in their area, and throughout Iowa, forming a stronger CP community working together to advocate, educate, and grow CP awareness and support in Iowa. Find them on [Facebook](#) by searching “CP Parents of Iowa”.



In case you were wondering....

Input Needed – Professional Development for Iowa Early Learning Standards:

Please complete this three-question [survey](#) by Monday, March 25, 2019 to help [Early Childhood Iowa](#) plan future professional development, especially as it relates to the Iowa Early Learning Standards. If you want us to respond, please provide contact information (not required). Questions? Contact [Rick Roghair](#)

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.

The Power of Praise – Effort, Not Person:

Researchers from Temple University studied toddlers who received “process praise” from their parents, which focuses on celebrating children’s efforts rather than their performance. By fourth grade, these children were more likely to show higher achievement in math and reading and believe that intelligence can be improved with hard work. Process praise uses phrases like “I like how you tried” instead of “good girl/boy.” [This](#) video describes the findings and is available in English and Spanish.

Something wonderful is happening....

Advocating for Change Day at the Iowa State Capitol:

The Iowa Developmental Disabilities Council and Iowans with Disabilities in Action invite you to join us for Advocating for Change Day (Wednesday, April 10, 2019 from 9am-noon). Advocating for Change Day is a day specifically for Iowans with disabilities and their families to become skilled at communicating with their legislators and other elected state officials. As a participant, you will have the opportunity to attend a legislative briefing, visit with available legislators and other elected officials and lobbyists, and watch the legislative process from the galleries (when the Senate and/or House are in session). Attendance is limited to the first 150 people who [register](#).

Registration Open for Summer Deafblind Symposium:

Registration for the Summer Deafblind Symposium is now open (being held June 5-7, 2019 in Coralville). There is a \$50 registration fee. However, this fee will be waived for parents of children on the Deafblind Registry. The detailed [program agenda](#) includes session descriptions and hotel room reservation information. Licensure renewal credit (1) is available. Follow the information below to register.

1. Go to the link for [AEA PD](#)
2. Click on "Log in Here for Professional Learning."
3. Enter in your login information or create an account.
4. Under "courses" search for Deafblind Symposium.
5. Select either the professional registration section #251264 or parent registration section #270377. Enter in request information. You will receive a confirmation email from Grant Wood AEA/AEA PD that you have successfully registered.
6. If you have special dietary needs or require accommodations, please contact Susan Brennan directly at susan.brennan@iaedb.org

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

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