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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](#).

Your actions are your only true belongings. – Allan Lokos

Wondering about FGRBI?

Family Guided Routines Based Intervention (FGRBI) Competencies for Early Intervention Providers:

Much of the professional development for Iowa Early ACCESS providers has been around building capacity in [FGRBI and caregiver coaching](#). To assist local agencies in supporting their providers, [FGRBI Early Interventionist Competencies](#) were developed. These can be used in *higher education* to inform what is being taught in pre-professional students and in *local agencies* to inform position descriptions for new hires as well as on-going professional development for Early ACCESS providers.

Wondering about Service Coordination?

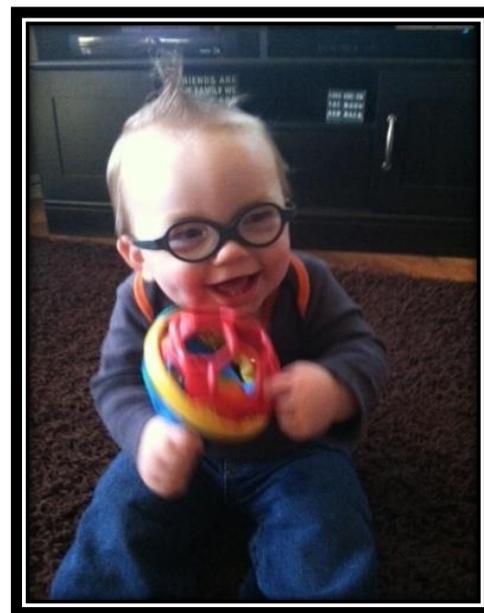
Service Coordinators – Speak Up and Share Your Value!

Dana Childress, one of the co-facilitators of the new DEC [Service Coordination Community of Practice](#) (open to all SCs and those who support SCs), recently wrote a [blog](#) as a follow-up to the kick-off [web conversation](#) she facilitated with Melissa Schnurr. In both the web conversation and the blog, the valuable role of the service coordinator on early intervention teams is highlighted.

In case you were wondering....

Helping Families Meet Resource Needs and Achieve Self-Sufficiency:

The DEC [Early Intervention Community of Practice](#) recently hosted a [webinar](#) about supporting families with resource needs. Lisa Cloninger and Sarah Sexton shared a five-step process for providing better family support so that families meet their immediate needs and learn how to “fish” now and in the future. This webinar is excellent for early intervention providers and service coordinators!



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.

New FREE Resource for Families with Infants/Toddlers:

BabyNavigator.com, developed by the [First Words Project](#) and [Autism Navigator](#), includes a number of links and resources for parents of infants and toddlers to guide them in “encouraging the magic” as well as what to do if “something doesn’t seem right”. Go to [BabyNavigator.com](#) to find out what every parent needs to know about early learning. Because what they do and say now can make all the difference!

Something wonderful is happening....

Save the Date for Day-Long Workshop on Children’s Socioemotional Development:

The [Iowa Association for Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health](#), in collaboration with the University of Iowa Stead Family Children's Hospital and Iowa PCIT, invite you to participate in a day-long workshop titled "*Parental Insightfulness into the Inner World of the Child: Its Importance for Children’s Healthy Socioemotional Development*". This workshop will be held on Thursday, June 20th, from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the University of Iowa Stead Family Children's Hospital: Center for Disabilities and Development.

The presenter is Dr. David Oppenheim. Dr. Oppenheim has been a researcher on the topic of attachment and early childhood mental health for more than 20 years. He is currently an Associate Professor of Psychology at the University of Haifa, Israel. Registration is not yet open, but will be available on the [IAIECMH](#) website in the near future. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend!

Reminder - Register 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

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