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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](#).

You can't stop the waves, but you can learn to surf. – Jon Kabat-Zinn

Wondering about FGRBI?

New Videos - Foundations of Coaching in Early Childhood:

[The Hartford Foundation](#) for Public Giving in Connecticut recently released a series of videos all about [coaching in early childhood](#). Although the verbiage used throughout the video series is from the work of Drs. Rush and Sheldon, the coaching process aligns with the [SSOOPRRR coaching](#) that Iowa has been using as part of family guided routines based intervention and caregiver coaching. The coaching process can be used in a variety of settings with families and care providers.

Wondering about Service Coordination?

Iowa Resource Directory:

Check out this online [resource directory](#) on the [Iowa Family Support Network](#) website. Use it to find a variety of resources for families of young children in all areas of Iowa. It is searchable by zip code plus keywords, categories, or organization/program. You may be surprised by how many resources come up, even in rural Iowa.

In case you were wondering....

Grandparents Are Getting the Job Done:

Millions of children are being raised solely by their grandparents, with numbers continuing to climb as the opioid crisis and other factors disrupt families. [New research](#) shows that caregivers who step up to raise their grandchildren are overcoming unique challenges to manage just as well as biological and adoptive parent caregivers.



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.

What a Difference a Dad Makes:

Several recent studies have highlighted findings about fathers. To learn more you can:

- [Read about](#) the difference that the age of men at conception has on their child's social skills;
- [Watch a video](#) in English or Spanish about the importance of fathers being involved in their young children's lives.

Something wonderful is happening....

STEMIE Introduction Webinar:

As a family member, faculty, or practitioner, what do you do to support young children's interest in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM)? What concerns do you have about the opportunities that young children with disabilities have with STEM learning? The [STEM Innovation for Inclusion in Early Education \(STEMIE\) Center](#) is a new national center funded by the US Department of Education to develop and enhance the field of early childhood education's knowledge-base on effective practices and supports that improve the participation of young children (0-5) with disabilities in STEM learning. Join them on May 6, 2019 at 1:30PM (CDT) for an interactive webinar to learn more about the Center's purpose and share your experiences with supporting the development of STEM skills in children with disabilities. Click [here](#) to register.

Feedback Needed - Public Draft #2 of Professional Standards and Competencies:

[NAEYC](#) has released [Public Draft #2](#) of the Professional Standards and Competencies for Early Childhood Educators which includes a first draft of the leveling of these to the ECE I, II and III designations. All early childhood professionals' feedback on both the standards and competencies as well as the leveling is critical to ensure that the final documents are as strong as possible. Read the draft and submit your feedback by June 14.

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

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