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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](#).

*You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream. – Les Brown*

## Wondering about FGRBI?

### Upcoming Joint Implementation Team Meeting:

On Monday, June 24, 2019, Regional Implementation Team members from across the Early ACCESS regions will come together to celebrate successes from six years of [family guided routines based interventions](#) (FGRBI) implementation as well as review data and make adjustments to next year's plans for scale up and sustainability. Coming together provides opportunities to share ideas across the state and to work together to overcome barriers. In general, next year's work will continue to focus on building the capacity of internal coaches in the Area Education Agencies to support their peers in using FGRBI and caregiver coaching with families.

## Wondering about Service Coordination?

### MCO Changes Impacting Families in Early ACCESS:

Iowa residents who receive Medicaid through the managed care organizations (MCO) could be receiving multiple mailings concerning upcoming changes within the Iowa MCO system. United Healthcare is leaving Iowa no sooner than June 30, 2019 and Iowa Total Care is joining the Iowa Health Link on July 1, 2019. Amerigroup will continue their coverage for families.

What does this mean for Early ACCESS families? They may receive a mailing that explains whether or not their child and family will be reassigned to a different MCO. If they are reassigned they may want to review, or have their EA Service Coordinator help them review, the member handbooks available online from each of the MCOs to determine if their current medical providers are associated with their newly assigned MCO or if there are value added benefits available that would be helpful to their child and family.

Families only have until **June 18, 2019** to submit a change in MCO choice for coverage beginning on July 1, 2019. However, if the family doesn't make a change by June 18<sup>th</sup> they will have coverage from their assigned MCO but can



*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.*

make a change without consequences through September 30, 2019. If the family determines they are happy with the MCO they have been assigned they do not need to do anything and coverage will continue or begin July 1<sup>st</sup>.

For further information about the Iowa MCOs families can contact:

Amerigroup – 1-800-6000-4441 or [www.myamerigroup.com/ia](http://www.myamerigroup.com/ia)  
Iowa Total Care – 1-833-404-1061 or [www.iowatotalcare.com](http://www.iowatotalcare.com)

## **In case you were wondering....**

### **Video to Build Public Will for Early Childhood Education:**

North Carolina created a “[two minute town hall](#)” video to outline the importance of early childhood education. The message is applicable everywhere (North Carolina is mentioned only once). Share this video with local schools boards, chambers of commerce, city councils, families, childcare directors/teachers, etc. and then have a conversation about the contents of the video to build public will for early childhood education.

### **How to Implement Trauma-informed Care to Build Resilience to Childhood Trauma:**

This [research brief](#) from Child Trends summarizes current practices for implementing trauma-informed care to support children who have been exposed to trauma. The authors outline the ways in which a broad range of programs (including afterschool programs, schools, early care and education providers, medical providers, and social services) can incorporate trauma-informed care into their services and help children build resilience against past and future traumatic experiences.

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

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