



Early ACCESS  
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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)

*What the best and wisest parent wants for his own child, that must the community want for all its children. – John Dewey*

## Wondering about IA-DMM?

### Regional and State-Level Implementation Teams to Come Together:

On Monday, June 22, members of the 10 regional implementation teams and the state-level implementation team will gather in West Des Moines for the second annual [DMM](#) joint implementation team meeting. The agenda includes appearances from national experts, Juliann Woods and Mary Beth Bruder, along with data and cohort updates. The day will be grounded in active implementation frameworks and future plans for scaling up family-guided routines-based interventions and caregiver coaching in Early ACCESS.

## In case you were wondering....

### New Video on Inclusion from Larry Edelman:

#### [Getty's Window To Inclusion: The Chance To Be Just Like Any Other Kid](#)

illustrates how essential early childhood inclusion is for all children, including those who cannot be in close proximity to other children because of health concerns. In this video, Kate Mathany describes how her daughter Getty virtually attends a typical preschool classroom every day using a device called a VGo. In the first part, Kate introduces us to Getty and describes how the idea to use the VGo came about. In the second part, Kate is joined by Eileen Sedilko, Getty's preschool teacher, as they illustrate how Getty's school day works from both home and classroom perspectives. They discuss a range of topics including preschool inclusion, parent leadership, the use of adaptations, collaboration, teamwork, and the benefits of inclusion for all children, families, and teachers. This video has important messages for families with children who cannot attend a preschool because of health reasons who are looking for solutions, for all those interested in early childhood inclusion, and for current and future early childhood educators.



### Free Video on the Importance and Impact of Early Intervention:

Interested in a free, award-winning video that powerfully conveys the benefits of early intervention for children and families? Check out [Brandon's Story, A Mother's Voice](#), a new video from the Virginia Early Intervention Professional Development Center (VEIPDC). In addition to hearing Brandon's mother talks about the importance and impact of early intervention on her son's life and her family, you'll also hear from Brandon, a teenager who is a very talented musician.

*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.*

## Something wonderful is happening....

### Free Webinars on Early Intervention and Social Emotional Development – The First One is TOMORROW!

Starting tomorrow, Thursday, June 18, a series of four free webinars (CEU's available) will be available to all interested programs and providers. This series of four 90 minute webinars is on Early Intervention and Social Emotional Development in the Early Years. See the schedule below:

[Social Emotional Development in the Early Years: Understanding Social Emotional Development](#) Thursday, June 18 at 10:00 am CDT (Presenters: Jenna Weglarz-Ward, Kimberly Hile)

[Social Emotional Development in the Early Years: Promoting Positive Relationships](#) Thursday, August 13 at 10:00 am CDT (Presenters: Kimberly Hile, Amy Santos)

[Social Emotional Development in the Early Years: Creating Supportive and Inclusive Environments](#) Thursday, November 12 at 9:00 am CST (Presenters: Amy Santos, Michaeline Ostrosky)

[Social Emotional Development in the Early Years: Enriching Social Emotional Literacy](#) Thursday, December 3 at 10:00 am CST (Presenters: Michaeline Ostrosky, Jenna Weglarz-Ward)

### Registration is Open for the Iowa Early Care & Education Fall Institute:

You are invited to join hundreds of other Iowa early childhood care and education professionals on September 17-19, 2015 at this year's Early Care & Education Institute: *Our Journey to One Goal – the Successful Child*. Registrants can choose to attend one, two, or three days with a special rate for Saturday-only. To register, click [here](#).

We are pleased to welcome Dr. Susan Neumann from New York University, former U.S. Assistant Secretary of Education, as our Friday keynote speaker. She is working on interventions to change the odds for children who are at risk, especially in the area of early literacy. Lisa Murphy, the *Ooey Gooey Lady*, a perennial favorite, joins us for a keynote address and another workshop on Saturday. Dr. Juliann Woods, a national leader in areas relating to early intervention, is returning this year. The Institute will feature over 70 other workshops, four opportunities to register for a pre-conference event in addition to the two Institute days, dozens of exhibitors, professional membership Association annual meetings, and six hours per day of approved training credit.

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