

WY Early Intervention

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Early Intervention Happenings....

In the past month the EIEP has been busy with several projects. November 1 and December 1 were two key dates for Child Development Centers to have in place their data concerning the number of children they are serving. December 1 was especially busy with the centers needing all required data into the new SEAS system. This included: child's name, date of birth, IEP/IFSP, service start date, ethnicity/race, and other information.

Performance Plan. The next meeting is being held December 16, 2010 at 2:00 PM. The council has also been working with the Wyoming Advisory Panel for Students with Disabilities on priorities for 2011.



The Early Intervention Council has been meeting regularly to discuss several issues including: Part C and Part B indicator targets for the Annual Performance Report and State

Both groups have agreed that collaboration is encouraged and a positive practice. During the January 13, 2011 meeting both groups will have the opportunity to meet together

again. The legislator seat on the EIC is coming open at the end of the month when Mr. Mike Massey's term expires in the Senate. The EIEP thanks him for his many years of service.

Part B and C have finished their revisits to certain regions that were monitored last year. This revisit at each of those regions was to assist in their corrective action plans, verify corrected practices, and meet with staff to provide technical assistance.

The EIEP is in the beginning stages of planning the next annual conference to be held in the summer of 2011. Date and location will be announced shortly.



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Early Childhood Mental Health Certificate – UW

Professionals working with children as a health, mental health, educational, or social service providers are invited to apply for a new program at the University of Wyoming. This certificate program offers unique, up-to-date mental health and educational service provisions including: relationship-based interventions supporting early childhood development; transdisciplinary

and collaborative treatment methodologies; early childhood social-emotional assessment; and many others.

By participating in this program, participants are trained to help young children and their families develop healthy relationships, maximize developmental potential, and resolve social/emotional/ behavioral difficul-

ties. The focus is on understanding theory, practices, and intervention strategies when working with young children and their families. It is two semesters of 4 credit hours each plus an additional two hours of reflective consultation. Please contact Tiernan McIlwaine at 307-286-7746 or at macilsoul@msn.com. Also check the EIEP website and click on "For Providers"

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WIND: Who, What, When and Why

The Wyoming Institute for Disabilities is a University of Wyoming based organization working to “assist individuals with developmental disabilities, their families, professionals, an UW students through education, training, community services, and early intervention. They are involved in a multitude of projects including the conduction of ICAP interviews for DDD, Emergency Planning for People Unable to Self Evacuate, Developmental Disabilities Training, Bridges to Success, Youth

with epilepsy and improving access, Medicare Infrastructure Change Grant, TANF At-risk Preschool Program, and many, many more.

Another project is the WIND Assistive Technology Resources (WATR) which held free workshops for building assistive switches this past month in Laramie and Casper. Please see the website on all these projects at www.uwyo.edu/wind/projects/.

Another huge resource WIND has been conducting is their lending library of over 2,000 books and multimedia materials dealing with various developmental disabilities such as Autism, Down syndrome, education and employment of people with developmental disabilities and their rights. Anyone over the age of 18 can fill out an agreement for borrowing and access the library online through the Destiny Quest catalog. For more information on this resource contact Beth Robertson at 307-766-2932 or brobert@uwyo.edu.



HELPFUL LINK

- Early Intervention Support <http://www.earlyinterventionsupport.com/> Center on Child Abuse and Neglect <http://ccan.ouhsc.edu>
National Children’s Advocacy Center <http://www.nationalcac.org> National Indian Child Welfare Association <http://www.nicwa.org>
National Center for Children in Poverty <http://www.nccp.org> Prevention of Child Sex Abuse <http://www.darkness2light.org>

Resources for Parents on the Web—NICHCY

The National Dissemination Center for Children with Disabilities is a website (www.nichcy.org) dedicated to providing information to anyone on disabilities that children may have. This includes current laws, research, news, blogs, forms explanations, and is broken down into different tabs depending on your area of interest.

Under the disabilities tab the website provides developmental milestones, specific disabilities and IDEA categories.

The next two tabs are for babies

age 0 to 3 and children age 3 to 22. The babies section has information on early intervention, writing an IFSP, transitions, effective practices, and parent participation. The children 3-22



section has information on IEPs, evaluating children, placement issues, disputes, transitions, and

services for ages 3-5.

The laws section is just that: the main, current laws regarding special education. The resources section has publications, term explanations, statistics, training materials, and lots more.

Spanish speaking individuals are able to view many of the websites information sections in that language.

There is far too much information to list here so please visit the website for more information

Please send any suggestions for content you would like to see such as: websites, TA help, Q&A topics, etc.

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The Early Intervention and Education Program at the Developmental Disabilities Division provides assistance and oversight to the regional child development centers that serve young children, from birth through 5 years of age, with disabilities and their families across Wyoming.

We’re on the web!

<http://health.wyo.gov/ddd/earlychildhood/index.html>



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