




Welcome to Our 2001 Summer Edition of Leadership Notes!

In May 2001 we had a successful ICC Parent Leadership Institute, which took place in Atlanta, Georgia. Five states were represented: Georgia, Washington, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, & Massachusetts. During four intense and productive days, we learned from each other, shared resources, and recognized that the teams needed this time together for planning to carry out a similar training event back home in the next six months. Although we were all disappointed with the hotel facilities, here are a few comments from participants:

-  *“My high points were meeting and networking with other parents and learning what other states do for parents.”*
-  *“I loved the whole four days. I have learned so much that will also pertain to my personal life and how I will communicate in family support groups. There was a lot of information to take in, and could be exhausting, but I am walking away with a sense of accomplishment and hope”*
-  *“You were all great. Enjoyed working with all of you. What a team!”*

Save The Date!

The 2002 International Parent to Parent Conference will take place April 5-7 at the Philadelphia Marriott. For more information about the conference, contact Parent to Parent of Pennsylvania at 717.540.4722 (phone/TTY). For conference updates, or for information about joining an online discussion group, go to www.parenttoparent.org

Conference Calls

The National ICC Parent Leadership Support Project, in collaboration with the National Early Childhood Technical Assistance System, is holding a series of three conference calls for parents who serve or have served on ICCs (interagency coordinating councils), and also for parents who attended the NECTAS National Meeting in Washington, DC in February 2001. To participate, please contact either Brad Arndt (617.236.7210 x 154; barndt@fcsn.org) or Barbara Popper (617.236.7210 x122; bpopper@fcsn.org) at the Federation for Children with Special Needs. Each call can accommodate 30 participants. Slots for these calls are available on a first come, first served basis.

- ✓ Conference Call #1, **“Organizing & Networking: A Follow-up to the National NECTAS Meeting,”** took place on Monday, July 23, 2001. Notes from the call will be posted soon on the ICC Parent Support project web site.
- ✓ Conference Call #2, **“Action Planning: Developing State Parent Leadership,”** will take place Wednesday, August 15, 2001 3pm (EST).
- ✓ Conference Call #3, **“ICC Parents: Recruiting, Mentoring & Sustaining,”** will take place on Wednesday, September 19, 2001 3pm (EST).

Additional Resources

At the ICC Parent Leadership Support Institute in Atlanta, participants shared resources from their states. Here are a few that they'd like us to share with you:

A Family's Guide to Early Intervention Services in Washington State

(Washington State Infant Toddler Early Intervention Program)

This booklet is a summary of the Washington State Infant Toddler Early Intervention Program. It contains information about what early intervention is, who is eligible for early intervention in the state of Washington, what the rights of individuals with disabilities are, where to go for more help & information, how to get more involved, and much more.

For more information, call the Washington State Infant & Toddler Early Intervention Program at 360.902.8488 (Voice) or 360.902.7864 (TDD)

IDEA Part C: Mediation for Early Intervention Services for Parents of Infants & Toddlers with Disabilities (brochure)

To request mediation, or for more information, please call Sound Options Mediation & Training Group, LLC (Administrative Agents for the Department of Social & Health Services) at 800.692.2540 (WA State) or 206.842.2298 (Seattle area); 206.780.5776 (Fax)

A Parent's Guide to Resolving Disagreements in Early Intervention

This booklet discusses the Early Intervention System as a family-oriented model, mediation services, and families' rights in the impartial hearing process.

For more information call the Rhode Island Department of Health at 401.222.2312 or 800.745.5555 (TDD), or write to:

Rhode Island Dept. of Health
Division of Family Health
Office of Children with Special Health Care Needs
3 Capitol Hill
Providence RI 02908

Early Intervention: A Partnership between Families & Providers

This brochure contains information on the ABC's of Early Intervention, questions to ask when choosing an Early Intervention Provider, and Statewide Early Intervention Providers.

For more information contact The Rhode Island Parent Information Network (RIPIN), Early Intervention Parent Consultants 800.464.3399 or 401.727.4144. (RIPIN is a non-profit family organization that provides education, information, resources, support and referral to all families in Rhode Island.)

Family Voices of Rhode Island is a clearinghouse and networking group focusing on children's special health needs. Family Voices has coordinators in each state. For more information, contact: Family Voices of Rhode Island, 175 Main Street, Pawtucket, RI 02860. Contact 401.727.4144 x 62 or 800.464.3399 x 62 (RI only).

Project SCEIS: Skilled Credentialed Early Interventionists

This is a brochure on how to (1) get more information about the Babies Can't Wait program, (2) find out about workshops for Early Intervention, (3) become more involved with the program, (4) talk with a parent who has been in the program.

Babies Can't Wait Central Directory, 800.229.2038 (Metro Atlanta 770.451.5484)

www.parentparentofga.org

Small Talk: A Georgia Newsletter for Children with Special Needs

The newsletter covers issues about children of all ages who have special needs. For more information contact:

Office of Children with Special Needs
Family Health Branch
Division of Public Health
Department of Human Resources
2 Peachtree Street, Room 11-227
Atlanta, GA 30303-3186
404.657.2728

State ICC Web Links

If your state has an ICC web site that is not listed below, please contact Brad Arndt at the Federation for Children with Special Needs (617.236.7210 x 154; barndt@fcsn.org)

Connecticut: www.birth23.org/State%20Council/default.asp

Georgia: www.ph.dhr.state.ga.us/programs/bcw.icc.shtml

Idaho: www2.state.id.us/dhw/InfToddler/index.htm

Indiana: www.state.in.us/fssa/first_step/index.html

Louisiana: www.doe.state.la.us

Michigan: www.eopds.org

Montana: www.dphhs.state.mt.us/fssac

North Carolina: www.dhhs.state.nc.us/dcd/icc_par.htm

Nevada: www.nvcommunityconnections.com/programs

Oregon: www.ode.state.or.us/sped/adviscou/sicc/sicc.htm

Pennsylvania: www.eita-pa.org

South Carolina: www.scbabynet.org/icc.htm

Texas: www.eci.state.tx.us/oed/index.htm

Virginia: www.dmhmrssas.state.va.us/vababiescantwait

Vermont: www.state.vt.us/health/hi/cshn/fitp/fitp.htm#council

Washington: www.wa.gov/dshs/iteip/councils.html

As always, remember to check out our web site for updates and resources:

www.iccparent.org