



NEW DIRECTIONS

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Early Childhood Direction Center

ECDC is a free resource for professionals and families with children birth to five with suspected or diagnosed delays or disabilities. ECDC works collaboratively with the local Special Education Resource Training Center (SETRC) and Special Education Quality Assurance (SEQA) networks to provide technical support and professional development to regional school districts; preschool providers and child care providers. ECDC is funded by the New York State Education Department and hosted by Women and Children's Hospital. If you would like to be included on our list serve for this newsletter, please send an email with prof. newsletter and the county you're from on the subject line to vrubin@kaleidahealth.org

UPCOMING TRAININGS CPSE PROCESS & PROCEDURES SPP #7

February 7th 9:00-2:30
Erie 2 BOCES
LoGuidice Educational Center
Fredonia Stockton Road
Fredonia, NY

February 13th 9:00-2:30
Orleans Niagara BOCES Conference Center
4142 Saunders Settlement Road
Sanborn, NY

February 15th 9:00-2:30
Erie 1 BOCES Education Campus
355 Harlem Road, Room B1
West Seneca, NY

To register email to: setrecreg@e1b.org
or call 821-7544

TRANSITION- EI to CPSE- UNDERSTANDING THE SYSTEM TO HELP PARENTS

February 22 10AM-Noon
People Inc., Northtown Plaza
3131 Sheridan Drive
Enter near Bailey Ave.
Amherst, NY 14226

To register call ECDC at 880-3875



ECDC Lending Library is Now Open Borrow Special Needs Books and Videos FREE!

By Tracey Banks, Child
Development/Inclusion Specialist

Are you looking for strategies to address challenging behaviors? Do you have questions about Sensory Integration Disorder? Would you like to use a video to help meet your Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) training requirements? The Early Childhood Direction Center maintains a FREE lending library of books, videos and DVD's on a wide variety of special needs topics. The materials are available to anyone working with young children and can be borrowed for up to a month.

The Early Childhood Direction Center library also maintains copies of all of the Inclusion Committee workshops that have been presented at the Cantalician Center over the past five years. Examples of some of the topics covered at these workshops include Autism, Speech and Language Delays, Asthma, Food Allergies and Shaken Baby Syndrome. If you missed these or any others you can view the video and handouts at a place and time convenient for you.

New book titles just added to the library in 2008 include:

Building Blocks for Teaching Preschoolers with Special Needs
Challenging Behavior in Young Children: Understanding, Preventing and Responding
Creative Play Activities for Children with Disabilities
Early Start for Young Children with Autism and much more!

New video and DVD titles include:

Early Intervention: Natural Environments
Facing the Challenge: Working with Children Who Use Challenging Behaviors
Partnerships with Parents
Children & Conflict: An Opportunity for Learning in the Classroom.

For a complete list of library materials or to borrow items contact Tracey Banks at (716) 880-3877 or tbanks@kaleidahealth.org

PARENT MEMBER TRAINING

By Vickie Rubin

Did you know that the Early Childhood Direction Center provides parent member training for parents on the Committee on Preschool Special Education (CPSE) in all six counties? A variety of topics are addressed in our interactive workshop, which is designed to give parents of students with disabilities an understanding of the school district's CPSE. The presentation will assist potential or current parent members to understand the roles and responsibilities of the CPSE, develop an IEP and gain skills to be an effective resource for districts and other family members.

The curriculum was developed and is presented by the Early Childhood Direction Center, SETRC and Parent Network of WNY. For more information, please call or email: Stacie Ricioppo (716) 880-3878 or sricioppo@kaleidahealth.org



Free Workshop Tips on Approaching Picky/Resistive Eaters

- o What is "typical" eating behavior and food intake for a young child?
- o Possible "causes" for children's challenging feeding behavior
- o Strategies that will help move things forward in order to achieve success

Wednesday March 5, 2008 7-9 pm
Cantalician Center For Learning (Auditorium)
1360 Eggert Road (Near Main Street)
Amherst, NY

This workshop is made possible by the collaboration between the Early Childhood Inclusion Committee of the Developmental Disabilities Alliance of WNY and the Early Childhood Direction Center. To register for the workshop or for more information, please call: Early Childhood Direction Center at 880-3875.

When registering, please give your name and phone number in case we need to contact you.