



NEW DIRECTIONS

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The Early Childhood Direction Center

The 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. The ECDC is funded by 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

DO YOU NEED HEALTH INSURANCE?

Many people in our community are uninsured despite the availability of health insurance coverage.

Kaleida Health has a team of facilitated enrollers who can assist with insurance applications. The facilitated enrollers will screen uninsured individuals and make a determination of whether they will qualify for Family Health Plus, Medicaid, Child Health Plus A or B or the Prenatal Care Assistance Program. They will then assist in gathering the documentation required to process the application, help complete the application, and will act as a representative for the case.

You do not have to be a current Kaleida patient to receive this assistance. It is Kaleida's mission to enroll anyone in the community who needs insurance.

So if you or anyone you know needs health insurance please call (716) 859-2161.



CHILD-FOCUSED INTERVENTION

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A child's Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) or Individual Education Plan (IEP) specifies services provided such as nursing care, speech, occupational or physical therapy. Child-focused intervention is an intentional act on the part of the adults who care for and interact with the child to reach the highest outcomes for the child's learning and development. A key component to successful child focused intervention is on-going communication among all adults working with the child (i.e. therapist, classroom teacher, and parents).

Some examples of child-focused intervention that promote communication are:

"Push In" Services – a therapist or other professional working with a child in the classroom

Benefits:

- New skills are generalized across the child's various environments
- Intervention techniques are modeled for classroom staff
- Communication/feedback occurs naturally with classroom staff
- Peer models are available and can be motivation for the child
- Ability to work with the child during specific activities that are difficult

Communication Journal – written communication between therapists, teachers and parents

Benefits:

- New skills are generalized across the child's various environments/therapies
- All adults are in sync with the child's needs such as present, new, and future skills
- Opportunity for collaboration, troubleshooting and feedback
- Parents are connected

Information from the Child's Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) or Individual Education Plan (IEP) available to those involved

Benefits:

- Specifies services provided such as nursing care, speech, occupational and/or physical therapy, etc.
- Accountability to services rendered
- Child objectives and goals stated for all involved in child's care
- Child's needs such as modifications and/or adaptations are identified
- Behavior intervention/management plans, techniques, and/or strategies are available
- All adults aware of child's abilities as well as special needs

Child-focused intervention is critical to a child's success. Through "push in" services and communication everyone is in the loop and more importantly, the focus is on the child's success!

UPCOMING TRAININGS CPSE PROCESS & PROCEDURES

Erie 2 BOCES LoGuidice Center
11/29/07 9:30-2:30

OVERVIEW OF SPECIAL EDUCATION-PARENT MEMBER TRAINING

Belmont
12/7/07 Time TBA

EARLY CHILDHOOD OUTCOMES

Erie 2 BOCES
2/8/08
Erie 1 BOCES
2/12/08
Orleans/Niagara BOCES
2/15/08
Cattaraugus/Allegany BOCES
2/26/08

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