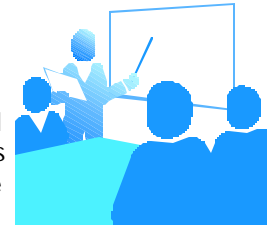


Changes in Mandatory Training Requirements for Service/Intake Coordinators and Providers



Over the past 10 months, ProKids, (the UTS Programmatic Training grantee), has reviewed over 5,000 course evaluations. You spoke, we listened and the Bureau of Child Development has acted. This newsletter represents the first of many changes coming in the second year of the UTS Programmatic Training grant. Effective October 1, 2004 the following changes will occur:

1. **Service/Intake Coordinators will be required to attend two (2) half day semi-annual regional trainings in November and May, and one annual cluster meeting, in place of the current quarterly full day regional meetings.**
2. **All providers currently required to attend a two, half-day, semi-annual Provider Forums, will be required to attend one (1) designated provider meeting in their cluster, between February and June.**
3. **Twelve half day topical trainings will be provided. These trainings will focus on a single topic and will provide basic through advanced level information.**
4. **Two full day conferences will be offered.**
5. **A training newsletter will published quarterly. The newsletter will include articles and state update information. The mandatory completion of the self-assessment test for each publication will provide credential points.**
6. **All providers will be assessed an annual training fee of \$60. This fee will include an individual subscription to the quarterly newsletter, registration of newsletter credential points AND registration for mandatory meetings (Service Coordinator semi-annual meetings and all providers, service/intake coordinators—cluster meeting). The training fee is payable annually between October and January. Fees for other UTS trainings will be \$25 per half day and \$40 for a full day training.**
7. **UTS will continue to co-sponsor the Early Childhood Conference in March and the Bureau of Child Development Institute in September.**

The Indiana First Steps web page will soon post an Issue Clarification pertaining to these changes. Be sure to check it out at : www.state.in.us/fssa/first_step/ In the next grant year, we will continue to pursue a training website and the potential for online training, while offering you a quarterly newsletter to stay in the know. We look forward to your continued input throughout the year, you can email us at: training@cibaby.org.

Need A Mandatory Training Make-Up ???

All providers who missed a mandatory Provider Forum in January or June 2004 and all Service/Intake Coordinators who missed a regional Service Coordinator meeting in February, May or August 2004 ,have only two make-up opportunities for the remainder of this year.

The Bureau of Child Development has designated two conferences in September as the approved make up opportunities for missed mandatory trainings. The option to attend a Local Planning & Coordinating Council (LPCC) meeting has been removed. The approved conferences are the September 13 & 14, 2004, Bureau of Child Development Institute—Building Strong Families and the September 27, 2004, Shelden and Rush Evidenced- Based Practice conference. Both are being held in Indianapolis. Additional information on these conferences can be found on page 3 of this newsletter and in the Early Childhood calendar: <http://earlychildhoodmeetingplace.indiana.edu> .

Those who are unable to attend one of these make-ups due to medical or other leave, must contact CRO/Provider Enrollment at 1-888-567-2351, option #2 for an alternative option to maintain their credential.

Training Suggestions Needed



Over the next year, twelve (12) half-day trainings and two full day conferences will be offered to providers, service coordinators and parents. These half day trainings will focus on a single topic. The goal is to provide basic to advanced level trainings from local, regional and national level speakers.

We need ideas from you, as to whom you would like to have as speakers. Providers can nominate themselves or anyone they feel would provide an excellent training. Topics can be related to therapy, parent training, cultural diversity, common diagnoses of children with special needs, assessment, team communi-

cation, writing goals and objectives, coaching parents, etc.

In addition to speaker nominations, UTS Programmatic Training is also looking for providers to suggest journal articles for reprint (with permission) and individuals who are willing to write articles that can be used for the continuing education of First Steps providers. These topics should be applicable to all disciplines. A training stipend is available. Each article will be followed by content questions and a short evaluation in order to obtain up to 2 hours in credential points.

Successful training starts with you! If you would like to participate on a

training planning committee or if you have ideas for topics and/or speakers, please complete the form below.

Finally, we are also seeking a name for our Newsletter. If you have an idea better than the UTS Training Times, then we want to hear it. In the next issue, we will vote on names submitted. The winner will receive a \$25 certificate towards a future UTS Training.

UTS TRAINING SURVEY

Suggestions for topics: _____

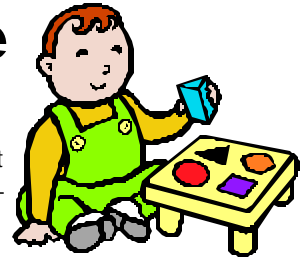
Suggestions for speakers, article authors (Please include contact information, if known,) _____

I am interested in helping on a training planning committee (Please include name, and email address: _____

Other comments/information or Newsletter Title Nominations: _____

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Moving to An Evidence-Based Practice



M'Lisa Shelden, PT, Ph.D. and Dathan Rush, MA, CCC-SLP will present a full day conference for First Steps Providers titled, **"Moving To An Evidence-Based Model in Early Childhood Intervention"** on Monday, September 27, 2004. The conference will be held in the Lilly Conference Center at the St. Vincent Marten House in Indianapolis. The registration fee is \$40 and includes lunch. Information can be found at: <http://earlychildhoodmeetingplace.indiana.edu>

How does your current practice match what recent research tells us about providing early intervention in natural learning environments? Now that you've shifted the "where" of early intervention, this workshop will provide you with an evidence-based approach for the "what"

and "how" of supporting families in promoting child participation in everyday family and community activities. Join the presenters in exploring a new way of thinking about gathering information, conducting evaluation and assessment, writing individualized family service plans, and promoting

Authors of, "The 10 Myths About Providing Early Intervention Services in Natural Environments", Shelden & Rush offer a new model for early childhood intervention.

child learning. As a therapist, teacher, or service coordinator, you will leave with new ideas and practical strategies you can use tomorrow!

All First Steps providers are invited to attend.

This workshop is an excellent opportunity to learn more about providing early intervention services in the child and family's natural environment.

The research and writings of Shelden and Rush, along with Carl Dunst and Robin McWilliam, provided much of the theoretical framework for Indiana's Best Practice in Early Intervention. The workshop will provide an opportunity to learn more about evidence-based practice and paradigm shifts from the traditional treatment models to learning promotion models.

Space is limited, register early!



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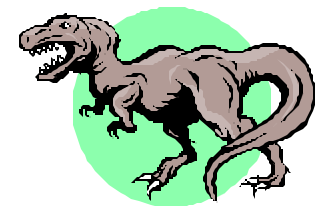
Building Strong Families is the theme of the inaugural Bureau of Child Development Institute to be held in Indianapolis on September 13 and 14, 2004. The Institute will bring together early childhood providers from First Steps, Healthy Families, Head Start and child care for an intensive two day, advanced level training, with an emphasis on mental health (including infant/toddler mental health), domestic violence prevention, and professional development.

Each day will offer participants the selection of a full day or two half day workshop selections. National and local speakers include: Naomi Griffith, The Unkindest Cut; Deborah Sokol, MD, Autism; Pam Estes, Children and Weight; Sara Wheeler, Postpar-

tum Depression; Angie Tomlin, Ph.D., Infant mental Health—A Mini Mentorship; Priscilla Tait, Supporting Mothers, Infants and Toddlers in Abusive Environments; Stephen Viehweg, Partnering with Families: Keys to Success; Dee Love, Effect of Violence on Children and Linda Edington, Domestic Violence: Intervention and Prevention.

The registration fee for the two day conference is only \$30.00, due to financial support from UTS-Programmatic Training, Healthy Families and Child Care Development Funds. The conference is being held at the Indiana Government Center in Indianapolis. **Participants are encouraged to register early for first choice workshop selections.**

Registration for The Institute is only available on-line at: www.theinstituteforfamilies.org



Special dinner event at the Children's Museum Monday, September 13 at 6 PM

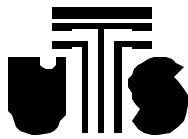
The sponsors and committee for Building Strong Families are proud to offer an evening of entertainment at The Children's Museum of Indianapolis. Special guest speaker, Judge Glenda Hatchett, will speak about her experience with counseling families in her Juvenile court. Attendees will receive a private tour of the newest museum exhibit, DinoSphere, an experiential journey into the world of the dinosaurs! Dinner will also be provided. There is an additional charge of \$25.00 for this event.

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UTS Programmatic Training Welcomes Mindy Dunn, Training Coordinator

UTS Programmatic Training is pleased to announce that Mindy Dunn has been named Training Coordinator effective August 2, 2004. Mindy joins Renee Nigh, Training Assistant and Ann Ruhmkorff, Training Consultant. Mindy has worked in First Steps for over ten years, and during this time she has worn several different hats. She has been an on-going Service Coordinator working with families in Hancock and Shelby County. She has served on the LPCC, Peer Review Teams, and participated in many community activities. She has also been a UTS Associate Trainer for about four years. This past year she has been the SPOE Supervisor/Intake Coordinator for the Clarian SPOE which includes Methodist, Riley and University Hospitals.

Mindy resides in Greenfield, Indiana with her husband Jim and two children Caleb and Courtney. Mindy is excited about her new endeavors in First Steps and looks forward in working with all of you. She can be reached at mdunn@cibaby.org or 317-472-5602 Toll Free (877)-434-6085.

Service Coordinator—Regional Points of Contact (SC-RPCs) Now Available to Support New and Enrolled Service Coordinators

SC-RPCs are experienced and credentialed Service/Intake Coordinators contracted to provide support to enrolled Service Coordinators and supervised mentoring for newly enrolled and Associate Service Coordinators. A Toll free SC Helpline has been established at (877) 698-3737. The SC-RPCs also will assist with planning Service/Intake Coordinator trainings and assist with UTS Programmatic Training curriculum revisions for Orientation, Service Coordination Level I and II. A brochure explaining their role can be downloaded from the First Steps web site at: www.state.in.us/fssa/first_step/