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TO: Early Intervention Program Directors
FROM: Jean Nigro, Director, EI Training Center
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RE: EITC Updates

As you all are aware the process for Certification of Early Intervention Specialists has been revised and as of July 1, 2012, the Department of Public Health is accepting applications for certification in the CEIS 2012 format. In order to meet the training needs of providers compiling their CEIS portfolios, the Early Intervention Training Center has revised its orientation offerings.

The orientation will consist of a series of online prerequisites followed by the face to face Building A Community (BAC). The online modules will provide an overview of the foundations of early intervention theory and practice. The subsequent face to face sessions will offer an opportunity for participants to apply the knowledge gained through the online training. The focus of the face to face sessions will be for participants to share ideas with facilitators and other participants and actively practice using and applying their knowledge via video observation, role play, case study and small and large group discussion.

Participants will complete training in the following sequence:

1. Complete four online modules:

"History of Massachusetts Early Intervention" (HMEI) Part I
"Principles and Practices of Early Intervention: Child Development"
"Home Visiting for Early Intervention Specialists" **coming in September 2012**
"Battelle Developmental Inventory Overview Webinar" **coming in September 2012**

2. Attend Building A Community Part I

3. Complete second series of online modules:

“History of Massachusetts EI Part II” (HMEI) Part II: *coming in November 2012*

"Supporting Infant & Early Childhood Social -Emotional Well-being: Introduction to Theory & Practice”

“Connecting the Dots: Early Childhood Transition”

“How to Complete a CEIS Portfolio in Three Years ”

4. Attend Building A Community Part II

The Early Intervention Training Calendar is posted on the Early Intervention Training Center web site and registration is open for fall offerings. Please log onto www.eitrainingcenter.org. to register. Five of the eight required online modules are currently available at the E I Training Center web site. The remaining three modules will be available later this fall.

After successful completion of these four components of orientation participants will be awarded 12 of the 16 required competencies for Entry I of the CEIS 2012 Portfolio .

Policy Reminder:

As noted in Section V. Services Providers and Roles of the MDPH Early Intervention Operational Standards, “all staff new to the field of early intervention in Massachusetts, who work 20 hours or more per week in a Massachusetts EI program, are required to attend and participate in a two-day orientation training offered by the MDPH’s Early Intervention Training Center”. It is recommended that Building A Community Parts I and II (BAC) be completed during the first year of employment.

Reminder:

Each workshop participant successfully completing an EI Training Center offering receives a certificate of Completion. *It is the responsibility of the individual to keep certificates on file* as they may be requested during the individual’s certification process. Individuals are advised to keep certificates in a place where they are safe and may be accessed as needed.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the content of this email, or recommendations or ideas for additional training opportunities for the EI system please feel free to contact Jean Nigro at jean.nigro@state.ma.us