

CFC SC Trainer Forum Bulletin - February 2019

NATIONAL SC INITIATIVES

- National SC CoP within the Division for Early Childhood (DEC) has a new page on the DEC website: <https://www.dec-sped.org/servicecoordinationcop>
 - Visit this page to get signed up for the SC CoP
 - Share it with SCs in your office who might be interested in joining the community
 - Note that you do not need to be a DEC member to join the national SC CoP
 - Stay tuned for a launch meeting in March and a survey to collect information from members
- National SC Webinars - Archived webinars and associated resources can be found on the [EITP website](#)

COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE PARTICIPANT EVALUATIONS – COMING SOON!

The CFC SC Trainer Forum and the IL SC CoP have been established for more than a year and it is time for us to gather some data on what participants of these communities value. Information gathered from this evaluation will help us understand:

1. Impact these communities have had on its members.
2. Strategies and/or modifications to support the communities as they continue to evolve.

The evaluation will be distributed shortly after our next CFC SC Trainer Forum meeting so please be on the lookout for the email which will be sent by EITP through SurveyMonkey. We encourage all members to respond regardless of how long you have been a member or how frequently you participate in our meetings and activities.

SAVE THE DATES FOR 2019 CFC CONFERENCES

Conferences will be held:

- Wednesday, May 1, 2019 at Moraine Valley Community College in Palos Hills, IL
- Friday, May 10, 2019 at Keller Convention Center in Effingham, IL

IL SC STAKEHOLDER GROUP – SURVEY/NEEDS ASSESSMENT

This Group includes service coordinators and program managers from across that state as well as EITP staff and IDHS representatives working to empower, prepare and support service coordinators in Illinois. This group will distribute a survey in the spring to ALL service coordinators and those who support them within the IL SC Model (e.g. Program Managers, Parent Liaisons, Social Emotional Consultants (SECs), Local Interagency Council (LIC) Coordinators, and Pediatric Technical Assistant (TA) providers). The survey will help us understand:

1. The various ways that individuals at the CFC are motivated and able to grow as professionals (including the things service coordinators may seek for recognition, satisfaction and leadership development);
2. The knowledge and skills service coordinators need to have to be effective and efficient in their role; and
3. Needs identified by service coordinators as it relates to their existing knowledge and skills.

When the survey is distributed we will ask for your help in ensuring we get responses from as many service coordinators across the state as we possibly can. Stay tuned for more information and ways you can support us with a high response rate!

NATIONAL SC LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE UPDATES

- This group continues to work on national action plans around service coordination knowledge and skills and the identity of service coordinators as professionals in our field.
- Sarah Nichols, EITP Professional Development Specialist, has been invited by the Early Childhood Personnel Center (ECPC) and Division for Early Childhood (DEC) to represent service coordination as a profession at national cross disciplinary competency meetings which include representatives from other professional associations including American Occupational Therapy Association(AOTA), American Physical Therapy Association (APTA), American Speech-Language- Hearing Association (ASHA), Infant Mental Health, Zero to Three and the OSEP (Office of Special Education Programs).

CFC SC TRAINER FORUM WORKSPACE - [HTTP://CFCSCTRAINERFORUM.PBWORKS.COM](http://CFCSCTRAINERFORUM.PBWORKS.COM)

- Please be sure to add your information to the [contact list](#) page if you have not yet done so. Just login, click “edit” add your info in the table provided and click save when finished. *Note that if there are no more lines in the table just go to the last row and click enter to add a new row.*
- Please be sure to post/share resources as they pertain to [topics of interest](#) on the workspace. If you need assistance navigating the workspace and/or adding information to it please email Sarah Nichols at snichols@illinoiseittraining.org.

ILLINOIS SERVICE COORDINATION CORNER – SEEKING WRITERS!

Each quarter EITP includes an IL SC Corner in the newsletter. We would love to partner with someone in the field to help us write these short articles that apply to service coordination and those who prepare them. If you are interested in writing one or more articles for our upcoming newsletters please email Sarah Nichols at snichols@illinoiseittraining.org.

RESOURCES YOU CAN USE!

- **Illinois Service Coordination Systems of Support** - Gain a better understanding of all the system of support that are in place for service coordinators by visiting this link: <https://blogs.illinois.edu/view/6039/114592#ILSCSupport>
- **Taking Care of You** - Are you stressed out? Have service coordinators that are stressed and looking for self-care strategies? Visit this link on the EITP SC Resource Page: <https://blogs.illinois.edu/view/6039/114592#ILSCSupport>
- **Communication Tools** - Do you have service coordinators looking for strategies to effectively communicate and track their documentation with all the people they communicate with on a daily basis? Visit this link to see if any of these tools help: https://blogs.illinois.edu/view/6039/114592#a_toc5