

WY Early Intervention

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SEAS Training Across the State—Part 2

Trainings across the state for implementation of the new web-based data collecting system went well with all 14 regions participating. Day one of the training focused on the administrative capabilities such as: staff management, forms packets, assignment of teachers, and other duties. Day two involved the majority of attendees as the user training.

graphics, eligibility determination with related documentation, the most current IEP/IFSP, and any other supporting documents. Each child is assigned a unique state identification number to comply with HIPAA. The ultimate goal of the new program is to be able to access the child's information through a secure web-based system protected by several



Participants learned how to manage the email portion of the program, enter students into the demographics page as well as accessing the various forms for completion of an IEP or IFSP.

Each child's initial information to be entered includes: demo-

redundant storage facilities to prevent data loss as well as provide the most comprehensive picture possible when meeting the child's needs.

Travel time for monitoring of state-wide programs will be reduced because many of the on-site tasks will now be able to be done in house before going to the site.

Providers can also access the system anywhere internet is available and through a secure connection.

Trainings will continue to be held through web-based modalities for regions needing additional assistance in getting employees up to speed on using the SEAS system.

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Preschool Success

Whether your child is starting preschool for the first time or returning for another year it's definitely a stressful time of the year. Many kids and parents hate to go through the "separation anxiety" that almost always happens to kids the first day of preschool. There is the full range of emotion from laughing to full blown tantrums. Here are some hints to hopefully help:

1. When meeting with the preschool personnel, ask questions about placement and services.
2. Ask to meet with the early childhood special education teacher to talk about curriculum, physical arrangement of the classroom, the work they're doing, and how your child will react.
3. Meet with other parents who have gone through it.
4. Arrange a field trip to the preschool room to introduce it before the first day of school.
5. Meet the teacher often especially the first few months to discuss progress, concerns, etc.
6. Help your child to have fun in preschool!



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Early Intervention Council: Who, What, When and Why

The purpose of the Early Intervention Council is to assist and advise the Developmental Disabilities Division's Early Intervention Program in implementing a statewide service delivery system for children aged birth through five who are identified as having developmental delays and/or disabilities and their families.

The council is made up of various representatives of state agencies, non-profit groups, the university, and a large portion of parents with

a child having a developmental disability. The governor appoints each voting member of the council to serve a three year term. The current chairperson is Dr. Laura Lee Westlake from the University of Wyoming. The council meets approximately 4 times year. 2011 dates are as follows:

January 13, 2011 in Cheyenne

April 14, 2011 in Rock Springs

July 14, 2011 in Kemmerer or Sheridan

October 13, 2011 in Newcastle.

Please call 307-777-7115 for more information

The Early Intervention Council's mission is to provide direction and support to insure exemplary coordinated community based early intervention services for children ages birth through five who are identified as having developmental delays and/or disabilities and their families

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HELPFUL LINKS

Transitioning: <http://facts.crc.uiuc.edu/facts4/facts4.html>

OR <http://www.nectac.org/topics/transtoK/transtoK.asp>

Early Learning Initiative: <http://www.ed.gov/early-learning>

Social Emotional Foundations: <http://www.vanderbilt.edu/csefel/resources/videos.html>

New Autism Store in Denver, CO: <http://www.autismcommunitystore.com/>

Resources for Parents on the Web

The Parent Information Center is a "statewide parent center for families of children with disabilities. PIC provides information, support, and referrals to families on their rights and responsibilities under the special education law (IDEA)." PIC also provides some parent trainings, assistance at IEP/IFSP meetings, representation at various councils, and other networking opportunities. For help with your child who has or might have a disability this organization would be a valuable resource to take advantage of. The above information was taken from their

website: <http://wpic.org/> Please visit it today.

The Parent Education Network is the Wyoming State Parent Infor-



mation Resource Center mandated by NCLB and funded by the US Dept. of Education. Like PIC, this organization also offers

training and assistance to schools and families to boost learning and parental engagement. They are also involved with other organizations around the state such as the Wyoming Afterschool Alliance and Parents Helping Parents. They emphasize strong family-school partnerships.

Please visit their website for more information, to sign up for an e-newsletter, see other valuable links, contact them and many other topics:

<http://www.wpen.net/>

Please send any suggestions for content you would like to see such as: websites, TA help, Q&A topics, etc.

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The Early Intervention and Education Program at the Developmental Disabilities Division provides assistance and oversight to the regional child development centers that serve young children, from birth through 5 years of age, with disabilities and their families across Wyoming.

We're on the web!

<http://health.wyo.gov/ddd/earlychildhood/index.html>



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