

# Head Start Disabilities Services Newsletter

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### Featured Resources

#### **New Resources from the Head Start Center for Inclusion:**

##### **New Head Start Videos**

The Head Start Center for Inclusion has added to its collection of short video clips illustrating quality practices, including videos on discrete trial training and reenactments of IEP meetings.

##### **Challenging Behavior Tips for Families**

Download and print these tip sheets for dealing with challenging behavior. Parents may hang them on their refrigerator, keep them in folders, or put on them on their kitchen counter for quick reference.

### Hot Topics

##### **New CONNECT Module on Assistive Technology Interventions Now Available**

The National Professional Development Center on Inclusion (NPDCI) developed this module to assist parents and professionals in understanding how to use assistive technology to help young children with disabilities, and to help increase participation in everyday activities.

##### **Early Educator Competencies: New NPDCI Concept Paper**

The National Professional Development Center on Inclusion (NPDCI) has released a concept paper identifying issues and providing guidance to states as they develop early educator competencies in the context of inclusion. Key issues include ensuring competencies reflect emerging research on effective practices for working in inclusive settings with children with and without disabilities, as well as linking early educator competencies with quality professional development opportunities, accountability systems, and other components of a comprehensive early childhood system.

### Special Event

#### **Office of Head Start 1st National Birth to Five Leadership Institute**

Join staff leaders and parent leaders at the Office of Head Start 1st National Birth to Five Leadership Institute, October 3-5, 2011, in Washington, DC! The Institute will focus on leaders and what they need to know to make decisions to promote family engagement and child outcomes and to ensure continuous quality improvement. With an emphasis on data driven decision making (and an accompanying handbook), session topics will fall into one of these six strands: 1) Data Management Systems; 2) Leadership Enhancement and Development; 3) Foundations; 4) Continuous Program Improvement; 5) Family Engagement; 6) Teaching/Learning and Child Development. Register now at <http://www.headstartresourcecenter.org>.

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