

# Head Start Disabilities Services Newsletter

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### New Resources

#### IEP Basics

If you or others on your team are new to the process of developing an Individualized Education Plan (IEP), the Head Start Center for Inclusion has the information you need:

- A short video with a PowerPoint presentation walks you through the ABCs of an IEP.
- A series of short video clips highlight the various steps of an IEP meeting, including how to generate goals.
- A checklist of questions reminds supervisors of what they need to do.
- *Tips for Teachers* answers important questions that teachers may have about the IEP process.
- A parent's guide shows parents how to be involved in developing their child's IEP.

#### **Early Childhood Inclusion Position Statement**

The Early Childhood Community has issued a new [position statement](#) on Early Childhood Inclusion from the Division for Early Childhood and the National Association for the Education of Young Children. This is a very important step in the early childhood arena. All early childhood providers who work on behalf of children and families with disabilities will benefit from having this important resource as a foundation for their work.

### Hot Topics

#### **Talking to Parents about Autism**

As an early education advocate, you're in an ideal position to notice if a child's development is delayed. Get the tools you need to talk to parents about developmental screenings by ordering your FREE *Talking to Parents About Autism Action* kit from Autism Speaks. Each kit contains a teacher training DVD, early childhood milestone maps and a letter to educators in both English and Spanish. [Order today!](#)

#### **Broadcast Calls**

The topic of September's call was "Brothers and Sisters of Children with Special Needs: Unusual Concerns, Unusual Opportunities," presented by Don Meyer, director of the Sibling Support Project. The following resources are available from his presentation:

- a presentation description and outline;
- an audio file of the presentation; and
- an article entitled "What Siblings Would Like Parents and Service Providers to Know."

You may download these resources from the [Head Start Center for Inclusion](#).

### We Want to Hear from You

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