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Subject: Meeting WV Birth to Three Annual Enrollment Requirements During COVID-19

Importance: High

Dear WV Birth to Three Practitioners,

WV Birth to Three is aware that many of our practitioners attend Celebrating Connections to obtain contact hours for annual WV Birth to Three or licensure requirements. With the cancelling of Celebrating Connections this year, there are questions about where to go to find quality professional development on-line.

For our licensed practitioners, please reach out to your licensing board to verify which on-line professional development options are accepted within the state of West Virginia. There are many CEU offerings on-line but not all will be accepted by your licensing board. Please note: WV Birth to Three follows the American Psychological Association guidance for contact hours- meaning you will get credit based on the time in training (for example, one hour of training equals one contact hour of professional development).

WV Birth to Three has a variety of sessions offered via webinar and through self-paced on-demand courses. Many of these sessions have been updated and revised in the past year to stay current with emerging research and evidence-based practices. Please copy and paste the Professional Development and Training URL into your internet browser to view the monthly training calendars and on-demand offerings:

<http://www.wvdhhr.org/birth23/training.asp>

You must be on WV STARS Registry or Career Ladder to access WV Birth to Three sessions. You will find helpful information on how to join WV STARS by copying and pasting this link into your internet browser:

http://www.wvdhhr.org/birth23/training/WV_STARS_Review_102019.pdf

Please note: WV Birth to Three practitioners already enrolled to provide services may not get credit for attending Orientation to WV Birth to Three as you are already enrolled in the system.

The West Virginia Infant/Toddler Mental Health Association will be hosting their spring Lunch and Learn series in May on supporting infant and toddlers and their families who have been impacted by substance misuse disorders. You do not have to be a participant of the WV STARS registry to take advantage of these sessions. These sessions fill up fast so if interested you will want to register now. Please copy and paste this URL into your internet browser to learn more:

http://www.wvdhhr.org/birth23/training/IMH_Week_Webinar_Schedule_May2020.pdf

Individuals who will need an extension to meet annual enrollment requirements, may request an extension by contacting Mel Woodcock at Regina.K.Woodcock@wv.gov. The email must be specific in why the request is being made for example, I am unable to meet my annual enrollment requirements due to the cancelling of Celebrating Connections. Extensions provide an additional 90 days to meet

enrollment requirements. Your annual enrollment date for the next year will remain the same. If you are due for annual enrollment on 4/1/2020, you will still be due for annual enrollment on 4/1/2021.

Thank you for your continued dedication to providing high quality services and supports to West Virginia families. Please be safe and email me with any individual questions.

Sincerely,

Mel Woodcock

CSPD Coordinator