

WV Birth to Three Communications to the Field

Subject: Newly Posted TA Bulletins

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The following message is being sent for Mel Woodcock to let everyone know that new TA Bulletins have been posted to the WV Birth to Three website. You can find the TA Bulletins under the Practitioner Information tab - Policies and Procedures - TA Bulletins.

Following is a synopsis of the information.

1. TA Bulletin - Annual Credential Requirements and Clarification of Contact Hour Requirements for Maintaining Enrollment as WVBTT Practitioner 080107

This TA Bulletin provides information on the annual credential requirements for WV Birth to Three practitioners, description of accepted contact hours for annual enrollment, as well as the process for documentation of professional development hours. WV Birth to Three Core Competencies still will be found in the WV Birth to Three Personnel Guide. Please note the bulletin encourages folks to attend P of P within the first three months of starting practice. The revised enrollment checklist on the web site corresponds to this TA Bulletin.

2. TA Bulletin - Annual Credential Requirements and Clarification of Contact Hour Requirements for Maintaining Enrollment as WVBTT Service Coordinator 080107

This TA Bulletin provides information on the annual credential requirements for Birth to Three Service Coordinators, description of accepted contact hours for annual enrollment as well as the process for documentation of professional development hours. Option A is no longer valid for annual enrollment updates for Service Coordinators. Again, WV Birth to Three Core Competencies can be found in the WV Birth to Three Personnel Guide. Please note the bulletin encourages folks to attend Overview of Documentation within the first three months of starting practice. The revised enrollment checklist on the web site corresponds to this TA Bulletin.

3. TA Bulletin - Clarification of the Provision of Services in Community Settings 080107

This TA Bulletin provides clarification of the provision of services within the natural environment and when Birth to Three considers the location of a service to be a home or community setting vs a service provider location. Essentially if a family has to travel to another town, county or other region of the state to access a service, even if the service is at a library, park or other community setting - that will be considered a service provider location.

4. TA Bulletin - Procedures for Use of Substitute Practitioners and Service Coordinators 072007

This TA Bulletin clarifies the process and expands to six weeks the use of substitute practitioners. A substitute must be from the same discipline, must provide services as per the

IFSP and is working under the authorization of the confirmed practitioner. The bulletin also clarifies the process for documentation when a family declines services during the time a practitioner is on leave.

If you have any questions regarding the TA Bulletins, please contact your State Regional Technical Assistance Specialist.

Have a great day!

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