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Welcome to Fall!

CIBC began accepting new technical assistance requests in September and we look forward to working with you and your programs as the school year commences. As you consider making referrals, remember that CIBC serves both preschool and infant-toddler programs. For those of you who may be new to CIBC, the California Inclusion and Behavior Consultation (CIBC) Network is a project of the California Department of Education, Early Education and Support Division, coordinated by the WestEd Center for Prevention & Early Intervention. The CIBC Network offers on-site consultation and technical assistance to early care and education providers seeking to support the learning and development of children ages birth to 5 with disabilities and other special needs and those with challenging behaviors in early care and education settings.

In response to a technical assistance request, a local Inclusion and Behavior Consultant will:

- Develop relationships with staff to learn about their needs
- Observe the classroom/site to develop an understanding of classroom practices
- Facilitate the development of an action plan with the staff and strategize how to help the teaching staff meet their goals using reflective conversations and collaborative problem solving
- Provide information and guidance to maximize the use of community resources

To make a technical assistance request, go to www.cibc-ca.org and click on the tab, "Request TA". Then scroll down and click the link for the Technical Assistance Request Form. Complete the form and click "Send". A CIBC staff member will then contact you to gather more information and make a

CIBC Highlights from 2015-2016

We'd like to share some of the data gathered from our CIBC work from last year:

- In 2015-16, CIBC received 156 requests for technical assistance. Of the 156 requests, 133 resulted in program consultations for a total of 347 site visits made.
- Onsite consultation reached nearly 550 early care and education staff and more than 3,000 children were impacted by onsite consultation.
- More than 99% of the staff reported that their consultant was knowledgeable, provided helpful resources, and made relevant referrals when needed.
- More than 95% of staff indicated they have more skills, ability, and knowledge in working with children with challenging behavior and special needs after receiving CIBC consultation services.

New CDSS Website

The Community Care Licensing Division of the California Department of Social Services has created a new website dedicated to both licensed child care providers and families with young children. The site is a tremendous resource addressing some of the most-asked questions about licensing regulations and procedures. Brief videos give concise answers and helpful illustrations about questions such as, "What is the difference between licensed child care and license-exempt care?" and "What are children's personal rights in child care?" Be sure to view the website at cclcd.childcarevideos.org and share this resource with others.

What's New FOR Infants, Toddlers, and You?

A new Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation (OPRE) report sheds light on the importance of relationship-based care for children birth to three. "Including Relationship-Based Care Practices in Infant-Toddler Care: Implications for Policy and Practice" (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, May 2016) focuses on two aspects of group care: primary caregiving and continuity of care. Take some time to read the report and deepen your understanding of these key factors in the provision of quality infant-toddler care.

Please send stories, comments, and suggestions to share in upcoming issues to cibc@wested.org.

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