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Welcome to Fall 2017

CIBC is accepting requests for technical assistance from early care and education programs seeking to support the learning and development of children ages birth to 5 with disabilities, challenging behavior, and other special needs. Read below for information about the expansion of CIBC services in local communities.



CIBC Video is Live!

CIBC has developed an animated video that explains the purpose of this service and the process for making a technical assistance request. You will find it on the home page of the CIBC website: cibc-ca.org. Please watch this brief, informative video and share it with others!

New! CIBC Service Expansion

Last program year, CIBC began a concerted effort to reach out to programs serving infants and toddlers. This year, CIBC technical assistance consultation will be made available not only to CDE-funded programs, but also to programs participating in local Quality Counts initiatives (formerly CA-QRIS). Center-based programs that do not receive CDE funding, but are taking part in Quality Counts, may submit requests for technical assistance at www.cibc-ca.org. We look forward to serving a broader range of programs in communities across California.

If you are new to the request process, follow these easy steps:

1. Go to www.cibc-ca.org and click on the tab, "Request for Assistance: Center-Based."
2. Scroll down and click the link for the Technical Assistance Request Form.

3. Complete the form and click "Send"
4. A CIBC staff member will contact you by phone to gather more information and match your program with a consultant in your area.

Helpful Resources

In each newsletter we bring you a sampling of current resources that address the topics of inclusion, special needs, challenging behavior, and infant-family early childhood mental health.

Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Policy Papers

(<https://www.zerotothree.org/resources/series/infant-and-early-childhood-mental-health-iecmh-policy-series>)

Zero to Three has developed and released a new Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health (IECMH) Policy Series. This comprehensive series of briefing papers on IECMH includes:

- The Basics of Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health
- Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation
- DC:0-5 TM: Diagnostic Classification of Mental Health and Developmental Disorders of Infancy and Early Childhood
- Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Competencies (Coming Soon)

Planting Seeds in Fertile Ground: Actions Every Policymaker Should Take to Advance Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health

(<https://www.zerotothree.org/resources/1221-planting-seeds-in-fertile-ground-steps-every-policymaker-should-take-to-advance-infant-and-early-childhood-mental-health>)

Zero to Three also developed a summary report of recommendations to enhance assessment, diagnosis, and treatment of infant and early childhood mental health (IECMH) disorders. This report provides helpful background information on the prevalence and early manifestation of IECMH disorders as well as recommendations for state action plans focused on IECMH.

Leveraging Funds to Support Inclusion

(<https://elc.grads360.org/services/PDCService.svc/GetPDCDocumentFile?fileId=%2027410>)

This resource from Early Learning Challenge Technical Assistance (ELC TA) explains how six ELC states (Georgia, Kentucky, Michigan, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Vermont) used ELC dollars and other state funds to promote inclusion and further increase the quality of early learning for children with special needs.

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

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