Institutes for early care providers who serve infants and toddlers!

April 5 Williamsburg
April 26 McLean
May 3 Roanoke
May 17 Richmond

These valuable professional development institutes will increase knowledge and skills to help infant and toddler caregivers/teachers and directors provide positive, inclusive environments where all babies and tots have opportunities to learn, grow, and reach their full potential.

FOR More information or to register on-line please visit www.va-itsnetwork.org
Institute Objectives

- Increase knowledge and understanding of how to support and advocate for infants and toddlers with disabilities in early care programs
- Learn more about early intervention, inclusion, resources, and successful adaptations to classroom environments
- Challenge thinking about research findings and the impact of early child care experiences on brain development
- Gain information on developmental screening and strategies for using the ASQ-3 screening tool in child care centers and family child care homes
- Promote networking, collaboration, and resource sharing among institute participants
## Institute Dates and Locations

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<td>301 Monticello Road, Williamsburg, VA 23185</td>
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## Institute Agenda

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OPENING SESSION
David Hamrick is a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in the Washington, D.C. area where he works making short-term weather forecasts for the continental United States. A young man with high-functioning autism, Mr. Hamrick is a frequent presenter at conferences throughout Virginia and the nation where he speaks on autism and how autism has personally influenced his life. In his presentation, Weathering Autism through Childhood and Beyond, Mr. Hamrick will share his personal experiences from the perspective of an individual with autism beginning with his initial diagnosis and continuing through early adulthood. Participants will gain new insights on the importance of early intervention, speech and occupational therapy, sensory integration, and other services and supports that make a positive difference for individuals with developmental disabilities and special needs.

KEYNOTE SESSION
Pamala Booker, with the Partnership for People with Disabilities located at Virginia Commonwealth University, currently works as an infant and toddler specialist for the Virginia Infant & Toddler Specialist Network in the Central region of the state. Ms. Booker has enjoyed more than 23 years of providing direct services to young children and their families as well as providing training and technical assistance to early childhood professionals working in early intervention programs, Head Start, and preschool programs across the country. She has worked as a Senior Program Associate with the Early Head Start National Resource Center at ZERO TO THREE in Washington, D.C. and has extensive experience working with infants and toddlers in natural and inclusive environments. Her keynote session, With Arms Wide Open, Supporting Infants and Toddlers with Special Needs in Group Care Settings, will focus on caregivers’ essential role to provide inclusive environments for infants and toddlers in childcare settings. Her dynamic presentation will also illustrate the wonderful opportunities caregivers have to positively shape children’s attitudes and behavior toward individuals with disabilities.
Institute Sessions

PANEL
This interactive panel presentation will include a parent of a child with special needs, a child care provider, an infant and toddler specialist, and a Part C provider who will share perspectives on their individual roles and collaborative work together to help young children reach their full potential.

WORKSHOP SESSIONS
Workshop session presenters include highly qualified infant and toddler specialists who provide professional development to early care providers as part of the VA Infant & Toddler Specialist Network.

Inclusion Fusion
Everyone can benefit from the joys of working with infants and toddlers with special needs! From the typically developing child, to the caregiver, the family, and the community, Inclusion Fusion highlights numerous ways to reach the full potential of all children. This interactive workshop offers activities to learn more about inclusion, successful adaptations to child care environments, and easy ways to better understand the laws that guide our education and care of infants and toddlers with disabilities. Ideas and strategies for handling confidential information and what to do when concerns arise will be discussed. Resources and important information on supporting individual needs for group success will be shared.

Giving Children Their Best Chance
Infants and toddlers bring a blend of genetics, temperament, fast-paced developmental growth and unique needs to child care settings. Early care providers can be challenged to understand these needs while also recognizing that infants and toddlers must be active participants in their own development. Activities and discussion will be used to help caregivers explore the important role they play to ensure that infants and toddlers are receiving their best chance in the care of adults who understand their uniqueness and plan for each individual child’s needs.
The VA Infant & Toddler Specialist Network strives to achieve excellence in early care by increasing the educational level and skills of those who care for infants and toddlers, whether in family homes or in centers.

Fifteen highly qualified infant and toddler specialists work in eight regional offices across the state. The specialists provide three levels of service designed to strengthen the capacity of early care and education programs to deliver high quality services:

**Level 1:** On-site consultation services including mentoring and support using quality improvement plans

**Level 2:** Training and technical assistance (T/TA) to groups of caregivers/teachers and directors

**Level 3:** Resources and linkages to existing professional development opportunities

Programs receiving services from the VA ITSN have achieved measurable outcomes that indicate improved quality of care for infants and toddlers.

From July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013, VA ITSN infant and toddler specialists provided:

- **1,630** on-site events totaling **5,147** hours of intensive technical assistance and training for **2,993** participants
- **759** training events, totaling over **1,479** training hours to **6,960** infant and toddler caregivers/teachers and directors
- **460** other events including marketing, networking, follow up T/TA, and peer post assessments for **699** hours to **641** participants

In total, services included **2,849** events totaling **7,325** hours for **10,594** participants.
Institute Registration

Pre-registration is required. Space is limited, registration is on first-come, first-served basis.
Register on-line at www.va-itsnetwork.org or complete this form (one per person) and return with payment.
Mail to VA ITSN, P. O. Box 280, Norge, VA 23127
Fax to: 757-566-8710, attention: Debbie C.
For questions, contact Debbie C. at debbiec@cdr.org or (757)566-2875.

Registration fee: $20.00 if received by March 7.
$30.00 if received after March 7.

Name: _______________________________________________________

Street Address: ______________________________________________

City: _____________________ State: _______ Zip Code: ___________

Phone: (_____)____________ Email: ___________________________

Name of infant and toddler program where you work:
___________________________________________________________

This is a: □ Family child care home □ Child care center
□ Other __________________

Your role with infants and toddlers:
□ Director/Owner □ Teacher/Caregiver
□ Other_____________________

Institute you would like to attend (select one):
□ April 5 in Williamsburg □ April 26 in McLean
□ May 3 in Roanoke □ May 17 in Richmond

Lunch is included. Please indicate preference:
□ Standard box lunch □ Vegetarian lunch
□ Special dietary requirements:_________________________________

The registration fee is non-refundable. See registration fee above.
□ Enclosed is a check, made payable to CDR.
□ Please charge to the credit card number below:

Card Number:__________________________ Exp. Date:__________

Name on Card:________________________________________ Security Code:_______

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