

Early Childhood Considerations

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Agenda

- Silver Linings/Big Ideas for EC
- Health and Safety of Students and Staff
- Evaluations
- Service Delivery
- Resources

Mr. Rogers said:

"Some days, doing 'the best we can' may still fall short of what we would like to be able to do, but life isn't perfect - on any front - and doing what we can with what we have is the most we should expect of ourselves or anyone else." - Fred Rogers

Silver Linings and Big Ideas for Early Childhood

Silver Linings

- Additional contact with families
- PBIS at home-attention to S/E needs
- Consultation service delivery
- Collaboration
- Embedded Instruction (home routines)

Big Ideas

- Developmentally Appropriate Practices
- Technology
 - Balance of technology time
 - Need for adult facilitation
- Safety and Health: minimize # of different people, # of contacts and length of contacts
 - Time for health and safety practices
 - Social/Emotional Skills

Health and Safety of Students and Staff

- Flexibility
- Documentation
- Compliance
- Guidance for Early Childhood: [OELSR](#); [video from ODJFS, Virtual Meet-ups: August 3 and 6, 2020.](#)
- Look for new ratio guidance to come: State Board meets 8/10/2020

Evaluations

- Compliance:
 - Part C to B
 - [Transition to Kindergarten for Children with Developmental Delay](#)
- Remote/Virtual Evaluations:
 - Conducting Student Speech-Language Evaluations Via Telepractice
 - [Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center \(ECTA\)](#)
 - [Norm-Referenced Assessment Tools for Children Birth to Age Five Years with Potential for Remote Administration for Eligibility Determination](#)
 - [TPBA 2 Online Guidance Document and Planning Forms](#)

Covid-19 Resources

Positive Behavioral Intervention Supports (PBIS)

- Use PBIS expectations: be safe, be kind, be responsible in virtual settings and at home
- PBISapps.org: [Remote Learning and PBIS Roundup](#)
- PBIS.org: [Returning to School During and After Crisis](#)
 - [National Center for Pyramid Model Innovations \(NCPMI\)](#)

[VideoLearningSquad.com/conference](https://videolearningsquad.com/conference)

- Free Conference: Carol Wesby, Kathleen Whitmire, and more
- Session recorded and will be available August 15, 2020

[Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center \(ECTA\) website](#)

[DEC Resources](#)

- [Early Childhood Intervention Tele-Practice Infographics](#)

Service Delivery

- Coaching/Collaboration/Consultation:
 - Book/theme of the week-joint materials
- Outdoors: Provide services outside.
 - [Natural Start](#)
 - [Top FREE Nature-Based Learning Curriculums for Schools and Homeschools](#)
- Assist families in embedding activities into daily routines.
- Use handwashing (and other COVID maintenance) times (new songs/rhymes that include target sounds/vocabulary)
- Provide families a list of readily available materials for them to gather. Plan therapy around those materials. (See TPBA 2 for ideas)
- [Prop boxes/bags](#) for virtual therapy days

Resource list

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- Remote Service Delivery: [Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center \(ECTA\)](#)
- <https://naturalstart.org/resources/establishing-nature-based-preschool>
- <https://childhoodbynature.com/top-free-nature-based-learning-curriculums-for-schools-and-homeschools/>
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In Closing

Keep calm and carry on....

We'll all get through this together.

Keep adding to your “silver lining” list!