

ITC Quarterly Meeting

Date: Monday, October 27, 2025

Time: 10:30 AM - Noon

Participants: Cori Hill, Christine Spence, Lisa Terry, Lorelei Pisha, Adele Rohner, Christan Coogle, Kerry Litonjua, Lisa Santra, Patty Eitemiller, Rebecca Strickler, Robin Church, Virginia Chu, Morgan Colleton, Kim Spivey, Emily Amerson, Jessica Hale, Ana Brecht

Agenda

- **Welcome and Celebrations**
 - Adele: SC is expecting her first baby in the spring! Adele is very excited for this vicarious grandbaby
 - Virginia: Research study is going well and families are speaking highly of EI - fast to connect to services. Reach out to Virginia if you have families you'd like to connect. Kyla/ITCVA is very interested in workforce development. Survey link: <https://redcap.vcu.edu/surveys/?s=DY8YR9AKY9FAEXN9> and Virginia's email: vchu@vcu.edu
 - Kim: Richmond City was awarded a mini-grant through EHDI and CFI - hosted a fall event for children and families. Resource bags to send out to regional partners.
 - Emily: Easterseals hired a vision teacher! BusyBeats - baby news!
 - Cori: Learning Paths - Vision and Hearing: <https://veipd.vcu.edu/professional-development/learning-paths/>
 - Christine: Family-centeredness research survey is still open and seeking families for participants, especially Spanish-speaking families. \$20 incentive for survey and \$50 for follow-up interview (voluntary).
 - Robin: ARC convention held in Sept had a great turnout and lots of great feedback! Good presentations on sensory integration. Scholarships for many families with young children. New Path prepares baskets for LSMs to give to families to help families get started. The notebooks include words of encouragement and resources. Match families. Send resources to Robin to include.
 - VEIPD: Heartwired video show and share
- **"Recommitment" for next FY**
 - Recommitment for next fiscal year - 4th Monday each quarter
- **State and National Activities**
 - Part C Updates (Kyla unable to join; Cori gave update)
 - Part C is forward funded through 9/2026
 - Follow ITCA and Kyla's emails for updates
 - State/National Conferences and Presentations

- ASHA: November 20-22nd in DC
- [WAIMH](#) Congress accepting proposals through Dec 1st for Toronto next year
- [DEC](#):
 - [Presentations](#)
 - Networking
 - Team Building
 - Call for proposals for next year will come out in January - not a long turnaround time, so begin planning if you'd like to go to Omaha, Nebraska! (Omaha Zoo is a recommendation)
- VEIPD Center [2024-25 Scope of Work](#) Highlights
 - ITCVA & SSIP Collaboration
 - [HeartWired Video Series](#) (on our YouTube channel and ITCVA pages)
 - Nurturing Resilience: A Trauma-Informed Approach to Social-Emotional Development - Registration will launch in late fall. New Short Course will run Feb 12th-March 26th 11am-12:15pm (4 weeks)
 - [Meaningful Moments Podcast collaboration with Odyssey Podcast \(CFI\)](#) and new one coming soon on PMF and social emotional outcomes (middle-late Nov)
 - T4 Migration and Canvas
 - VEIPD launched a [new website](#) that is now on the T4 platform. The new website meets accessibility requirements through VCU.
 - Certification modules are now on Canvas.
 - [EI/Pre-Service Consortium](#) Update
 - Presentations:
 - Completed:
 - Virginia Occupational Therapy Association (VOTA) - Oct 18th
 - DEC - Oct 10th
 - Upcoming: American Speech Hearing Association (ASHA) [Conference](#) - Nov 20th Washington, DC; Additional presentations at National OTA and SHAV conference
 - Working with a PTfaculty member to help enter the PT conference loop.
 - Collaborative LSM/Consortium held Oct 20th:
 - Networking to support field placements, mentor potential employees
 - PD Development Activities and Resources:
 - Completed:

- Talks on Tuesdays:
 - September - [Sharing Our Worlds](#) - Lorelei facilitated on joint attention - archived and recorded
 - October - More Buzz about Gestalt Language Processing - Corey Cassidy, Christy Hill, Kathleen Wright (VT) - More concrete information on what Gestalt Language Processing is and strategies around it
- Kaleidoscope Fall 2025 two-day training & 1st CoP
 - First time splitting one day into two half-day trainings and added gamification interactive activities
 - Will be working on second round of revisions over next year
 - Cori and Lorelei facilitating the Communities of Practice - Transition, Coaching, and Family Engagement topics
- SC Chat (August): [From Isolation to Interconnection](#) Mutual support - moving from the idea of self-care and finding ways within programs to support each other
 - Participants asked for Part II, which will be offered in 2026
- Upcoming:
 - ElevatED EI - October 29th: _____
[PME](#)
 - Will be recorded
 - Focused on strategies and topics within Tier 2 of Pyramid Model Framework
 - Three mini sessions within workshop
 - Presenters are VA supervisors sharing tools and frameworks they developed that are working well within their programs
 - [VEIPD Voices Blog](#) launch - Oct 28
 - Launched a new blog
 - Please help us share and comment
 - We welcome blog writers. Reach out to Lorelei if interested. [Lorelei Pisha](#)
 - Talks on Tuesday - November 5th: [Trust, Connect, Thrive: Navigating and Repairing Relationship Rupture](#) (Lisa Terry and Heather Waters - Utah)
 - Growing Brain short course begins Nov 6th

- 33 registered
 - Will offer another round late spring
 - Kaleidoscope Nov and Dec CoPs
 - SC Chat (December) - Grief/Loss with Tracy Walters
 - Designed for SCs in Virginia, but other states are welcome to join
 - Tracy is a grief and loss doula
 - Ongoing topic SCs have requested is learning how to support families and themselves when experiencing grief
 - Registration coming soon
 - Check out our social media
 - [VEIPD Facebook](#)
 - [VA EI Professional Development • Instagram](#)
 - [Virginia Early Intervention Professional Development | LinkedIn](#)
 - [VEIPD Videos - YouTube](#)
- **Member Ideas and Input**
 - Bloggers! Podcasters!
 - Rebecca Strickler
 - Dr. Pham (Fairfax) - potential for blog or podcast, Ana B will connect
 - Jessica - seeing a need for SE training in general, skill mapping SE development, how to get from where the child is now to where the family wants them to get to, what are those steps.
 - Lisa T is working on a Quick Reference Guide (QRG) for SE outcomes. She will reach out to Jessica about this issue and think through how we can support
 - ITCVA is providing resources of SE
<https://itcva.online/pyramid-model-framework/>
 - Ana B suggested an [archived two-part ToT](#) (Naomi Grinney) which provides foundations of SE development
 - Kerry L suggests SPARC by Amy Tanner (free webinars; 6-18 mo), Early Start for Your Child with Autism, and Help is in Your Hands for children who need foundational social communication skills
 - Thoughts about how to get information out:
 - ITCVA has all SE in one place
 - Jessica brings up that it's a challenge to get specific resources to those who need them when they need them (ignore until they need it)
 - Patty reflects that email has become the new junk mail
 - Virginia recommends social media
 - Lisa S & Kerry L find padlet useful

- Patty shares that reaching providers who are less tech savvy is something we need to consider
 - Adele and others share that there are so many great resources and it can be overwhelming
- **Resource Share**
 - Social Media Campaigns - Help us share posts on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [LinkedIn](#).
 - [Standing United Against Suspension and Expulsion Information Package](#)

Next Meeting Date: January 26, 2026 (4th Monday each quarter)

