

COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

DEBRA FERGUSON, Ph.D. COMMISSIONER DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES Post Office Box 1797 Richmond, Virginia 23218-1797

October 27, 2014

Telephone (804) 786-3921 Fax (804) 371-6638 www.dbhds.virginia.gov

Dear Community Partner:

The Infant & Toddler Connection of Virginia is pleased to announce the availability of a new video, *What Is Early Intervention in Virginia*? The video presents the point of view of families and professionals on the unique aspects of Early Intervention (Part C of IDEA), what to expect in early intervention, and why it works for Virginia's infants, toddlers, and their families.

The video is just under nine minutes long and can be viewed at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y-M\_P6HrZdA. This new video can be helpful to you and the children and families you serve in a number of ways:

- Use information from the video when you and other staff in your practice/agency are explaining early intervention to families;
- Share this video with families you are referring to Early Intervention services.
- Run the video on a waiting room television/monitor.
- Use it with other professional and community groups to inform them about Early Intervention.

The video can be shared from YouTube or embedded on a webpage using the YouTube embed code. The share link and embed code can be found by clicking the "Share" option below the video on YouTube. If you have the appropriate software, you may also be able to download the video from YouTube as well.

By using and sharing this new video, you are helping to ensure that all families with infants and toddlers who may be eligible for early intervention services are aware of the services available and how to access those services.

Sincerely,

atheria & Hancoek

Catherine Hancock, Early Intervention Administrator