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**EI SIG members at work:**

EI SIG members are working on several resources and presentations. Some of the projects include:

“The Role of Related Service Providers in Child Outcomes Measurements” Toby Long participated in an outcomes panel with representatives from AOTA, ASHA, and OSEP June 2009, Bethesda. In Sept 2009, the panel participated in a follow up webinar. These should be posted soon on the NECTAC webinar web site. [http://www.nectac.org/webinars.asp](http://www.nectac.org/webinars.asp)

Elisa Kennedy representing the Pediatric Section participated in a NECTAC panel discussion with members from AOTA and ASHA regarding personnel shortages in Early Intervention in Dec 2008 and at the upcoming conference in Dec 2009.

Lynn Jeffries wrote the chapter on IFSP development and co-authored a chapter on Natural Environments in *Providing Physical Therapy Service Under Parts B and C of IDEA*, (2009) edited by Irene McEwen (available on the Section website)

The EI SIG has a discussion board. To subscribe go to: PT_EISIG-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

SIG members are spearheading the development of a fact sheet titled *Service Delivery Models in Pediatric Practice*.

**Section on Pediatrics Annual Conference (SOPAC)**

Check on programming at the Section’s first annual conference, Jan 10-12, 2010 Walt Disney World, Orlando, FL. There are numerous sessions relevant to the EI SIG member. Note there are two roundtable discussions led by the EI SIG. These sessions will provide members the chance to network and brainstorm about current issues.

**Valuable Online Resources**

eNotes, an electronic newsletter, shares news items related to early intervention and early childhood special education gathered from a variety of reliable sources. It is mailed weekly to subscribers of our discussion groups. [http://www.nectac.org/enotes/enotes.asp](http://www.nectac.org/enotes/enotes.asp)


Check out resources in your state for parents of babies who have difficulty with sleeping, feeding, fussing and excessive crying at fussybaby@erikson.edu. The project was developed by U of Chicago developmental pediatricians and the Erikson Institute to support families with premature infants

New in the Literature:


Articles of Interest


Volunteering

Are you interested in volunteering for projects? Please contact Elisa Kennedy at ekenney@usouthal.edu for a list of workgroups requiring assistance. You may also contact your EI SIG representatives for opportunities to volunteer, voice concerns, share information and plan educational programming regarding physical therapy in early intervention. EI SIG representatives and contact information are listed on the EI SIG home page.

Request for information

Pat Edwards is the editor of the EI SIG Newsblast. Please contact her with information you think other therapists would find helpful at PEdwards@childrensmemorial.org.

“Early childhood intervention... reflects our willingness to invest in young children and our determination to help them and their families take charge of their lives and have a greater influence on their future” JP Shonkoff and SJ Meisels, Handbook of Early Childhood Intervention, 1990.