Greetings, ECDtf members and friends,

This Message # 28 alerts you to recent activities and developments of interest, upcoming events, and new resources. We welcome your comments and contributions as we move forward.

Please join us at one of two upcoming in-person meetings:


New York: June 15, 2016 9:45 am to noon at CRPD COSP UNICEF House Note strict security rules require that you have your name listed in advance and be escorted as a group. Submit your name to donald.wertlieb@tufts.edu no later than June 7 and arrive at UNICEF House reception desk by 9:45 am to be escorted to our 10 am meeting. Conference call-in may be available if there is interest.

Please note that we have migrated from our original e-mail list-serve to ecdtf@googlegroups.com for our communication platform. All ECDtf members should have received invitations to join the google group and thus receive the newsletter and other correspondence. If you are not receiving messages via ecdtf@googlegroups.com, please alert donald.wertlieb@tufts.edu so that you can be included. We will evaluate the shift as part of our continuing search for a suitable and affordable collaboration platform. Thanks for your cooperation in making the migration, and, as always, your suggestions are welcome.

~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~ FEATURED RESOURCES ~~~~~~~~~~


https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k61nJkx5aDQ new brain maps


http://draccess.org/videolibrary inclusion videos updated

http://www.researchconnections.org/childcare/resources/31744/pdf preschool inclusion works!
Topics  (detailed below):

1. ECDtf and GPcwd updates
2. Petition fo Humanitarian Visas
3. Call for Proposals
4. Associate Editor for JRCE Search
5. Upcoming meetings
6. On-line courses, webinars
7. Job postings
8. New resources

1. ECDtf & GPcwd updates

   a) Many thanks for ECDtf member Emily Vargas-Baron’s well received keynote address and ECDtf gathering in Moldova in April  http://childhub.org/child-protection-news/growing-together-grassroots-initiatives-national-strategies-early-childhood?language=en#sthash.kMNUXkuH.mCrj5KLK.dpbs . This very important set of case studies of ECI in Europe was released at the EASPD conference:  
   Appreciation to Emily for the following report:

   **ECDtf at EASPD Conference**

   **Growing together: From grassroots initiatives to national strategies in early childhood intervention**

   **Chisinau, Moldova 21-22 April 2016**

   **Emily Vargas-Barón**

   The European Association of Service Providers of Persons with Disabilities (EASPD) held a valuable conference that united the impressive program development and outreach of EASPD with EurlyAid’s 25-year commitment to promoting early childhood intervention (ECI) in Europe.

   For Conference information and presentations, please see:
   
   http://www.easpd.eu/en/content/early-childhood-intervention-should-become-tool-inclusion
   

   The EASPD and EurlyAid partnership promoted the preparation of two useful publications in the field of ECI that were presented at the Conference.
I presented a keynote address at the conference entitled, “Developing Sustainable National ECI Systems and Strategies.” This address complemented several insightful and useful presentations on ECI in Eastern and Western Europe (see reference above).

During a gathering of the interest group on ECI, I was able to present the ECDtf PowerPoint on our activities, respond to questions and gather the names of several people who would like to join ECDtf.

Following are some of my overall impressions of the new EASPD and EurlyAid partnership and of conference results:

- Considerable enthusiasm exists in both organizations to collaborate regarding ECI initiatives.
- EurlyAid’s approaches complement and extend EASPD’s work that previously centered on older children, youth and adults.
- It will be very important for ECDtf to continue to collaborate closely with both EASPD and EurlyAid, and we have invited them to do the same.
- We should ask EASPD and EurlyAid to distribute the ECDtf survey on inclusive ECD and ECI services to their members in order to ensure they are included.
- If we receive enough responses from the region, we should provide them a special report they and others can use to further ECI advocacy, policy planning and research in Eastern and Western Europe.
- ECDtf should assist EASPD and EurlyAid to network and collaborate with valuable groups and networks in other world regions.
- The overall leadership of the International Society on Early Intervention (ISEI) and its upcoming conference in Stockholm from 8 to 10 June 2016, should help unite us all in our mutual and complementary efforts to expand and improve ECI policy planning and services.

Appreciation also to ECDtf member Linda Chmiliar who presented a session entitled “Global Partnership for Children with Disabilities: Advocacy for ADD-ECD” on April 25th at the Pacific Rim International Conference on Disability & Diversity http://www.pacrim.hawaii.edu/programs/2016. She oriented Karen Harris Brown, Associate Director and Associate Professor Education for the Virgin islands University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities, to the mission and work of ECDtf, advancing our efforts to engage new colleagues in our initiatives. Please welcome Karen as a new member of ECDtf.
b) Upcoming ECDtf meetings:

Several ECDtf members will convene at ISEI Children’s Rights and Early Intervention Conference in Stockholm June 8-10 [http://depts.washington.edu/isei/ISEI_Prelim-Program.pdf](http://depts.washington.edu/isei/ISEI_Prelim-Program.pdf) and we will hold our work and orientation session on Friday, June 10, noon to 1:15 in the Mezzanine Room. Please contact donald.wertlieb@tufts.edu if you will be attending.

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c) ZIKV Task Team:

Appreciation to Marisol Moreno and Maureen Durkin who are co-leading our Zika Emergency Task Team (ZTT). We are all struggling to make sense of the current Zika emergency and to respond in ways that build upon lessons learned and avoid mistakes of the past. Watching the emergency unfold and anticipating the challenges posed by the thousands of babies arriving with serious risk and disability brings great distress and sadness. So much is yet to be known, and yet, we must be proactive and immediate given the growing numbers and looming crisis. We are committed to seizing this opportunity to catalyze capacity for inclusive ECD responses that address the needs and rights of the growing number of Zika affected infants and families. Our colleagues at CDC, WHO, PLAN, and UNICEF are engaged in planning and appreciative of ECDtf participation. If you are interested in joining our ECDtf Zika Emergency Task Team, please contact ZTT co-leaders maureen.durkin@wisc.edu or marisolmorenoa@gmail.com to be looped into current discussions. Meanwhile, resources and opportunities are available such as [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0skonVosTJU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0skonVosTJU) [http://qz.com/661751/zika-babies-reveal-our-societys-deep-dangerous-prejudice-against-disabilities](http://qz.com/661751/zika-babies-reveal-our-societys-deep-dangerous-prejudice-against-disabilities) [http://www.paho.org/zika-research](http://www.paho.org/zika-research) [http://www.who.int/csr/resources/publications/zika/psychosocial-support/en/](http://www.who.int/csr/resources/publications/zika/psychosocial-support/en/) also in Spanish and Portuguese, and [http://us11.campaign-archive2.com/?u=f8609630ae20665482f897b6&id=56e64ca038&e=b7156241bb](http://us11.campaign-archive2.com/?u=f8609630ae20665482f897b6&id=56e64ca038&e=b7156241bb)

d) HELP WANTED!

Volunteer needed to serve as editor or co-editor of this ECDtf Newsletter. About 6-10 hours/month. Compile, edit and disseminate monthly communiqué to ECDtf members and friends. Could convene a task team to assist in process and implement more sophisticated communication system. Interested colleagues please contact donald.wertlieb@tufts.edu

e) CG update [http://us13.campaign-archive1.com/?u=10c0400413d9d1cbe1b6035ff&id=52ea86c441&e=5250f67e15](http://us13.campaign-archive1.com/?u=10c0400413d9d1cbe1b6035ff&id=52ea86c441&e=5250f67e15)


g) WB-UNICEF ECD Action Network launched


2. **Consider signing onto this petition for humanitarian visas** as one element of addressing the current refugee crises:


3. **Calls for Proposals**

   a) Plan International welcomes good practice submissions from organisations and Plan International offices that have demonstrated experience in disability inclusive programming related to the right to education, including technical and vocational education initiatives. Organisations can include Disabled Persons Organisations (DPOs), women’s rights organisations, technical expert organisations, multi-laterals and universities, amongst others. Applications can be written in Word format and sent to [gillian.quinn@plan-international.org](mailto:gillian.quinn@plan-international.org) OR can be completed online. The online application is available in English, French and Spanish.

   b) Inclusive Education Conference  Trinidad & Tobago  Deadline July 6. 2016

      [http://sta.uwi.edu/conferences/17/ie/](http://sta.uwi.edu/conferences/17/ie/)

4. **Associate Editor Search**

   [http://us9.campaign-archive1.com/?u=e0701429c88113c3e86539b9d&id=555805c8ac&e=548dc10fb8](http://us9.campaign-archive1.com/?u=e0701429c88113c3e86539b9d&id=555805c8ac&e=548dc10fb8)

   The Association for Childhood Education International (ACEI) seeks an Associate Editor for the *Journal of Research in Childhood Education (JRCE)*. ACEI seeks a highly respected education researcher for this position, which will be a volunteer, professional appointment within the field. The Associate Editor would serve a three-year term, with the understanding that he/she would then take over the Editor position (for a job description of the Editor position, contact the ACEI Director of Publications at abauer@acei.org).

   *JRCE* is a scholarly journal in education research, now entering its 30th year of publication. Owned by ACEI and published quarterly by Routledge, the journal features articles that advance knowledge and theory of the education of children, infancy through early adolescence. The journal provides an outlet for reports of empirical research, theoretical articles, ethnographic and case studies, participant observation studies, and studies deriving data collected from naturalistic settings. Particular interest is given to cross-cultural studies and those addressing international concerns. The application period will be open through June 30.

   Address all applications and inquiries to: Anne Bauer  [abauer@acei.org](mailto:abauer@acei.org)  (202) 372-9986
5. Upcoming meetings

May 26-28  Inclusion Europe: The Role of Families in Education  Lisboa Portugal  
http://europeinaction.org/?page_id=36

June 1-4  International Conference on Cerebral Palsy and other Childhood-onset Disabilities  Stockholm

June 6-7  First Early Childhood Education Action Congress, Paris, hosted by the Secretary General of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), will bring together 450 leaders from many countries to discuss how to build the political and public support needed to ensure that all children of the world get a good start in life. Participants will discuss how to attract new advocates for early childhood, what messages are most effective in building support, and what programs can be scaled up to reach large populations of children. The meeting location is the OECD headquarters at the historic Chateau de la Muette. For more information and registration, visit www.eduensemble.org.

June 8-10  ISEI, Children’s Rights & Early Intervention, Stockholm, Sweden  
http://depts.washington.edu/isei/2016conf.html  
ECDtf will meet in Mezzanin room on Friday June 10 from noon to 1:15.

June 26-July 1  DISES Roundtable: Moving toward inclusion in schools and the community to improve the lives of vulnerable children  Nicaragua  
http://dises-cec.org/site/events/dises-events/nicaragua_round_table

July 24-28  Building Bridges Towards an Inclusive Society, Havana, Cuba  FYI-CSI@COMCAST.NET

August 18-25  International Council for Education of People with Visual Impairment (ICEVI) and the World Blind Union (WBU) will be jointly holding their General Assemblies at the Rosen Centre Hotel in Orlando, Florida, USA. The overall theme for the General Assemblies is “Human rights and the CRPD: What lies ahead”  
http://icevi.org


October 3-5  Building on the Momentum: International Alternative Care Conference  Geneva, Switzerland. This annual conference is hosted jointly by the International Institute for the Rights of the Child (IDE) and the Centre for Children’s Rights Studies at the University of Geneva (CIDE). IDE and CIDE are partnering with several concerned international agencies that make up the Steering Group.
The conference provides a bridge between research, policy and practice in the overall sphere of alternative care, and a much-needed space for discussion and exchange among experts, practitioners, academics, researchers, government representatives and young people with experience of alternative care. The conference will enable those involved with alternative care issues to participate in an exceptional exercise in mutual learning and networking - helping to move forward with necessary reforms in line with the Guidelines for the Alternative Care of Children. Participants will review the current status and thinking on alternative care and will examine promising practices for the prevention of family breakdown, family strengthening, and the provision of quality forms of alternative care, as well as pinpointing remaining challenges and obstacles for putting the Guidelines into practice. Please note the deadline of 1 May 2016 for both a call for posters and for possible financial subsidies for participation. For registration details and additional information, please visit http://www.alternativecaregeneva2016.com/index.php/en/.


Dec 6-8  Plan International Global Disability Inclusion Conference, Nepal  gillian.quinn@plan-international.org

Feb 15-18, 2017  Inclusive Education Conference, Trinidad&Tobago  http://sta.uwi.edu/conferences/17/ie/

May 9-12 2017  World Forum on Early Education  Auckland, New Zealand  http://worldforumfoundation.org/events/registration/

6. Online courses, webinars, etc

a) Videos Series on the Use of Technology with Evidence Based Early Intervention from the Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council - April 26, 2016. A new video series about the use of technology with evidence based early intervention illustrates how video, video conferencing, and related technologies can improve access to and the quality of supports for families, as well as better enable teams to practice evidence-based early intervention services. The videos can be viewed at http://ddc.ohio.gov/video-ei-series. It is suggested that you watch them in order:
1. An Overview of Using Technology to Support Families in Early Intervention
2. Using Video to Enhance Play, Communication, and Relationships
3. Using Instant Messaging and Video for Just-In-Time Support
4. Using Video and Video Conferencing to Enable Team Meetings over Distances
5. Using Facetime to Enhance Team Collaboration
6. A Virtual Home Visit with Liam's Family
7. A Virtual Co-Visit with Stratton's Family
8. Using Video as a Foundation for Reflective Supervision

b) http://modules.ilabs.uw.edu/outreach-modules I-LABS Outreach has recently made available a new website and a set of online training modules that explore the latest science of child development. The modules are designed to be useful for both everyday interactions with children and for informing systems-level programs and policies. There are now 10 modules available on topics that include brain development, language development, attachment and sharing attention. Five of the modules are available in Spanish, and Vietnamese and Somali versions will be added soon. Modules include visual and auditory content that is reinforced with video clips, as well as supplemental resources like discussion guides to facilitate use of the modules in group settings. You can access the new website at http://modules.ilabs.uw.edu/outreach-modules/.

c) https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/education-for-all free course on inclusive education


e) http://eccnetwork.net new community of practice for education in crisis and conflict


7. Job Postings

http://www.nieer.org/about-nieer/job-opportunities

http://hdin.org/call-for-applications-research-scientist-at-global-ties-for-children-nyu

http://www.unicef.org/lac/jobs_33234.htm
8. New resources

(These have come to our attention since our last communiqué; please feel free to contribute and share other resources with the ECDtf google group. Please consider elaborating upon or critiquing one of these resources as a contribution to our new feature, TASK FORCE TALK)

Professional development and training focus

a) http://www.childcareexchange.com/video-eed

Advocacy focus

e) http://www.brookings.edu/~/media/research/files/reports/2016/04/28-family-support-or-school-readiness-whitehurst/family-support.pdf
f) https://www.theguardian.com/science/political-science/2016/apr/27/if-scientists-want-to-influence-policymaking-they-need-to-understand-it
g) https://youtu.be/f-aNAQt1t1M
j) http://www.researchconnections.org/childcare/resources/31744/pdf

Intervention tools and models

a) http://www.sesamestreet.org/parents/topicsandactivities/toolkits/words#
b) pncgrowupgreat.com

Cross-sectoral initiatives

a) http://pa-elic.org
b) http://www.gov.scot/Topics/People/Young-People/early-years/early-years-collaborative
c) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JFvz4qz1ln0
Economic and financial case


c) http://www.theguardian.com/social-care-network/gallery/2016/apr/18/disablity-employment-changes-exhibition

Other

a) http://helpmebehealthy.net/resources


d) http://www.theguardian.com/global-development-professionals-network/2016/apr/21/after-all-these-years-were-still-failing-to-teach-children-to-read?CMP=ema-1702&CMP


g) https://mydisabilitymatters.com.au


i) http://eccnetwork.net/rct-randomized-control-trial-risk-confusing-truth/?utm_source=edc&utm_medium=email&utm_content=20160427x&utm_campaign=newsletter


k) http://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/video_image.jpg?listlang[]=***CURRENT_LANGUAGE***&language=en

l) http://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/video_image.jpg?listlang[]=***CURRENT_LANGUAGE***&language=en

m) http://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/opre/acf_report_3_approved_fromword_b508.pdf

n) http://childhub.org/sites/default/files/video_image.jpg?listlang[]=***CURRENT_LANGUAGE***&language=en

o) http://childhub.org/child-protection-online-library/state-worlds-fathers-balkan-review?language=en#sthash.sDIOM33.dpbs
p) http://www.amazon.com/Made-Hear-Cochlear-Implants-Children/dp/0816697256/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1450215696&sr=8-1&keywords=laura+mauldin
r) http://www.unicef.org/infobycountry/Timorleste_90973.html
u) https://vimeo.com/137282528 New Resilience movie
v) http://www.theatlantic.com/education/archive/2016/05/early-childhood-brain-sceince/481200
w) http://46y5eh11fhw3ve3tpwxt9r.wpengine.netdna-cdn.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/HCDC_From_Best_Practices_to_Breakthrough_Impacts.pdf
dd) http://nieer.org/research/state-preschool-2015
ee) http://draccess.org/videolibrary inclusion videos updated
gg) http://jei.sagepub.com/content/early/recent
hh) http://www.chdi.org/files/1114/6219/9346/Health_Literacy_-_5-2-16FINAL.pdf
ii) http://cogentoa.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/2331186X.2016.1170754