



**August 2006**

July 1<sup>st</sup> marks the beginning of a new fiscal year for the Integrated Training Collaborative (ITC). This year's grant contains several key deliverables:

- 1) Provide three (3) Kaleidoscope, Level I trainings
- 2) Provide two (2) Kaleidoscope, Level II trainings
- 3) Conduct an orientation training for potential new KI/KII trainers
- 4) Coordinate and conduct the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Creating Connections conference for 250-300 participants
- 5) Collaborate with Part C Technical Assistant Consultants to provide locality-specific technical assistance in 6 localities regarding the supports and services approach in Virginia

An additional goal of the Collaborative is to continue to improve the ITC webpage. This includes posting training information further in advance to allow more planning time for providers. Please be sure to check the webpage and the Part C calendar frequently for upcoming training events.

### **Kaleidoscope, New Perspectives in Service Coordination**

*Kaleidoscope, New Perspectives in Service Coordination*, Level II was held on June 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> at the Stonewall Jackson Hotel in Staunton. Twenty-nine service coordinators joined together to learn and share ideas and collaborate.

The next round of KI will be held September 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, and October 9<sup>th</sup> at the Holiday Inn Golf and Conference Center in Staunton. The cost is \$100 per participant and registration is limited to 30 participants. Detailed information is available on the Part C website under the Integrated Training Collaborative. Any interested service coordinators may contact Cori Hill at (540) 943-6776 or [corihill@ntelos.net](mailto:corihill@ntelos.net)

### **New KI/KII Trainer Orientation**

On August 18<sup>th</sup>, members of the ITC and current KI/KII trainers will gather with invited guests from across Virginia to discuss service coordination, the KI and KII curricula and training techniques. This group of individuals was nominated by colleagues who felt that these people possessed gifts that would enable them to skillfully share their knowledge of early intervention with providers around the state. Following the training, we are hopefully that some of these people will chose to assist the ITC with upcoming KI and KII trainings. The benefits of this enhanced trainer pool is that it will allow the ITC to utilize trainers from localities in which the trainings are being held, reducing costs and also tapping into more regional trainer-knowledgeable issues.

## **5<sup>th</sup> Annual Creating Connections Conference**

Believe it or not, the ITC conference planning committee is well underway making plans for next year's conference. For the past four years the conference has been held at the Hotel Roanoke and Conference Center. They have provided MANY cost benefits including some free meeting spaces, reduced rates, and an educational grant through an affiliation with Virginia Tech. Besides the warmth and beauty of this marvelous, historic old hotel, we have remained at the Hotel Roanoke because it has been cost beneficial for the conference. However, each year when evaluations are returned, there are many requests to move the conference to different parts of the state. The ITC does take these evaluations very seriously and, therefore, the conference committee is currently searching for a potential new conference site. An e-mail has been circulated to all Systems Managers to generate input for hotel information. If you would like to provide ANY information or input related to the conference, please contact Cori Hill at (540) 943-6776 or [corihill@ntelos.net](mailto:corihill@ntelos.net)

## **Integrated Training Collaborative Meeting**

The next Integrated Training Collaborative meeting will be held on Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-3:00 at Kluge Children's Rehabilitation Center in Charlottesville. If you are interested in attending the meeting or would like further information regarding the ITC, please contact Cori Hill at (540) 943-6776 or [corihill@ntelos.net](mailto:corihill@ntelos.net)