

**Local Regional Direct Services Committee
Report to the Virginia Interagency Coordinating Council
December 11, 2002**

Brenda Laws was elected to serve as Chair of the Local Regional Direct Services Committee. Many thanks to Brenda Crockett for her dedicated service to the Infant & Toddler Connection of Virginia in her former role as Chair/Co-Chair of this committee!

A subgroup of the LRDS is developing several Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) samples.

The revised Transition Technical Assistance document will be ready for review by the Transition subgroup and the full Local Regional Direct Services Committee this month. The following steps will then be taken:

- Present final draft to the Virginia Interagency Coordinating Council for review and endorsement, then to the Early Intervention Interagency Management Team (EIIMT) for endorsement
- Route draft through the Department of Education and the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services for approval by these agencies
- Complete final formatting of approved document
- Disseminate

Members of the LRDS Committee will play a role in the two-day regional training sessions that are planned this spring in follow up to the Keynote address by M'Lisa Sheldon and Dathan Rush at the statewide conference last month. The keynote presentation served as the first phase of a three part project in which Virginia is receiving training and technical assistance as part of a federal "theory to practice" grant for implementation of natural environments regulations. The follow up sessions will be phase two of this project and will address practice and implementation issues. The sessions will be open to all local stakeholders. The schedule for these sessions follows:

- March 20 - 21, 2003 - Richmond
- April 14, 15, 2003 - May 1-2, 2003
- May 19, 20, 2003 - Tidewater
- May 29-30, 2003 - Northern Virginia
- June 2-3, 2003 - Roanoke

Phase three will be a three or four day conference to focus on systematic coaching and job expectations, including supervisory and day to day management perspectives. This will be limited to approximately 100 people with participation likely to be based on an application process. This is expected to be scheduled in September 2003.

The LRDS Committee will have a telephone conference meeting in January to plan for members' involvement with the two-day regional sessions.

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