

# Early Intervention Connections:



## For Your Information

A Newsletter of the Early Intervention Connections  
(Capital Area Interagency Coordinating Council)

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### Welcome to Early Intervention Connections

Our first meeting was held on July 10, 2008 at the CMU (Case Management Unit). The group worked together to establish a new name and logo for the CAICC. **Early Intervention Connections** truly reflects our mission of linking families with the early intervention and early childhood communities. Our new professional and parent co-chairs were installed. We welcomed our coordinators from our local community engagement teams. They will provide additional resources and support to the committees of the Early Intervention Connection. Please join us for our next meeting on October 9, 2008, at 10:00 am, at the CMU.

*(Babysitting can be provided by calling Cheryl Gundrum at 780-7048 or [cgundrum@dauphinc.org](mailto:cgundrum@dauphinc.org))*

Contact either of the CAICC Co-Chairs if you are interested in additional information about the activities of the Capital Area Interagency Coordinating Council.

#### Linda Burkley

Parent Co-Chairperson  
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Professional Co-Chairperson  
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732-8400

#### Next Meeting:

**October 9, 2008**

10:00-12:00

CMU

1100 Cameron St.

Harrisburg

232-8761

### CAICC Gets a Makeover

Our local Interagency Coordinating Council has gone through some changes in the past few months that we are excited about and are happy to share. First, we have changed our name. We realized that while our function of linking families with the early intervention and early childhood communities remains the same, we needed a name that reflects what we do. Our organization will now be known as Early Intervention Connections. We also have new officers on board. Our new Parent Co Chair is Linda Burkley who will be partnering with our new Professional Co Chair Ann Timashenka from the Capital Area Intermediate Unit (CAIU). We also welcomed Barbara Weber as our new Provider Representative. We are excited about a very busy and exciting time in early intervention.

If you would like to learn more about Early Intervention Connections, please contact either Ann or Linda for more information. Ann can be reached at 732-8400 or by email at [atimashenka@caiu.org](mailto:atimashenka@caiu.org). Linda can be reached at [lindaburkley@comcast.net](mailto:lindaburkley@comcast.net).

### Your Child's Plan – A New Look

Continuing with our theme of new looks and makeovers, if your child has an IFSP or IEP currently, you will be noticing changes in the coming months to the look of the plans. The Office of Child Development and Early Learning (OCDEL) has been working for months with a group of parents and professionals to come up with a common form that will follow a child throughout their early intervention experience and will make transitions easier for the families and staff. Local counties and the CAIU began use of this new form on July 1, 2008. All of the same great information that was gathered and used previously is still kept; it just has a different look to it. If you have questions about this change, please talk to your child's service coordinator or teacher.



## Parent Feedback Welcomed

One committee of the Early Intervention Connection is called the Family Outreach Group. We look at ways to offer networking opportunities to families in early intervention as well as discuss any topics that are of a concern or need. If you have any ideas you would like to share on networking or more information on this committee, please email Amy Reed at [areed@ccpa.net](mailto:areed@ccpa.net)

## Parent News

Hi,

I recently had the opportunity to become involved with a new website for parents of children with special needs and wanted to share my excitement with you! It is called 5 Minutes for Special Needs, and it is at [www.5minutesforspecialneeds.com](http://www.5minutesforspecialneeds.com). There is a great group of writers representing a wide variety of disabilities and backgrounds, and I am honored to be a part of it. I will be publishing a general post each Friday and hosting an interactive tips column on Tuesday. The writers represent a wide variety of disabilities and backgrounds. If you get a chance, please take a look and pass the information on to anyone you know who may benefit.

[Visit 5 Minutes for Special Needs](#)

[Meet the Team](#)

[Read Trish's weekly posts](#)

[Read Trish's "Try This Tuesday" interactive column](#)

[Subscribe to updates \(can choose a feed reader or email\)](#)

Thank you all,  
Trish Doerrler

# Save the Date



## Family Carnival

Thursday  
September 11, 2008  
6-8:30pm  
Ft. Hunter Park,  
Harrisburg

**Chicken dinner, popcorn,  
soft pretzels, games, and prizes!!!**

Mr. Music will be performing.



This event is **free** and is for the whole family.  
For all families involved in early intervention services.

**RSVP Cheryl at 780-7048**

[cgundrum@dauphinc.org](mailto:cgundrum@dauphinc.org) by Sept 2, 2008

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## SAVE THE DATE

That All May Worship Conference  
for  
Children and Youth with Disabilities

October 30, 2008

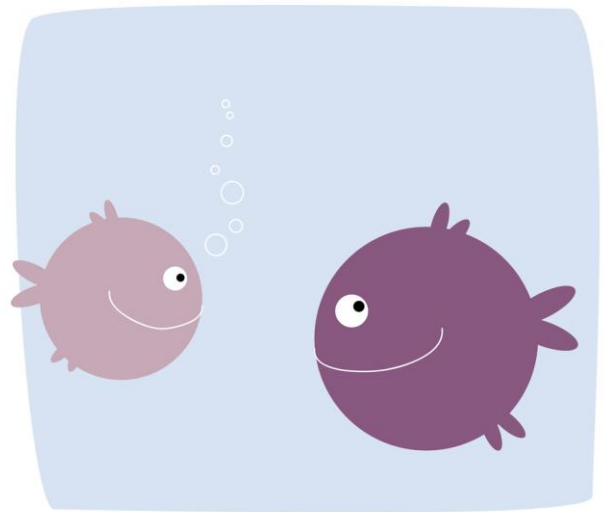
9am-3pm

Wildwood Conference Center  
Harrisburg Area Community College (HACC)

For Families and Faith Community members  
interested in the topic of

including children and youth with disabilities in  
their faith traditions

Enjoy your summer!



See you in September!

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