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PROVIDER INFORMATION NOTICE

TO: Early Intervention Providers

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RE: Implementation of the Revised Child & Family Connections (CFC) Procedure Manual Effective 11/01/15

The CFC Procedure Manual and forms were released with a revision date of 11/01/15 based on the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) as amended by the Individuals With Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004 [20 USC 1400 et seq.], Title I, Part C, and 34 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 303 2011 revisions (which required full compliance by Federal Fiscal Year 2015/State Fiscal Year 2016).

The revised CFC Procedure Manual is the result of the work of many individuals including Bureau of Early Intervention (EI) Staff, CFC Staff, EI Stakeholders and through public comment. The revised CFC Procedure Manual also incorporates a start to the work of the State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP) to ensure the Illinois EI Services System delivers quality EI Services by quality EI Providers in partnership with quality CFC Service Coordinators teaming in order to support families with young children with disabilities and developmental delays in Illinois.

The revised CFC Procedure Manual is posted on the DHS website at:
www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=32263.

As part of the implementation plan, training will be provided very soon to assist the EI Provider community with incorporating the necessary updates into practice.

The revised CFC Procedure Manual is intended to:

- Ensure EI Principles are incorporated into the work we do with every family and every child, and
- Assist all EI partners to work under the guidelines of evidence-based practices.

The Bureau will be working diligently on the necessary updates to the *Early Intervention Service Descriptions, Billing Codes and Rates* document (Provider Handbook) to match the 11/01/15 revision to the CFC Procedure Manual.

We will continue to support the CFC staff, EI Providers and EI stakeholders through consistent communication so there is better knowledge both internally and externally of the EI message.

Thank you for the hard work you do every single day and continue to watch the Provider Connections website for future announcements.