

Survey to Identify Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Interagency Groups (Local/Regional)

Greetings!

Last fall, the Infant Development Association assessed statewide enthusiasm for establishing an Infant/Early Childhood Mental Health Interest Group. The response to an initial meeting and two informational surveys, one for individuals, and one for groups, was very positive.

To date, **16 interagency I/ECMH groups have been identified** that are meeting locally or regionally throughout California. We anticipate that there are others not yet identified. Our hope is to begin to **link these interagency groups together**, so that local strategies can be shared.

You have been identified as a link to a local or regional Infant/Early Childhood Mental Health Interagency Group. We have developed an informational survey to provide essential information about what your group is and does. We encourage you to complete the survey and return it for inclusion in the on-line I/ECMH Resource Directory, which we hope to make available beginning in May.

Additionally, because information and linkages related to early childhood mental health are lacking in California, IDA has decided to develop an **on-line I/ECMH RESOURCE DIRECTORY**. The directory will provide information on the following resources:

INTERAGENCY GROUPS that address I/ECMH issues

I/ECMH RESOURCE AGENCIES, that include:

State Organizations

Training Programs

Direct Service Providers

Service Funders

Other Resource Agencies: (e.g. resource and referral agencies, policy and research agencies).

In addition, an online, limited access link for INDIVIDUALS is being planned.

We encourage you to complete the survey and return it for inclusion in the on-line I/ECMH Resource Directory, and the Interagency Group List, which we hope to make available beginning in May. We would welcome any additional suggestions of information that you would like to gain from other groups.

Please return completed surveys to DeLora Slattery at IDA. We strongly prefer an e-mail response to mail@idaofcal.org. If e-mail is not possible, you can fax them to (916) 453-0627. For additional information, please contact Nancy Sweet at nsweet@mail.cho.org or Cindy Arstein-Kerslake at carstein@pacbell.net.