

TO AGENCIES INTERESTED IN INFANT AND EARLY CHILDHOOD MENTAL HEALTH IN CALIFORNIA:

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. One result was a decision to develop an **on-line I/ECMH RESOURCE DIRECTORY**, because information and linkages are lacking. 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.

Your agency has been identified as an Infant/Early Childhood Mental Health Resource Agency. We have developed an informational survey to provide essential information about what Resource Agencies offer. 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. We are also attaching a survey designed for individuals interested in linking with other individuals about I/ECMH around the state.

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.