

00:27:21 Carol Brod (she/her): Carol Brod, OT, CFC 11

00:27:25 Glady Reyes: Glady Reyes, OT CFC 15

00:27:25 M. Veronica Llerena: Hello! Veronica Llerena, OT, CFC 9

00:27:37 Lalitha Karra: Lalitha Karra PT cfc 12

00:27:40 Esther Buchbinder: Esther Buchbinder OT CFC 6, 2, 4

00:27:45 Stefanie O'Donnell: Stefanie O'Donnell SLP CFC 6 & 5

00:27:52 Ruby Loera, COTA/L: Hi, Ruby Loera, COTA/L (OT) CFC 4

00:28:03 Kim Judge: Kim Judge SLP CFC 15 and CFC 12

00:28:05 iPhone (3) anastasia: Hi Anastasia Vithoukias
Developmental Therapist
Cfc12 and 8

00:28:07 Sara Stern: Hi everyone, OT Serving CFC 5. In EI for over 20 years.

00:28:11 Rachel Mika, PT: Hi Everyone!

00:28:14 Christine Fletcher, SLP Peoria: I can't hear anything yet Working on my tech

00:28:22 stephanie: Steph Richardson, PT in CFCs 5, 7, 9, and 11

00:34:28 Karissa Louthan: <https://www.righttocareil.com/about-us/>

00:36:08 Karissa Louthan: <https://www.raisingillinois.org/>

00:43:35 Karissa Louthan: <https://www.startearly.org/>

00:44:35 Jessica Trenkle, PT: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XKYJ3C6>

00:45:00 Jessica Trenkle, PT: Please fill out the above survey re: facilitators and barriers to working in EI. Thank you!

00:45:10 Rachel Mika, PT: The survey is short- 10 questions- about what you would like to see change in EI and what you think is going well!

00:48:28 Sara Johns: What's being done to encourage more providers into EI? Especially with extended auths, new auto eligible diagnoses, etc

00:51:14 Sonya Hawthorne: Are people able to be a part of your association if the their association is not part of the group. Has there been any discussion of getting paid for missed visits, trying to attract new providers to EI, adding regular cost of living adjustments

00:52:48 Rachel Mika, PT: Sonya will answer next

00:53:16 Jessica Trenkle, PT: Rachel -Am I correct in saying that this is not a 'EI rule' this is more a licensure rule. Maybe that is the distinction.

00:54:10 Karissa Louthan: ISHA - <https://www.ishail.org/telepractice-current-policies-related-to-COVID>

00:54:33 Rachel Mika, PT: Jess Trenkle yes

00:54:50 Rachel Mika, PT: Thanks for that clarification Karissa

00:55:52 Sarah Ziemba: I think the increased wages is an important part of attracting and retaining therapists, but it feels like we are at a crisis point! Would a rally or more visible effort be helpful at this point?

00:56:10 Esther Buchbinder: Does the increase really filter down to an agency therapist

00:56:24 Carol Brod (she/her): A pay increase would be great, and/or also state reimbursed mileage. Even a little bit would go a long way. Gas prices are \$5.69/gallon in Chicago

00:56:33 Rachel Mika, PT: Esther that would be a discussion with your agency.

00:57:09 Esther Buchbinder: I work for myself

00:57:16 Paulina Polek: I agree with the mileage reimbursement..gas

continues to increase and it is getting more difficult to continue working in EI
00:57:33 George Buckley: We will send out the link tomorrow morning to all confirmed registrants to the YouTube video of tonight's recording. And it will be posted on the home page of www.ilota.org. ISHA and IPTA are welcome to post the link, too.

00:58:22 Sara Stern: I have seen CFC#5 has requested evaluators to pick up the kids they evaluate since the intakes are needing to wait for services (no openings when a child ages out and receives extended services). Is this CFC specific or is this going to expand state wide?

00:58:23 Sarah Ziemba: Has progress been made with moving away from Cornerstone? That change will help therapists to be able to more easily access children's files.

00:58:40 Rachel Mika, PT: Sarah will take your questions next!

01:01:13 Esther Buchbinder: I've heard some therapists will only see LVV since they can make more money

01:03:04 Esther Buchbinder: You can 3 kids instead in 2 or 2 1/2

01:05:19 Sonya Hawthorne: has there been discuss of expanding services types, ie center based; group services, etc

01:05:20 Joan McAtee: Any talk of resuming group activities directed through Early Intervention? With reasonable rates

01:05:44 Joan McAtee: Haha Sonya... we are thinking along the same path

01:06:32 stephanie: Is anything being done to recruit new service coordinators to CFCs? I know many CFCs are struggling and service coordinators have caseloads that are unmanageable. They are unable to get authorizations to providers in timely manners, and are difficult to get in contact with due to having too much on their plates, which leads to providers being unable to provide services due to lags with authorizations

01:08:58 Sara Stern: We providers have been seeing kids F2F for months now. When are the SCs going back into the office full time? It is so difficult when I'm told that a need I have on Monday can't be met until the SC is in the office on Thursdays!

01:09:29 Esther Buchbinder: I agree

01:11:27 Kim Judge Speech-Language Pathologist: Have there been any further discussion on evaluation format? Full team of providers in home versus designated provider and hybrid evaluation of providers on zoom? It seems as though after having figured out how to transition to LVV for a period of time, a full group of providers seems to be less efficient and organized.

01:11:31 Joan McAtee: At CFC 15 there is generally no lag time. We receive via fax, email-w parent consent, and secure email. I think it should be required for CFCs to have a way to electronically communicate as a standard of practice.

01:13:45 Jessica Trenkle, PT: Dropping the survey in the chat again. Please feel free to share the survey link with other providers!

01:13:48 Jessica Trenkle, PT: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XKYJ3C6>

01:17:04 Carol Brod (she/her): I'm sorry if I missed something, but I've had SCs say they can't access certain parts of the system from home

01:18:01 Esther Buchbinder: I have had to wait since they have to go to the office if the consent, waiver, script etc have come

01:18:50 Rachel Mika, PT: Yes Carol I don't think they can access parts or all of Cornerstone from home

01:20:17 Sonya Hawthorne: There is a big cost factor, so why not save

many team members gas and rotate providers
01:25:50 Sonya Hawthorne: I lot of this has been service coordinator choice
01:30:07 Sarah Ziemba: Are CFCs reporting waitlist numbers so that EI can see the story on the ground?
01:32:55 Christine Folz, Occupational Therapist: Many centers in the Chicago area also have very long waitlists, so I'd be interested if that would even help
01:33:08 Jessica Kronberg, OT: Sarah - it is my understanding that yes they are
01:33:20 Esther Buchbinder: I agree
01:34:16 Robbie: yes
01:34:37 Esther Buchbinder: I have been begging to do Evals. But cfc6 sticks to their teams. There are teams that do 4 a day
01:34:46 Robbie: im.not sure of the percent, but it was an exoectation
01:35:00 Robbie: yep
01:35:18 Paulina Polek: I'm in cdc 6 and SC's prefer to use specific evaluation teams and those teams usually only do evaluations instead of picking up. If SC's made sure to use more providers for evaluations I think more kids would be picked up for ongoing
01:35:35 Esther Buchbinder: I heard that the turn around time is decreasing from 10 to 5 business days
01:35:41 Sara Johns: can you put the slide up with the email addresses and websites please?
01:36:26 Jessica Kronberg, OT: ileicoalition@gmail.com
01:37:21 Jessica Kronberg, OT: Sara - is this the right one?
01:37:44 Rachel Mika, PT: Jess try slide 8
01:38:03 Glady Reyes: Thanks for having this discussion. Appreciate all that you are doing EI coalition!!
01:38:04 Rachel Mika, PT: Thanks everyone!
01:38:17 Ruby Loera, COTA/L: Thank you!
01:38:24 Christine Folz, Occupational Therapist: Thank you!!!