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Rtl Webinar

The National Center on Response to Intervention will host their first Webinar, "What is Rtl?," on Wednesday, May 14, 2008 from 12:00-1:00pm (CDT). The webinar will be presented by Dr. Daryl Mellard, Principal Investigator, National Center on Response to Intervention and the National Research Center on Learning Disabilities (NRCLD), and will 1) provide an overview of Rtl and how it can be implemented in schools, 2) describe how Rtl can be used to provide tiered instruction, and 3) provide examples of Rtl within schools. To obtain login information, please view this [flier](#).

Recent Information Requests Submitted to the NCRRC

Information Services provided reports in response to 6 Information Requests in April. The following list describes the requests, using the descriptor terms from the Matrix thesaurus as an organizing device. Attached is a [list](#) of the actual questions as well. Please feel free to contact [Chris Opsal](#), Information Specialist, if you would like further information about any of these searches.

1. Definition, IFSP, Indicator, Part C
2. Developmental disabilities, Eligibility, Preschool children, Preschool services
3. Funding formulas, Low incidence disabilities, Severe disabilities
4. Parents, training

5. Speech therapy, Recruitment, Related services, Higher education
6. Survey, Parents, ESL, Native language, Part B

State Initiatives to Expand Access to Early Head Start

In April 2008, ZERO TO THREE and the Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP) published a report that looks at state efforts to increase access to Early Head Start (EHS) services. It is entitled [*Building on the Promise: State Initiatives to Expand Access to Early Head Start for Young Children and their Families*](#) and was written by Rachel Schumacher and Elizabeth DiLauro. This report is based on the finding that less than 3 percent of eligible infants and toddlers are currently being reached by EHS services. A [summary](#) of this report is also available.

NGA Center Awards Grants to Support Early Childhood Advisory Councils

On April 24, 2008, the [National Governors Association](#) Center for Best Practices (NGA Center) awarded \$10,000 grants to 12 states (Alabama, Colorado, Connecticut, Guam, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Maryland, Nevada, Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia) with support from the Buffett Early Childhood Fund. These grants are to be used to help states develop early childhood advisory councils.