

**MA Act Early State Team  
Fall Summit**

**Developmental Surveillance in Early Childhood  
Mixed Systems:  
Educators/Providers, EI, WIC, DCF, Head Start, EEC**

**Thursday October 12, 2017  
UMass Medical School  
Worcester, MA  
Faculty Conference Room  
7:45 am- 2:00 pm**



**Sponsored by:**

**MA Act Early; CDC Act Early Campaign; UMass Memorial  
Children Medical Center (CMC) and Division of  
Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics at the CMC**

**DESCRIPTION:** This is a half-day training conference of the MA Act Early State Team for early childhood providers from all delivery systems. Learn about the extensive inventory of CDC Act Early materials and resources and how to access them, hear about current research, preview Watch Me Grow! modules, and network with colleagues. Break-out sessions will examine sharing difficult information with families, implementing developmental surveillance and Act Early material, accessing available resources in the community, and communicating with other stakeholders and agencies.

**TARGET AUDIENCE:** This conference is designed for and will benefit early childhood educators, early childhood providers in EI, WIC, DCF, Head Start, EEC, health care providers and allied health care professionals working with young children.

**NO REGISTRATION FEE:** Conference includes: a light breakfast, lunch, morning and afternoon snacks, parking voucher, certificate of attendance, materials and resources.

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Wednesday October 4, 2017**

Space is limited. Please complete the registration form with your first and second choices for break-out sessions and mail or scan and email back to:

**Mailing address:**

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## AGENDA

**7:45 am - 8:15 am Registration and Breakfast**

**8:15 am - 8:50 am Welcome; Overview and Introduction to the “Learn The Signs. Act Early Material” (LTSAE).** Importance of early detection and screening. *Roula Choueiri, MD*

**8:50 am - 9:15 am Early Signs of ASD and Research Updates:** what we do know in 2017? *Mary Andrianopoulos, PhD*

**9:15 am - 10:45 am Watch me Grow! Celebrating milestones and sharing concerns.** Review of modules and small group discussions. *Roula Choueiri, MD and Cheryl Marks*

**10:45 am - 11:00 am Break**

**11:00 am – 12:00 pm Break-out Sessions**

- 1) Sharing difficult conversations with families.
- 2) Strategies to integrating the “Learn the Signs. Act Early” material into practice. Example of the WIC program in Missouri.
- 3) Identifying and accessing resources, developing local relationships and communicating with other agencies, organizations or stakeholders.

**12:00 pm-1:00 pm Break-out Sessions (Repeat)**

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- 2) Strategies to Integrating the “Learn the Signs. Act Early” material into practice. Example of the WIC program in Missouri.
- 3) Identifying and accessing resources, developing local relationships and communicating with other agencies, organizations or stakeholders.

**1:00 pm - 1:15 pm Conference Evaluation and Group Picture**

**1:15 pm - 2:15 pm Lunch**

## Steering Committee members and Conference Faculty\*:

**\*Mary Andrianopoulos, PhD**, Associate Professor, UMass Amherst

**Liz Carns, MEd**, Assistant Director Cape Cod Children's Place

**Jessica Coolidge, LCSW**, Statewide Medical Social Work Specialist, Department of Children and Families, Policy & Practice Division, Health and Medical Services Team

**\*Roula Choueiri, MD**, Chief, Division of Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics, UMass Memorial Children’s Medical Center; CDC Act Early Ambassador to MA, and Interim MA State Team Leader

**\*Mary-Ellen Efferen**, Special Education Consultant

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**Alicia High, MPH**, WIC/Health and Human Service Coordinator, Department of Public Health - Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Nutrition Program

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**Ashley Kalel, MSW, LICSW**, Medical Social Worker, Department of Children and Families

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**\*Cheryl Marks**, Department of Early Education and Care

**\*Mary Beth Miotto, MD**, General Pediatrician

**\*Sara Neville, MD**, General Pediatrician

**\*Joan Kelly Rafferty, OTR/L, CEIS**, Director of Specialty Services, Division of Early Intervention, DPH

**\*Julie Schaeffer, LDN**, State Nutritionist, Department of Public Health, MA.

**Angi Stone-MacDonald, PhD**, Associate Professor, Early Education and Care in Inclusive Settings, UMass Boston

**\*Reena Tripathi Demers, MEd, CAGS, CEIS**, Autism Coordinator, Thom Anne Sullivan Center

**Jean Waitneight, NP**, Division of Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics, UMass Memorial Children’s Medical Center

**REGISTRATION FORM**

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Association/Program of work

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**Information for Badge**

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Work City, State

**Please indicate your first and second choices for breakout sessions  
(1, 2 or 3):**

11:00 am – 12:00 pm: \_\_\_\_\_

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm: \_\_\_\_\_

**Will you be staying for lunch?**       Yes     No

**Is a special diet required?**

Vegetarian       Gluten Free       No

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