

# MA Act Early Summit

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

*TIME:*

**Friday April 20, 2018**

**8:30am-2:45pm**

*PLACE:*

**Cape Cod Children's Place  
10 Ballwic Rd, North Eastham, MA**

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Behavioral Pediatrics**

**DESCRIPTION:** This is a full day training conference of the MA Act Early State Team for early childhood providers. Learn about the extensive inventory of CDC Act Early materials and resources, hear about current research, and view the Watch Me Grow! Modules and network with colleagues.

Breakout sessions will include 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 early childhood educators, providers in EI, WIC, DCF, Head Start, EEC, health care providers and all allied health care professionals working with young children.

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

**Registration deadline:** Wednesday April 18, 2018

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

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## AGENDA

### 8:30-9am: Registration and Breakfast

**9-9:45 am: Welcome; Overview and Introduction to the Learn The Signs Act Early Material (LTSAE), Importance of Early Detection and Screening, *Roula Choueiri, MD***

### 9:45-11:15 am: BREAK OUT SESSIONS

1) Sharing difficult conversations with families. *Joan Rafferty, OTR/L, CEIS and Jean Waitneight, PNP.*

2) Strategies to integrating the Learn the Signs Act Early material into practice. Learn about the WIC Program in Missouri. *Julie Shaeffer, LDN, Pam Kuechler, and Roula Choueiri, MD.*

3) Identifying and accessing resources, developing local relationships and communicating with other agencies, organizations or stakeholders. *Mary Ellen Efferen and Mary Beth Miotto, MD.*

### 11:15-11:30 am: Break

**11:30-1:15pm: Watch me Grow! Celebrating Milestones and Sharing Concerns.** Review of modules and small group discussions. *Roula Choueiri, MD, Joan Rafferty, OTR/L, CEIS, and Mary Ellen Efferen,*

**1:15-2:45pm: Lunch, General picture, Feedback, Comments, certificate.**

## Steering Committee members of the MA Act Early State Team and Conference Faculty\*, in alphabetical order:

**Mary Andrianopoulos, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor, UMass-Amherst

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