

**MA Act Early State Team  
Spring 2019 Summit**

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

**Thursday April 4, 2019  
Northern Essex Community College, Room TC 103B  
100 Elliott Street, Haverhill, 01830  
8:00 am-4:30pm**



**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 whole training day 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.

**REGISTRATION FEE: \$20** Conference includes: a continental breakfast, lunch, morning and afternoon snacks, certificate of attendance, materials and resources.

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Thursday, March 28, 2019**  
Space is limited. Please complete the registration form with your first and second choices for break-out sessions. Registration forms are on line at [www.maactearly.org](http://www.maactearly.org); and mail checks for registration to: and please include the name of the attendee (s) in the memo portion of the check.

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## AGENDA

- 7:30 am – 8:30 am Registration and Breakfast**
- 8:30 am – 8:45 am Welcome; Overview and Introduction to the “Learn The Signs. Act Early Material” (L TSAE).** Importance of early detection and screening. *Roula Choueiri, MD*
- 8:45 am – 10:30 am Watch me Grow! Celebrating milestones and sharing concerns. Overview** of modules and small group discussions. *Roula Choueiri, MD, Ydalia Heimann, and Mary Ellen Efferen, MEd*
- 10:30 am – 10:45 am Break**
- 10:45 am – 11:15 am Early Signs of ASD and Research Updates:** what we do know in 2019? *Mary Andrianopoulos, PhD*
- 11:15 am – 11:35 am Exceptional Lives presentation:** *Julie McKinney*
- 11:35 am – 12:00 pm Two Level Autism Screening model (RITA-T):**  
Pilot results & generalization; *Roula Choueiri, MD*
- 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm Lunch & Networking**
- 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm Break Out Sessions/Presentations**
- 1) Sharing difficult conversations with families. *Joan Rafferty, OTR/L, CEIS and Sara Oh Neville, MD*
  - 2) Strategies to integrating the “Learn the Signs. Act Early” material into practice. Example of the WIC program in Missouri. *Julie Schaeffer, LDN; Reena Demers, MEd, CAGS, CEIS; and Roula Choueiri, MD*
  - 3) Identifying and accessing resources, developing local relationships and communicating with other agencies, organizations or stakeholders. *Jessica Coolidge, LCSW and Ydalia Heimann*
- 2:30 pm – 2:45 pm Break**
- 2:45 pm – 4:15 pm Break-out Sessions/Presentations (Repeat)**
- 4:15 pm – 4:30 pm Conference Evaluation and Wrap up**

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

- \*Mary Andrianopoulos, PhD**, Associate Professor, UMass Amherst
- \*Jessica Coolidge, LCSW**, Statewide Medical Social Work Specialist, Department of Children and Families, Health and Medical Services Team
- \*Roula Choueiri, MD**, Chief, Division of Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics, UMass Memorial Children’s Medical Center.
- \*Mary-Ellen Efferen**, Special Education Consultant
- Michelle Haimowiz**, Executive Director, Massachusetts Head Start Association
- \* Ydalia Heimann**, Assistant Director DDS program, Centro, Worcester, MA
- David T. Helm, PhD**, ICI/UCEDD - LEND Director
- Alicia High, MPH**, WIC Health and Human Service Coordinator, DPH
- Tracie Hillion, CAGS, LMHC, CEIS**, Clinical Director, Thom Springfield Infant Toddler Services
- Ashley Kalel, MSW, LICSW**, Medical Social Worker, Department of Children and Families
- Cheryl Marks**, Department of Early Education and Care
- Mary Beth Miotto, MD**, General Pediatrician and Associate Medical Director of Pediatric Population Health, Family Health Center of Worcester
- \*Sara Oh Neville, MD**, General Pediatrician, Lowell Community Health Center
- \*Joan Kelly Rafferty, OTR/L, CEIS**, Director of Specialty Services, Division of Early Intervention, DPH
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- \*Reena Tripathi Demers, MEd, CAGS, CEIS**, Autism Coordinator, Thom Anne Sullivan Center