

# SAVE THE DATE!!!



Virginia's Early Childhood Mental Health (ECMH) Initiative is excited to offer a special training session this spring. Your local system is invited to identify a representative to participate in a free full-day training to train early intervention providers to use the **Social-Emotional Evaluation/Measure (SEAM™)**, a functional social-emotional assessment tool for children ages two months to five years. This seminar will focus on its use with children birth to age three and will provide opportunities for participants to practice using the SEAM in order to assess a child's social-emotional development; identify and create functional goals; and plan for interventions in collaboration with parents and other practitioners. The training will be held on April 18<sup>th</sup> at the Hilton Garden Inn in Charlottesville.

Since the SEAM is designed to work in tandem with other screening instruments including the **Ages & Stages Questionnaires: Social-Emotional (ASQ: SE2)**, the training will also provide a basic overview on how to use the ASQ:SE-2. The ASQ training is appropriate for those who are new users, those who are considering adopting the tool for use in their system, or for individuals in need of a refresher.

## **SEAM Training Objectives:**

### **During the seminar, participants will:**

- 1) Gain an overview of the SEAM and understand how it fits within a 3-tiered approach to intervention.
- 2) Receive hands on practice administering the SEAM and interpreting results.
- 3) Learn steps for using the SEAM by using case studies to develop meaningful social-emotional goals and interventions for infants and toddlers.
- 4) Learn how the SEAM can be used to build partnerships with families and promote positive parent-child interactions.

## **ASQ: SE Training Objectives:**

### **During the ASQ: SE2 portion of the seminar, participants will:**

- 1) Define and discuss the benefits of developmental screening
- 2) Describe features of ASQ: SE-2
- 3) Score ASQ: SE-2 and Describe ASQ: SE-2 scores
- 4) Interpret ASQ: SE-2 information in relation to other referral considerations
- 5) Understand importance of sensitive communication of screening results
- 6) Discuss appropriate follow-up activities.

***All participants will receive a SEAM Manual with CD Rom that includes all forms (in English & Spanish) and an ASQ: SE2 Quick Start Guide.***

### ***When selecting your local system's representative, please consider the following:***

1. *Will this be the person who would complete a social-emotional assessment for your team?*
2. *Do you already have an Infant Mental Health endorsed professional, or someone currently pursuing the Endorsement or interested in applying for the Endorsement on your team where completing social-emotional assessments would align with their role/responsibilities? This training would support competencies needed for Endorsement in several areas.*

Registration will be open around the end of February. Each local system will be able register one participant – we will send the registration link to each LSM to complete. If you think that you will **NOT** use your system's slot, please let Bonnie Grifa know ([bgrifa@vcu.edu](mailto:bgrifa@vcu.edu)) as soon as possible. We will begin a waiting list in the event local systems are interested in sending an additional representative. For systems that require travel support, there is a very limited pool of funding to help support a limited number of participants.