



## FANTASTIC OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN AND NETWORK

Here are a few of the upcoming educational events the South Chapter of IDA has planned for 2015. Visit the IDA website at [www.idaofcal.org](http://www.idaofcal.org) frequently for details and updates.

### **Early Start Update – Panel representing Regional Centers, School Districts and Early Start Providers March/April, Orange County**

*The Early Start eligibility changes started on January 1, 2015. Come to this informative breakfast meeting to learn what the changes mean; how it can work; and what providers, Regional Centers, schools, and medical providers need to know to make Early Start work for families.*

### **The Impact of Trauma on Early Brain Development – Joan Maltese, PhD May, Child Development Institute, Canoga Park**

*Dr Maltese uses cutting edge research in development and neuroscience to explain how the 3 R's: Relationships, Regulation and Resilience are foundational components of healthy development. She links the biological and psychological importance of early relationships in developing the capacity for self-regulation.*

### **All In the Family – Diane Simon Smith, MPH, MA, MFT June 8, Creative Steps, Santa Monica**

*When a child has special needs:*

- *What is the impact on the family?*
- *What changes happen within family relationships, both marital and sibling?*
- *What are the challenges and what are the gifts of having a child with special needs in the family?*

*This presentation will address these questions and provide strategies for strengthening families.*

### **CCS Demystified – Elizabeth Russel, PhD, OTR/L; Lisa Dittbenner, OTR/L; Eunice Shen, PhD, DPT, PCS August**

- *Overview of the California Children's Services (CCS) system*
- *Synopsis of the services CCS provides*
- *Compare and contrast pediatric therapy services in California*

### **How Does It Feel? – Nancy Kislak, MA, OTR/L and Joni Schumacher, MS, CCC-SLP November 5, Braille Institute, Los Angeles**

*This informative and experiential seminar will:*

- *Provide the participant experiences to help them understand how it feels to be a child (0-8) with a sensory processing disorder*
- *Identify strategies to enhance sensory organization as well as coping strategies will also be experienced*
- *Introduce the principles of sensory processing and sensory integration*

**DON'T MISS**  
**IDA Southern California Regional Conference**  
**April 17-18, 2015, Riverside, CA**  
**Registration and details at [www.idaofcal.org](http://www.idaofcal.org)**

