

Early Childhood Service Intensity Instrument Training (ECSII)

This is the first time for that ECSII Training is being offered in Western Australia. It follows on from an overview of the ECSII presented by Kate Wasserman at an AAIMHI WA Seminar in 2018

ECSII training takes place over one and a half days as follows:

- Monday 25th March, 2019 from 8:30am to 4:00pm and
- Tuesday 26th March, 2019 from 8:30am to 12:00pm

Venue: Telethon Kids Institute at Perth Children's Hospital (PCH) Seminar Room, Level 5 West (TKI is at the north end of PCH where you will find the yellow lifts)

COST: \$260.00 (This includes lunch on the first day and the ECSII manual – valued at \$50)

HOW DO I REGISTER FOR THE TRAINING?

You may register for the training via the following link:

<https://www.trybooking.com/BBDVH>

International Trainer: Catherine Wright, PsyD, LP, LPCC-Accredited ECSII Trainer

Bio: Catherine Wright has a doctorate in Counseling Psychology from the University of St. Thomas and is a Zero to Three Fellow. Catherine has over 25 years of experience providing direct children's mental health services and managing children's mental health programs and systems. Catherine is the Early Childhood Mental Health System Coordinator within the Mental Health Division of the Department of Human Services for the State of Minnesota. At the State of Minnesota, Catherine is responsible for developing the early childhood mental health system of care, including arranging for and managing trainings in evidence based practices for early childhood mental health clinicians, supporting policy development around early childhood mental health, and integrating clinical services within family serving systems such as childcare, Head Start, schools, primary care clinics and the adult mental health system.

What is the ECSII and why do the training?

The ECSII is an instrument to assist providers in determining service intensity for infants, toddlers, and children ages 0-5 with or at risk for emotional, behavioral and/or developmental disorders. It is a tool for providers and others involved in the care of young children with emotional, behavioural, and/or developmental needs, and their families, including those children who are experiencing environmental stressors that may put them at risk for such problems. The ECSII is based on System of Care (SOC) and wraparound values/context.

The ECSII is based on the concept of Service Intensity (SI) as opposed to traditionally defined "level of care". Traditionally, level of care has implied facility-based programs with ascending levels of restrictiveness. Since young children and their families often require

services in multiple contexts, the breadth of the service plan may be more important than restrictiveness. We believe that Service Intensity best captures this concept. Service intensity involves multiple factors, not only the frequency and quantity of services, but also the extent to which multiple providers or agencies are involved, as well as the level of care coordination required.

Learning goals/ objectives: The ECSII provides a common language for professionals and families when working to understand the needs of infants and young children presenting with complex problems. It offers guidance in selecting appropriate services at the appropriate intensity for the youngest and most vulnerable infants and young children.

This course is a formal training of the administration of the ECSII and is relevant for practitioners who provide services to children aged 0-5 years. Participants will master the administration of the ECSII but will *not* be able to train additional staff in the use of the ECSII. A certificate of attendance will be provided upon full attendance at the training.

AAIMHI WA Competencies:

- Intervention and Treatment Planning
- Parent-Infant/Young child Relationship Based Therapy
- Collaborating
- Infant/Young Child Family Centered Practice

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