

Subject: Free Course for Service Providers of Young Children with Visual Impairment

Source: Missouri School for the Blind

Intended Audience: Early Intervention and Early Learning Service Providers of Young Children Who Are Visually Impaired

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Early intervention and early learning providers may find a course focused on children with vision impairment and their families helpful as they serve young children with visual impairment including children in Part C, First Steps. The content may also be appropriate for providers serving young children with multiple disabilities that include visual impairment.

Missouri School for the Blind through Project VIISA (Vision Impaired In-Service in America) is offering Course I: Early Intervention for Infants and Toddlers (birth through two years) and Their Families which covers topics related to the unique needs of infants and toddlers who are vision impaired, including: visual development, visual impairment and orientation and mobility (O&M). The course combines self-studies, homework assignments and two face-to-face sessions with course instructors. The course is free of charge.

Dates: November 20 (half-day), 21 & 22, 2013

March 12 (half-day), 13 & 14, 2014

Applications are now being accepted, with a registration deadline of November 8, 2013. For complete announcement text and application go to [www.msb.dese.mo.gov](http://www.msb.dese.mo.gov) and click on Professional Development under the Table of Contents. For questions, contact Jennie Mascheck, Coordinator, Outreach Services at [jennie.mascheck@msb.dese.mo.gov](mailto:jennie.mascheck@msb.dese.mo.gov) or 314-776-4320, ext. 1250.