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Dear Parents,

Our Early Intervention team at SCESD had hoped to be back to “normal” this fall and be able to come to homes again to work with you and your family to improve your child’s communication/cognitive/developmental skills. However, due to Covid-19 restrictions we will continue to use Zoom as our primary method of consultation. We understand that virtual services may be more difficult for a variety of reasons.

Fortunately, the Ready Schools, Safe Learners guidance from Oregon Department of Education is now allowing some districts and programs in counties with lower COVID 19 rates to offer something called “Limited In Person Instruction.” Although “Limited In Person Instruction” will not be provided in the child’s natural environment (home), it is still a great opportunity to facilitate learning and assessments that are not easily replicated in a virtual online platform. Limited In Person Instruction will allow for services to be offered in person one time per month.

SCESD EI program has developed protocols for safety during Limited In Person Instruction that have been approved by our Local Public Health Agency. These protocols can be reviewed on our SCESD website on the Early Intervention page. Implementing these protocols, we can provide Limited In Person Instruction (or therapy) sessions at one of our SCESD Early Childhood Centers.

Coos County residents
Gold Beach/ Port Orford
Brookings

South Coast ESD site (Coos Bay)
South Coast ESD Site (Gold Beach)
South Coast ESD ECSE Classroom at Kalmiopsis Elementary

The offer of Limited In Person instruction/therapy will be in addition to the Zoom consultation already in place. We think this combination of in person and Zoom sessions should provide a more flexible and comprehensive approach to instruction/therapy. We still see our job as helping parents and family members learn to use different strategies of interacting with your child that will improve his/her skills. Having the opportunity to meet in person allows for us to better model for you how to catch all the “teachable moments” within your family routines.

As always, we are excited that we are part of your service team. Please remember these Limited In Person sessions are not required. If you choose not to participate in Limited In Person sessions, you will continue to be provided the services in your child’s IFSP via Zoom virtual consultation.

Your EI Service Coordinator will be discussing this option of Limited In Person instruction/therapy during one of your upcoming Zoom consultation sessions. Thank you!

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