

Dear Colleagues,

I know I'm not the first and won't be the last to say this but I don't think anyone will be disappointed to see the end of 2020. There has been trauma from the pandemic as well as the widespread exposure of racial injustice. This year will leave its impact on all of us.

But there are some positives that I will take away from 2020. The first and most impressive positive is the creativity and dedication of Early Intervention professionals in solving how to provide services to infants and toddlers during a pandemic. Even during a crisis, Early Interventionists were determined not to let the most impactful time for brain development lapse without providing services to families.

The pandemic also gave us the opportunity to demonstrate how impactful telehealth can be and how it supports coaching strategies. Telehealth allowed many families to receive services that otherwise wouldn't have been able to access them. I am very hopeful that telehealth will continue to be reimbursed but I will wait with you for the final decision on that.

Now that the holiday season is here, I know that I will be reflecting on all that I have to be grateful for and what I've learned this year. I hope that you will have time for rest and restoration during the holidays.

Thank you for all that you have done and accomplished in the face of great difficulty,

Catherine