Mark Innocenti, director of the Research and Evaluation Division at Utah State University’s Center for Persons with Disabilities, will lead a webinar from AUCD’s Early Intervention/Early Childhood (EIEC) Special Interest Group on the use of a recently published assessment tool developed by CPD researchers.

The Power of Parenting for Young Children with Disabilities: A Parent-Child Interaction Measurement Tool, Research Findings and Suggestions for Use will be presented Tuesday, January 28 from 4-5 p.m. EST (2-3 p.m. MST). The webinar will present information on the Parenting Interactions with Children: Checklist of Observations Linked to Outcomes (PICCOLO) tool, which provides a practical observation measure of developmentally supportive parenting with young children. Strategies for using the PICCOLO in practice will also be described. CPD researchers tested the reliability and validity of this measure with parents of children with an identified disability.

Innocenti is a member of AUCD’s Early Intervention workgroup and volunteered to lead the webinar because it is a topic of interest to the early intervention community, he said.

According to the webinar description, this information will be useful to anyone interested in early intervention with families who have a child with a disability and families where the parent may have a disability. The message for the field is that common parenting behaviors, in which parents typically engage, are important predictors of later outcomes for children with identified disabilities, and these parenting behaviors need to play a more salient role in Part C services.

For more information, or to register for the webinar, visit the AUCD website.