

To: All Early Intervention contract managers and FCFC coordinators
From: Nathan DeDino
Date: March 4, 2016
Subject: Help Me Grow Early Intervention Program Updates, #1605

MESSAGE FROM THE PART C COORDINATOR

I wanted to give two brief personnel updates. We are pleased to welcome Shelly Palumbo as a new Early Intervention consultant on Monday. She worked most recently as a TA consultant for the HMG Home Visiting program. Shelly will be responsible for the West Central counties of the state. Please see the updated map accompanying this e-mail. Shelly will contact her counties with her phone number once her phone is set up. I also wanted to let you know that Robin Bell has resigned her position. If you have any outstanding business with Robin, please contact me for follow up. We thank Robin for her many years of service to the Early Intervention program.

I always invite your feedback. Do not hesitate to contact me at nathan.dedino@odh.ohio.gov. I look forward to hearing from you.

PROGRAM UPDATES

Payor of Last Resort (POLR)

If you have submitted a POLR application or other POLR-related inquiry since January and not received any follow up, please contact Traci at polr@odh.ohio.gov or 614-728-2155.

SFY17 Service Coordination Grant

As a reminder, the “Continuation Solicitation Reimbursement Type Form” at p9 of the service coordination RFP constitutes your Notice of Intent to Apply for Funding (NOIAF). Please be sure to submit this form no later than **Monday, March 7**. Directions are at the bottom of p9. The grant application is due **April 4**. If you are changing administrative agents or have questions about who needs GMIS access, please be sure to contact Kelli Lanzot or Laura Friedman.

Credentialing Reminder

We remind all credentialed staff to ensure that their Ohio Professional Registry (OPR) profiles are up-to-date and to send any training certificates for their credentials to Diana Green at OPR.

OhioTRAIN Email Notifications

When you register for courses on OhioTRAIN, you can receive registration *confirmation*, course *handouts*, and *updates* to course information by email.

However, we have found that many users do not have their OhioTRAIN account set up to receive

these emails. You will only receive these emails if:

1. Your account shows your current email address, and
2. You check the box that says “I would like to receive emails from TRAIN.”

To edit your Account, click “My Account” in the blue bar at the top, right-hand corner of the screen. The Details Page will open. Your email address will appear near the top of the Details Page. Towards the bottom of the Details page, you will see this box for email notifications:

I would like to receive emails from TRAIN.

Ensure that the box is checked in order to receive e-mail updates.

SFY16 TRS Baseline Analysis

Activities related to the SFY16 TRS baseline analysis are underway. Data inquiries were sent to applicable counties on March 2 and are due March 16.

County APR Results and Determinations

County APR and determination memos and reports, along with explanations of the data, were sent to counties February 26. Reports will be posted in the coming weeks on the HMG website.

The following table shows how many counties were in each determinations category this year.

<i>Determinations Category</i>	<i>Number of Counties in Category</i>
Meets Requirements	75
Needs Assistance	13
Needs Intervention	0
Needs Substantial Intervention	0

Contact Taylor Hammond, EI Researcher, at Taylor.Hammond@odh.ohio.gov with any questions.

Family Questionnaire Results and Comment Reports

County results from the 2015 Family Questionnaire were sent out on February 24. Reports included a summary of the results from the survey as well as all de-identified comments for that county. Reports will be posted in the coming weeks on the HMG website; comment reports will not be posted.

Below is a correction to the email that was sent out with the reports:

The email sent out read in part as follows: “Please note that questions 1 through 3 make up the *Child* Outcomes indicator for the Annual Performance Report, and thus correspond to 4a, 4b, and 4c on your county’s APR and Determinations Report.”

This sentence should have instead read as follows: “Please note that questions 1 through 3 make up the **Family** Outcomes indicator for the Annual Performance Report, and thus correspond to 4a, 4b, and 4c on your county’s APR and Determinations Report.”

A qualitative analysis of the family questionnaire comments that was presented to the HMG Advisory Council and EI stakeholder group accompanies this bi-weekly communication.

Contact Cydney Hoffman, EI Researcher, at Cydney.Hoffman@odh.ohio.gov with any questions.

RESOURCES AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Routines-Based Interview (RBI)

Registration is now available on OhioTRAIN for Routines-Based Interview (RBI) Training on April 12 and 13, 2016. The OhioTRAIN Course ID is #1056308. Each session is limited to 30 participants, so register soon.

Other Training Opportunities

Ongoing trainings available through Ohio Train:

- Functional Assessment: Beyond the Bayley and Battelle Webinar (1062057)
- HMG Training Institute (1034150)
- IFSP Form user-directed webinar (1028661)
- IFSP Outcome Training-Facilitated Webinar (1054433)
- Principles of Service Coordination (1047684)

Other Trainings:

- Child Outcome Summary: Your State Team is encouraging county teams to use the online COS modules developed by the DaSy Center. Each participant must register for the online modules. You will then receive an email with a direct link to access the online modules. There are five modules. Here is the link: <http://dasycenter.org/child-outcomes-summary-cos-process-module-collecting-using-data-to-improve-programs/> If your team needs additional support after completing the COS modules, please contact your TA Consultant.
- Overview of Evidence Based EI: This training is accessed through your TA consultant, and is designed to support teams with learning about the key components of EB EI practices including a review of the Mission and Key Principles, Coaching, Teaming, and Natural Learning Environment practices.
- Documentation: This training is available through your TA consultant and supports teams with learning what type of activities need to be documented.