To: All Early Intervention contract managers and FCFC coordinators

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MESSAGE FROM THE PART C COORDINATOR

I am very pleased to share with you the Payor of Last Resort (POLR) questions and answers that accompany this bi-weekly communication. We have attempted to respond to those questions most frequently asked and also provide information you may find helpful when explaining the POLR process to families. If you have additional questions, do not hesitate to contact us at polr@odh.ohio.gov. As we receive additional questions or find we need to clarify some of the answers, we will be updating the question and answer document and distributing it to the field.

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

Service Coordination Bridge Funds Opportunity

The Grant Agreement and Offshore Affirmation form are due **May 13**. In order to receive funds by July 1, you must complete the Questionnaire and Invoice Form by **May 27**. If you have additional questions or need to find a form, be sure to review the RFP and all supporting documents here:

http://dodd.ohio.gov/Initiatives-and-Partnerships/Pages/default.aspx

SFY16 45 Day Baseline

Activities related to the SFY16 45 Day baseline analysis are underway. Data extraction will occur on May 20. We anticipate that missing data inquiries and verification requests will be sent to applicable counties June 8.

Data and Monitoring Road Show

Thank you to everyone who completed the survey regarding your needs and interests around data and monitoring. We have already begun analyzing your feedback and it is invaluable as we plan our Data and Monitoring Road Show. We intend to conduct a pilot session in early August and six additional trainings throughout September and October. Additional details will be available in the coming weeks.

RESOURCES AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Better Hearing and Speech Month Coffee Break Webinars

May is Better Hearing and Speech Month. The Office of Special Education Programs and the Offices of Head Start and Child Care are partnering to join the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association in celebrating this year's theme: "Communication Takes Care." You can join a series of five the coffee break webinars May 16-20 from 2:00-2:15pm ET to learn more about hearing screening and the use of assistive technology to support young children with disabilities and their families. No registration is required to join the webinars.

You can access the webinars here:

https://ncham.adobeconnect.com/ncham/

Captioning services available here:

http://www.streamtext.net/player?event=NCHAM

May 16, 2:00 – 2:15 pm ET
Debunking Common Myths about Using Assistive Technology with Young Children

May 17, 2:00 – 2:15 pm ET
Don't Wait to Communicate! Augmentative & Alternative Communication (AAC)

May 18, 2:00 – 2:15 pm ET
Quality Hearing Screening Practices for Children Birth to Five Years of Age

May 19, 2:00 – 2:15 pm ET
Using a Multi-modal Approach To Support Children with Hearing Loss

May 20, 2:00 – 2:15 pm ET
Center on Technology and Disability: Free Resources to Support the Use of Assistive Technology in Young Children with Disabilities

Ongoing trainings available through Ohio Train:
- Early Intervention Mission and Key Principles self-paced webinar (1061264)
- Functional Assessment: Beyond the Bayley and Battelle facilitated webinar (1062057)
- HMG Training Institute (1034150)
- IFSP Form user-directed webinar (1028661)
- IFSP Outcome Training facilitated webinar (1054433)
- Introduction to Early Intervention self-paced webinar (1061260)
- 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 six 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