

To: All Early Intervention contract managers and FCFC coordinators
From: Nathan DeDino
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Subject: Help Me Grow Early Intervention Program Updates, #1616

MESSAGE FROM THE PART C COORDINATOR

I want to thank everyone who participated in the two day evidence-based early intervention practices training given by Drs. Sheldon and Rush earlier this week. We had more than one hundred interventionists, service coordinators, and EI contract managers from around the state participate. As I've said before, it's only through better application of evidence-based practices that we can move our EI program forward. Thank you for your work to make that happen!

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

PROGRAM UPDATES

E-mail Address Change

ODH staff who transitioned to DODD (Melissa Courts, Nathan DeDino, Laura Friedman, Taylor Hammond, Cydney Hoffman, Kelli Lanzot, Jeff Strong, and Susan Wendt) now have DODD e-mail addresses. The e-mail addresses follow the same pattern at ODH: firstname.lastname@dodd.ohio.gov. Please be sure to update your e-mail address book.

Fiscal Report Webinars

We will have three webinars to discuss the Emerald Consulting fiscal report that was distributed to EI contract managers, FCFC coordinators, and CBDD superintendents earlier this week. These webinars are an opportunity to hear a brief presentation and ask any questions you may have. To register, click on the link next to the session.

August 18, 8:30am-10:30am: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2103155014125646338>

August 24, 10:30am-12:30pm: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/92063584528019202>

August 24, 2:00pm-4:00pm: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4970015035319043586>

Regional Infant Hearing Program

As you know, we are transitioning the EI services provided by the Regional Infant Hearing Program. We anticipate having contracts with providers in place by September 1. We will communicate with all counties next week with information about the provider for your county.

Vision Services

As discussed in #1614, EI vision services are now available in a number of counties through a funding opportunity with DODD. Service coordinators should reach out to these providers for children who may need to have a vision services provider on the functional assessment and/or IFSP teams. In the coming two weeks, we anticipate having a contract in place with the Ohio School for the Blind who will be providing services for the counties not listed below.

Cincinnati Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired
Contact: Ginny Bakscheder, gabby.bakscheder@cincyblind.org
Counties: Clinton, Greene, Highland, Jackson, Montgomery, Pike, Preble, Scioto

Janet Stone (mostly late afternoon/evening and weekend availability)
Contact: Janet Stone, stonejardb@aol.com
Counties: Geauga, Medina, Portage, Summit, Wayne

Stark County Board of Developmental Disabilities
Contact: Tammy Maney, maneyt@starkdd.org
Counties: Carroll, Columbiana, Holmes, Mahoning, Medina, Stark, Tuscarawas

SFY16 Transition Baseline

Activities related to the SFY16 Transition baseline analysis are underway. Notification details were sent July 22 identifying which programs will be participating and outlining timelines. For those included in the Transition analysis, the data cleaning period runs through August 15. Data extraction will occur on August 29.

SFY16 45 Day Baseline

Activities related to the SFY16 45 Day baseline analysis have been completed. Results memos were sent earlier this week.

RESOURCES AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

SFY17 Training Handbook Updates

The SFY17 Training Handbook that accompanies this bi-weekly communication has been revised to incorporate minor corrections and to include newly-confirmed training dates for the following:

Reflective Supervision #1049291
Childhood Trauma #1053724
Social-Emotional Development in Infants and Toddlers #1055419

Please replace the previous version of the Handbook with this updated version.

Routines-Based Interview

Training on the Routines-Based Interview (RBI) is coming up in September 2016. Two sessions are available: September 15 and September 16. Both take place at the State Library in Columbus, and space is available currently in both sessions.

This is an opportunity to learn about this functional assessment tool that can be used for both child and family assessment. The training includes interviewing techniques, eco-mapping, and practice.

The presenter is Debbie Ashley, M.Ed. who received training and certification through the SISKIN Children's Institute from Dr. Robin McWilliam, author of the RBI. Registration is available on OhioTRAIN, course #1056308.

Introduction to Early Intervention Video

The Introduction to EI video is a useful and concise resource you may wish to use when orienting new staff or introducing EI to new families. You can access the video here:

<http://dodd.ohio.gov/IndividualFamilies/MYday/Pages/Education-and-Development.aspx>

State-Sponsored Training Opportunities

Ongoing trainings available through OhioTRAIN:

- Coaching in Early Intervention self-paced webinar (1063890)
- Early Intervention Mission and Key Principles self-paced webinar (1061264)
- Functional Assessment: Beyond the Bayley and Battelle facilitated webinar (1062057)
- IFSP Form user-directed webinar (1028661)
- IFSP Outcome Training facilitated webinar (1054433)
- Introduction to Early Intervention self-paced webinar (1061260)
- Natural Learning Environments self-paced webinar (1063888)
- Principles of Service Coordination (1047684)

Other Trainings:

- Child Outcomes Summary: Your state team encourages 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 program consultant.
- Overview of Evidence Based EI: This training is accessed through your program 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 program consultant and supports teams with learning what type of activities need to be documented.