To: All Early Intervention contract managers and FCFC coordinators

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MESSAGE FROM THE PART C COORDINATOR

Next month is the thirtieth anniversary of the passage of what the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) calls "Baby IDEA." Public Law 99-457 established Part C Early Intervention and mandated Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). Next week, OSEP will be promoting the anniversary with perspectives from professionals and families through a variety of media. You are invited to share your thoughts and experiences as well.

- Twitter (https://twitter.com/ED_Sped_Rehab),
- YouTube (https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpyZBPJa5u2vJcGZRHat-Tw),
- Blog (http://sites.ed.gov/osers/)

On October 7, OSEP will host a Google Hangout. Details will be available next week here: http://www2.ed.gov/about/inits/ed/earlylearning/index.html

In celebration of the thirtieth anniversary, I would like to share with you the inspirational story of Ellie Nickoli, who took part in Ohio's EI program as a child in 2003. As a teenager, she now advocates for EI so others can understand the benefits that Early Intervention brings to children and families. You can read about her story here: http://bit.ly/2ddZxqJ.

I hope you will consider taking part in celebrating the thirtieth anniversary of Part C. It is a momentous anniversary and an exciting time to be working in Early Intervention in Ohio!

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

Audit Extension Requests

Please continue to submit your 2015 A-133 audit to ODH at audits@odh.ohio.gov. However, please forward any *audit extension requests* to Tiffany Harlan at tiffany.harlan@dodd.ohio.gov.

SFY17 Service Coordination Grant Subcontracts

Remember to attach signed subcontracts using SFY17 service coordination grant dollars in the Application section of GMIS, and complete the CCA section with the requested subcontract

information. *Both* of these items must be completed to receive the reimbursement associated with your October 10, 2016 expenditure report. Please submit any questions to Tiffany Harlan at tiffany.harlan@dodd.ohio.gov.

SFY16 Transition Baseline

Activities related to the SFY16 Transition baseline analysis are underway. County inquiries, including Steps Self-Assessments, and missing data and verification requests, as applicable, were due back to DODD by September 27. Any needed clarifications will be requested in the coming weeks and results memos are scheduled to be sent in early November. If you have any questions, please contact Melissa Courts at melissa.courts@dodd.ohio.gov.

2016 Family Questionnaire

The 2016 Family Questionnaire should be mailed next week to all families who had an active IFSP on July 1. A list of families in the county who received the survey will be sent to each FCFC Coordinator and Contract Manager in the coming weeks. We ask that you encourage families to respond, as their feedback is very helpful in ensuring EI is the best it can be in Ohio.

Early Track Funding Source Dropdown

With the restructuring of services provided by RIHP, please be sure to use "Help Me Grow Part C" as the funding source dropdown option in Early Track for the family training service funded through DODD. Vision services that are funded through DODD should also use the "Help Me Grow Part C" dropdown option.

New Early Intervention Services Report

We are happy to announce that, with the September 30 release of Early Track, a new EI Services Report is now available. This report, called "EI Services," includes all services for all IFSPs that occurred within the user-specified time range, encompassing a broad array of information about the EI services listed on these IFSPs. Potential uses for the report include, but are not limited to the following: monitoring TRS compliance components, such as whether new services have started; verifying whether NCRs entered match documentation in case notes; discerning patterns regarding timeliness among different Service Coordinators or agencies; identifying which services are being listed on IFSPs as well as the planned frequency, duration, location, and funding sources of the services; and examining IFSP outcomes.

There are several important aspects of this report to note:

1. Each row in the report includes a different service-outcome combination. This means you may see the same service for a child multiple times if that service was used to meet multiple outcomes on the same or different IFSPs. For example, if PT was used to meet Outcome #1 and Outcome #2, there will be two rows in the report related to this service.
2. As the report includes all services listed on IFSPs within the specified timeframe, you may see services added to IFSPs that occurred prior to the time range. The "IFSP

Added" field identifies the date the service-outcome combination was first added to an IFSP.
3. For the reasons listed in #1 and #2, this report includes more data than what is included for TRS compliance analysis purposes. TRS compliance analyses include only the *first* time the service is delivered after being added to an IFSP for the first time.
4. IFSP outcomes, as entered into Early Track, are included in the report in their entirety. As such, this report will be useful in performing comprehensive reviews of IFSP outcomes, including analyses of quality.

If you have questions, please e-mail ETDS@odh.ohio.gov.

RESOURCES AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

New Training Module: *The IFSP: It's All about the Process*

We are pleased to announce the completion of our latest self-study module that incorporates information from our two previous facilitated Webinars, "*Functional Assessment: Beyond the Bayley and Battelle*" and "*The Key to Writing Functional IFSP Outcomes.*" This new module explores the family's Early Intervention journey from referral through development of the initial IFSP. The training explains how each step of the process builds on previous steps, culminating in individualized decisions to meet each family's unique priorities and needs.

Participants will learn the following:

- Requirements for screening, evaluation, and functional assessment
- How to write quality IFSP outcomes
- How the IFSP team identifies steps, activities, and services to meet outcomes
- How to use a family-centered approach to inform decision-making and build the family's capacity

This training will satisfy the "eligibility and determination of needs process" training to become a Service Coordinator II. The training will be available on OhioTRAIN next week. We will include the OhioTRAIN number in the next communication.

Data and Monitoring Road Show

The EI Data and Monitoring Road Show has begun. This series of trainings is targeted for EI Contract Managers and Data staff and will include information about the Early Track Data System, compliance monitoring practices and protocols, and how to better use and share data. Be sure to register soon to ensure that you can attend your preferred location. The Data and Monitoring team is excited to get on the road. See you there!

Dates	Location	Registration Link
10/5/16	Guernsey County Board of DD	http://www.planetreg.com/E822124134133992

10/18/16	Allen County Board of DD	http://www.planetreg.com/E822125255133758
10/26/16	Highland County Board of DD	http://www.planetreg.com/E822132635133513
11/2/16	State Library, Franklin County	http://www.planetreg.com/E82213313513372
11/17/16	Wood County Board of DD	http://www.planetreg.com/E822133917133938

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)
- Family-Centered Practices self-paced webinar (1064739)
- 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 in-person training (1047684)
- Using a Primary Service Provider Approach to Teaming self-paced webinar (1064737)

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. NB: Credentialing hours are not available for these trainings since there is no way currently to verify attendance.
- 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.