To: All Early Intervention contract managers and FCFC coordinators

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MESSAGE FROM THE PART C COORDINATOR

At the start of a new year, we at DODD are looking forward to our continued partnership with you to strengthen and improve Ohio's Early Intervention system. In particular, we are very excited about the new process to support service coordination agencies that will be explained in calls later this month. Strong service coordinators are at the foundation of any successful EI system. There is much we can do to better support service coordination agencies, and we know that we will also learn a great deal about what you are already doing successfully. It promises to be an exciting year!

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

System of Payments Rule

DODD has drafted a new system of payments (SOP) rule. This rule combines the SOP and Payor of Last Resort (POLR) activities that are currently in two rules and makes a number of significant changes that will enhance the uniformity of Ohio's EI system. The new SOP rule reflects extensive feedback from stakeholders who convened in multiple meetings this past autumn. We had input from FCFC, service coordination agencies, county boards of developmental disabilities, private providers, other state agencies, and families. This rule is currently open for clearance. You can access the rule and find instructions for making formal comment about the rule here:

http://dodd.ohio.gov/RulesLaws/Pages/Rules-Under-Development.aspx

As part of the implementation of the rule, Traci Keesee will be conducting trainings and guidance documents to aid local partners in understanding and executing the rule prior to its implementation later in 2017. If you have questions about the rule, do not hesitate to contact Katrina Bush at katrina.bush@dodd.ohio.gov.

Hospital-Based Child Find Specialist Referrals

The Hospital-Based Child Find initiative transitioned from a grant to a deliverables-based contract in October. Participating hospitals are reimbursed a set amount per completed EI program referral. Invoices are verified with data in Early Track. Therefore, it is imperative that contacts to Central

Coordination from these hospitals' child find specialists are entered accurately and timely in Early Track.

DODD has contracts with the following hospitals:

Akron Children's Hospital
Cincinnati Children's Hospital
Dayton Children's Hospital
MetroHealth (Cleveland)
Nationwide Children's Hospital (Columbus)
Promedica Toledo Hospital
St. Vincent Mercy Medical Center (Toledo)
University Hospitals of Cleveland

Not all referrals from these hospitals are from the hospital's child find specialist. Please use the "Hospital Child Find Specialist" dropdown option in Early Track for *only* those referrals clearly from the specialist.

February 1 LEA

The February 1 Quarterly LEA Reports are used for our annual compliance analysis. DODD is responsible for issuing findings of noncompliance in this area where appropriate. The February 1 Quarterly LEA Report may be run no earlier than January 22, 2017 and must be sent to the appropriate LEAs no later than February 1, 2017. You must also submit a copy of the report to DODD no later than Thursday February 2. You are strongly encouraged to maintain a copy of the report in the event that it is needed at a later date for monitoring purposes. An email explaining the LEA reporting requirement was sent to all EI contract managers and FCFC coordinators on January 5. Please contact Melissa Courts, EI Monitoring Consultant, at melissa.courts@dodd.ohio.gov if you should have received this information, but did not.

Family Questionnaire Results

County results from the 2016 Family Questionnaire were sent out on January 5. Reports include a summary of the results for questions 1 through 10. The responses to the open-ended questions 11 through 13, as well as any comments that may have been included, will be sent out separately in the coming months. We are currently in the process of compiling and categorizing these responses, and they will be distributed upon completion.

Contact Cydney Hoffman, EI Researcher, at cydney.hoffman@ddod.ohio.gov with any questions.

SFY17 45-Day Analysis

As in past years, each county will be included in one of the three baseline analyses for SFY17 based on its group number. See EI Program Updates #1624 for more details. The 45-Day analysis will be the first of 2017, in which Group 1 counties will be included. Initial emails to notify counties regarding their inclusion in the analysis are scheduled to be sent within the next week.

For counties included in the 45-Day analysis, the data cleaning period will run from January 17 to January 31.

Annual Performance Report Posted for Public Comment

A draft of Ohio's Federal Fiscal Year 2015 Annual Performance Report (APR) was posted on November 28 for public comment on the Help Me Grow website in the "Help Me Grow News and Notes" section:

http://www.helpmegrow.ohio.gov/-/media/HelpMeGrow/ASSETS/Files/Professionals-Gallery/HMG-Early-Intervention/FFY15-Ohio-Annual-Performance-Report.pdf?la=en.

Public comment was accepted through December 28, and the APR will remain posted until January 27.

RESOURCES AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Webinars

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) is offering three webinars about fetal alcohol spectrum disorders.

Webinar #1
[FREE Educational Webinar - FASD: Screening, Assessment, and Diagnosis (January 18, 2017)](#)
Join the American Academy of Pediatrics for a free 30-minute webinar on **Wednesday, January 18 at 4pm ET** titled *Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD): Screening, Assessment, and Diagnosis.* This webinar will focus on defining the terms used to describe the conditions under the umbrella of FASD, describing the signs that may indicate prenatal alcohol exposure and a possible condition along the continuum of FASDs. Primary care clinicians are encouraged to attend. **[Register](#)** for the webinar today!

Webinar #2
[FREE Educational Webinar - Neurobehavioral Disorder associated with Prenatal Alcohol Exposure (ND-PAE) (January 25, 2017)](#)
Join the American Academy of Pediatrics for a free 30-minute webinar on **Wednesday, January 25 at 4pm ET** titled *Neurobehavioral Disorder associated with Prenatal Alcohol Exposure (ND-PAE).* This webinar will focus on the factors in a patient's medical history and clinical presentation that may indicate the presence of ND-PAE. Participants will learn about the domains in which children with this disorder struggle with behavior and developmental tasks. Primary care clinicians are encouraged to attend. **[Register here](#)**!

Webinar #3
[FREE Educational Webinar - Treatment Across the Lifespan for Persons with a Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (February 1, 2017)](#)
Join the American Academy of Pediatrics for a free 30-minute webinar on **Wednesday, February 1 at 4pm ET** titled *[Treatment Across the Lifespan for Persons with a Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders](#)*. This webinar will focus on identifying and managing neurobehavioral and medical concerns at different developmental stages. Participants will learn about medical, therapeutic, and pharmaceutical considerations. Faculty will present evidence-based interventions that are applicable to community-based primary care pediatricians. Primary care clinicians are encouraged to attend. **[Register here](#)**!

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Zika Resources

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has the following new "What to Know" information sheets about the Zika virus. These sheets were developed for practitioners to help answer questions from women who have been exposed to Zika or who have babies who were born after being exposed to the Zika virus.

> **During pregnancy:** https://www.cdc.gov/zika/pdfs/whattoknow-doctor-suspects-microcephaly.pdf
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> **Born with congenital Zika syndrome (CZS):**
> https://www.cdc.gov/zika/pdfs/whattoknow-congenital-zika-syndrome.pdf
>
> **Born apparently healthy:** https://www.cdc.gov/zika/pdfs/whattoknow-affected-by-zika-no-related-conditions.pdf

CDC released also released on December 15 its preliminary estimates of birth defects after infection during pregnancy based on data available as of September 22, 2016:

https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2016/p1215-birth-defects-zika.html

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)
- IFSP Form self-paced webinar (1028661)

- The IFSP: It's All about the Process self-paced webinar (1066899)
- 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.