

To: All Early Intervention contract managers and FCFC coordinators
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MESSAGE FROM THE PART C COORDINATOR

I wanted to share three priority areas in Early Intervention for DODD in 2017. Over the course of the coming year, we will be focused on increasing efforts to find infants and toddlers with developmental delays and disabilities, increasing equity of EI services across the state, and diversifying funding for EI services. We have exciting initiatives in all three areas underway. Some of these include a pilot partnership between DODD and the Southern Ohio Council of Governments to provide a core team in seven counties in southern Ohio, a revised system of payments rule, and our new process to support Ohio's service coordinators. We look forward to working with you to implement these initiatives. Your feedback and partnership is vital to helping Ohio move forward, so please continue to let us know what is working and how we can better support you in your work.

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

EI Contract Manager and FCFC Coordinator Contact Survey

In order to maintain the most up to date contact information for EI Contract Managers and FCFC Coordinators, we are asking each county EI contract manager *and* FCFC coordinator to complete the following very brief Survey Monkey with current contact information:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/EIContacts>

Instructions for completing the survey, are available at the link. Please complete this survey no later than January 27. After January 27, the EI program consultants will be following up with counties who have not reported contact information.

Please note that if you work in multiple counties, you must fill out the form separately for each county. Similarly, if you are both the EI Contract Manager and FCFC Coordinator in your county, you must fill out the survey separately for each role. **Each county will have two submissions.** To make a second submission, simply click on the link above a second time after making your first submission. If you have any questions about filling out the survey, please contact Cydney Hoffman at cydney.hoffman@dodd.ohio.gov.

Service Coordinator Credential Renewals

If you have recently applied for renewal of your Service Coordinator credential and have not received a response, please be advised that the renewal process is a *two-part process*. This is a change from prior years. You must complete both steps before your renewal application will be reviewed.

Step One: Submit certificates for the required trainings for your level of credential.

Step Two: Submit a renewal application by following the below steps:

HMG Application Instructions for Renewal

- Click on “Applications” on the left side;
- Next click on “HMG”;
- Then, check the box next to the credential you want to renew (do not do the training list; it is for initial credentials);
- Submit the application.

If you have questions or need to follow up on an application, please contact Diana Green at the Ohio Professional Registry at DGGreen@ocrra.org.

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. 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 at melissa.courts@dodd.ohio.gov if you should have received this information, but did not.

We know that there is an issue with some records where the service coordinator’s name is not appearing on the quarterly LEA report. The service coordinator’s name is not a federal requirement, so please be sure to send the LEA report to your local school districts as is. We apologize for the inconvenience and will work to get a fix to the report for future reporting.

EI Report Uses Document

We have finalized a new resource to help you navigate some of the reports in Early Track and more efficiently and effectively use your EI data. The attached “EI Report Uses” document includes a description of included data, a screenshot of report parameters, suggestions for potential uses, and a list of the included fields for several reports. Many of you have already seen this resource, as it was utilized during the Data and Monitoring Road Show trainings in the Fall of 2016. Please note that, although they are not yet available, the specifications for two COS reports

are included. These reports will be developed and added to the data system as soon as we are able to do so. This document has also been posted in the ET Info section of Early Track. If you have questions or concerns about this document or data in any of the reports, or if you're ever unsure of how to access needed data, e-mail ETDS@odh.ohio.gov.

SFY17 45-Day Analysis

Activities related to the SFY17 45-Day analysis are underway. Notification e-mails were sent to all EI Contract Managers and FCFC Coordinators on January 6 regarding inclusion in the analysis. The data cleaning period for included counties is in progress until January 31. Data extraction is scheduled to occur on February 16.

APR 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

Family-Centered EI Service Provider Webinars

We recently sent a Save the Date announcement for Debbie Ashley's training, *How to be a Family-Centered EI Service Provider*. All sessions will be conducted via facilitated Webinar.

Registration is available on GoToWebinar. Please note that the training has two parts and that sessions are scheduled at different times on different days. Please use the following links to register. Once registered, you will receive a unique link via email that allows you to join on the date selected.

Part One: How to be a Family-Centered Practitioner

January 25 – 2:00-3:30pm

<https://attendeegotowebinar.com/register/846950887533689089>

January 27 – 10:00-11:30am

<https://attendeegotowebinar.com/register/1140907520242870273>

January 31– 2:00-3:30pm

<https://attendeegotowebinar.com/register/535730822756843777>

Part Two: Practice with Applying your Knowledge to Case Studies

February 22 – 10:00-11:30am

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3250550376061375233>

February 23 – 2:00-3:30pm

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7477914199627621633>

February 28 – 2:00-3:30pm

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7381448546964704513>

If you have additional questions, please contact Lori Myers, EI Training Coordinator, at Lori.E.Myers@dodd.ohio.gov.

Relationships Matter! Conference

The Childhood League is holding a two day conference on March 9-10 that will feature the importance of relationships in the development of young children, how these early bonds with caregivers help children grow and learn, and how relationships can be the best vehicle for early intervention when there are developmental concerns. The conference is open to all including families, therapists, psychologists, pediatricians, early interventionists, early childhood educators, special educators, other professionals who work with young children including social workers, administrators, community leaders and anyone interested in child development. You can learn more and register here:

<http://www.interveningearly.org/school-events/annual-conference/>

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>

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.

December 1, 2016 Child Count of Children Served by County

Overall statewide December 1, 2016 child count: 10,221

County	Dec 1 Child Count	County	Dec 1 Child Count
Adams	31	Licking	125
Allen	128	Logan	46
Ashland	30	Lorain	257
Ashtabula	58	Lucas	503
Athens	28	Madison	33
Auglaize	38	Mahoning	99
Belmont	53	Marion	50
Brown	29	Medina	186
Butler	455	Meigs	16
Carroll	19	Mercer	50
Champaign	35	Miami	111
Clark	124	Monroe	20
Clermont	221	Montgomery	471
Clinton	72	Morgan	14
Columbiana	36	Morrow	22
Coshocton	45	Muskingum	71
Crawford	46	Noble	19
Cuyahoga	1084	Ottawa	34
Darke	62	Paulding	17
Defiance	38	Perry	21
Delaware	333	Pickaway	56
Erie	80	Pike	23
Fairfield	145	Portage	130
Fayette	45	Preble	21
Franklin	1057	Putnam	37
Fulton	43	Richland	113
Gallia	26	Ross	36
Geauga	78	Sandusky	40
Greene	266	Scioto	44
Guernsey	49	Seneca	53
Hamilton	576	Shelby	66
Hancock	96	Stark	254
Hardin	17	Summit	417
Harrison	6	Trumbull	92
Henry	38	Tuscarawas	67
Highland	35	Union	50
Hocking	22	Van Wert	37
Holmes	41	Vinton	3
Huron	105	Warren	200
Jackson	18	Washington	49
Jefferson	40	Wayne	96
Knox	50	Williams	38
Lake	167	Wood	104
Lawrence	56	Wyandot	9

December 1 – December 31, 2016 EI Program Referrals

Overall statewide December 2016 EI program referrals: 1,873

County	Dec EI Referrals	County	Dec EI Referrals
Adams	6	Licking	28
Allen	28	Logan	6
Ashland	5	Lorain	49
Ashtabula	9	Lucas	75
Athens	10	Madison	9
Auglaize	5	Mahoning	17
Belmont	4	Marion	5
Brown	9	Medina	24
Butler	63	Meigs	2
Carroll	4	Mercer	11
Champaign	8	Miami	16
Clark	34	Monroe	2
Clermont	43	Montgomery	100
Clinton	13	Morgan	0
Columbiana	10	Morrow	4
Coshocton	3	Muskingum	22
Crawford	5	Noble	2
Cuyahoga	213	Ottawa	2
Darke	4	Paulding	2
Defiance	2	Perry	4
Delaware	36	Pickaway	9
Erie	22	Pike	5
Fairfield	31	Portage	32
Fayette	8	Preble	4
Franklin	246	Putnam	4
Fulton	8	Richland	13
Gallia	6	Ross	10
Geauga	13	Sandusky	5
Greene	27	Scioto	7
Guernsey	5	Seneca	8
Hamilton	116	Shelby	8
Hancock	13	Stark	37
Hardin	10	Summit	96
Harrison	1	Trumbull	27
Henry	1	Tuscarawas	21
Highland	7	Union	16
Hocking	5	Van Wert	9
Holmes	5	Vinton	0
Huron	10	Warren	26
Jackson	2	Washington	7
Jefferson	3	Wayne	13
Knox	5	Williams	5
Lake	29	Wood	21
Lawrence	19	Wyandot	4

NB: SFY 17 EI program referral numbers will not be finalized until after August 1, 2017 and are subject to change.