

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

In the coming weeks, we will be transitioning our distribution for the biweekly communication to the Constant Contact platform. As we learn more details about how this process will work, we will let you know. In the meantime, please be sure to update your contact information as explained below so we can be sure that we are reaching you at the best e-mail address.

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

## ***PROGRAM UPDATES***

### **EI Contract Manager and FCFC Coordinator Contact Survey--REMINDER**

*We are still missing many counties' contact information. Please complete the survey as soon as possible. DODD has printed copies of the new parent's rights brochure. Once we have verified that we have contact information for each county's EI contract manager and FCFC coordinator, we will begin mailing a several month supply of the brochure to each county's contract manager. If you have already completed the survey, you can disregard this notice. Thank you!*

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>

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](mailto:cydney.hoffman@dodd.ohio.gov).

### **Service Coordinator Credential Renewals Clarification**

In biweekly communication #1702, we included information about the two-part process to renew Service Coordination credentials.

Please note that the second part of the process—submitting a renewal application on the OPR website—replaces use of the HMG Cover Sheet. *The HMG Cover Sheet is no longer needed.*

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

### **FFY15 Annual Performance Report**

Ohio's Federal Fiscal Year 2015 Annual Performance Report (APR) was submitted to OSEP January 30. County reports, including APR data and determinations, are being compiled and will be distributed in the coming weeks. The state report and county-level reports will be posted on the new EI website in the spring.

### **SFY17 LEA Report**

February 1 Quarterly LEA reports were due to the LEAs by February 1 and should have been submitted to Melissa Courts at DODD by February 2. If you submitted the report by January 31, you should have received a confirmation from Melissa. Reports submitted after that date are still being reviewed and confirmation will be forthcoming.

### **SFY17 45-Day Baseline**

Activities related to the SFY17 45-Day baseline analysis are underway. Counties involved had until January 31 to complete data cleaning, including submission of any deletion or other requests to ETDS. Data extraction will be completed February 16 and missing data inquiries and verification requests will be sent to applicable counties March 1.

## ***RESOURCES AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES***

### **Play and Language for Autistic Youngsters (PLAY) Project Training**

In collaboration with DODD and the Childhood League Center, OCALI has released a new webinar around the intersection of the PLAY Project and the IFSP Process. The webinar is approximately 30 minutes long and explores the incorporation of the PLAY Project in Ohio's Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) for Early Intervention.

The webinar starts with a review of the IFSP process, from referral through identification of services, steps, and activities. Next, it explains how any strategy or intervention is chosen to support outcomes and to match a family's priorities and values. It then describes how PLAY may be chosen to support outcomes and to match a family's priorities and values and how a PLAY Consultant may participate in the eligibility and assessment process. The module ends with an explanation of the role of the PLAY Consultant on the IFSP Team.

As a result of this training, participants will—

- Understand how and when PLAY may be selected as an intervention,
- Know how and when a PLAY Consultant may participate in the IFSP process, and

- Understand the role of a PLAY Consultant on the IFSP team.

You can access the webinar via OhioTRAIN (course ID #1068610).

## 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/>

## 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:

- **UPDATE!** 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 now eight modules. The new eighth module covers the Exit COS rating.* You can access the modules here: <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.