

To: All Early Intervention contract managers and FCFC coordinators  
From: Nathan DeDino  
Date: February 17, 2017  
Subject: Early Intervention Program Updates, #1704

## ***MESSAGE FROM THE PART C COORDINATOR***

Thank you for providing contact information for EI contract managers and FCFC coordinators. We now have complete, updated information for nearly every county. In the coming weeks, we will be working to distribute printed copies of the updated Parent Rights brochure that was distributed electronically several months ago. We anticipate being able to send every county a several month supply. In the next few months, we will create and communicate a mechanism for ordering additional copies. Please continue to order copies of the “What is EI” (aka the “orange brochure”) from your Home Visiting consultant.

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***

### **SFY18 Service Coordination Grant**

In preparation for the SFY18 service coordination grant, we will be pulling data related to *calendar* year 2016 referrals and children served. The formula for creating the SFY18 allocation table will continue to be based on a combination of referrals and children served, as it has the past two years. Please ensure that your data are up-to-date no later than February 28 as we will be pulling data March 1.

### **Child Outcomes Summary Data**

SFY16 COS data files were sent to counties on February 7. DODD will be sending data files that include COS data for children exiting between July 1, 2016 and December 31, 2016 this month, as well as quarterly data thereafter until COS reports are available in Early Track. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Taylor Hammond, [Taylor.Hammond@dodd.ohio.gov](mailto:Taylor.Hammond@dodd.ohio.gov), anytime.

### **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 was completed February 16 and missing data inquiries and verification requests will be sent to applicable counties March 1.

## **SFY17 February 1 LEA Baseline**

Analysis of LEA reports is in progress and memos are expected to go out the week of February 20.

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

### **Welcome to the PLAY Project**

OCALI is sponsoring several one-day workshops targeting all early intervention and pediatric service providers and family members interested in learning more about the PLAY Project parent-training model of early autism intervention. Attendees will learn about the principles of PLAY, the value of strong family-centered and evidence-based practices, and the research supporting PLAY as an evidence-based intervention. The workshop is free, but pre-registration is required.

You can learn more about the sessions and register here:

<http://www.ocali.org/nexus?keyword=welcome-to-play>

### **Ohio Hearing Aid Assistance Program**

The Ohio Hearing Aid Assistance Program (OHAAP) provides assistance to families with children, birth to twenty-one years of age, with hearing impairments, to purchase hearing aids, earmolds, and/or hearing aid batteries. Families with incomes at or below 400 percent of the federal poverty guidelines are eligible for the program. You can learn more about this program here:

<https://www.odh.ohio.gov/odhprograms/cmh/hearaidasst/Hearing%20Aid%20Assistance%20Program.aspx>

### **National Children's Dental Health Month**

February is National Children's Dental Health Month, an event of the American Dental Association (ADA). You can access relevant resources geared to young children and their families here:

<http://www2.aap.org/commpeds/ochs/oralhealth/DentalHealthMonth.html>

Some of the topics include—

- The Importance of Oral Health During Pregnancy
- Early Childhood Oral Health Prevention is Key
- Oral Health During Early Childhood – What Can You Do in Primary Care?

## **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.