

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

DODD is very pleased to announce that the new Early Intervention website (<http://ohioearlyintervention.org/>) is up and running. We have migrated all relevant content from the EI pages on the HMG website, and we have added some new content. The EI stakeholder group provided valuable feedback about how to organize program materials to make them easy to find and what content should be included on the website. Please take a moment to explore the website and let us know what you think.

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

Central Coordination Update

As explained in the joint communication earlier this week from Directors Hodges and Martin, Central Coordination will be called “Bold Beginning!” This change brings EI and home visiting programs into further alignment with other early childhood initiatives throughout the state that are also under the Bold Beginning! brand. Central Coordination will continue to engage in child find and intake activities for both EI and home visiting programs. ODH and DODD will be working with counties to minimize disruption to families and referral sources and make the transition as seamless as possible. If you have questions, please let us know.

You can review the solicitation for SFY18 Central Coordination here:

<http://www.helpmegrow.ohio.gov/Professionals/SFY-18-Central-Intake-Solicitation>

NB: If you have questions about the solicitation, please be sure to check the solicitation for the timelines for asking questions and how to submit a question.

New Early Intervention Website

You can access the new EI website directly at <http://ohioearlyintervention.org/> and there is also a link on the HMG website homepage to the new EI website. Although we have tested the new website, we may have missed some links or materials. If you find any broken links or cannot find a material you used to access on the HMG website, please let us know and we will get the issue resolved. Over the course of the next several weeks, the web development team will be adding

additional pictures and graphics to the website. We are continuing to work on the Family section and invite your feedback about the kinds of materials that would be of greatest use to families

The website is organized around five main categories: About, Family, Providers, Data and Monitoring, and Advisory Council. When you click on one of these main categories, content is further organized into sub-categories called “tiles.” We would like to highlight a few items to help you find materials you are accustomed to accessing on the HMG website:

- State and federal rule and law are under the About section
- Guidance documents and forms are under the Providers section
- Upcoming trainings are accessible via the calendar on the home page
- Federal reports for public posting, past submissions to the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP), and county level data are under the Data and Monitoring section
- Bi-weekly communications (with a new brief summary of what is included in each communication) are under Providers

Documenting Race in Early Track

It has recently come to our attention that “Other” was added in Early Track as an option for race for the home visiting programs. This option should not be chosen for children served in EI. DODD is required to report race to OSEP utilizing the following categories: American Indian or Alaska Native, Asian, Black or African American, Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander. As you have in the past, please check as many as three races that apply; the “Other” option should not be chosen for EI children. We also ask that you make corrections in any existing record where the “Other” option has been chosen. Because race is a required field for DODD’s reporting, we will be monitoring the race categories for children served in EI and following up as necessary with contract managers.

For more information from OSEP on the race reporting requirements and instructions on how to choose a race, visit the following links:

<https://www2.ed.gov/policy/rschstat/guid/raceethnicity/questions.html#noresponse>

https://nces.ed.gov/statprog/2002/std1_5.asp

SFY17 45-Day Baseline

Activities related to the SFY17 45-Day baseline analysis are underway. Data extraction was completed February 16. Missing data inquiries and verification requests were sent to applicable counties March 1 and are due back to Melissa Courts by March 16.

SFY17 February 1 LEA Baseline

Analyses of LEA reports are complete and results memos were sent to counties February 24.

SFY17 Baseline Schedule

The SFY17 baseline schedule for each of the three compliance indicators is now posted on the new EI website under the “Monitoring” tile in the Data and Monitoring section. Please keep in mind that dates are subject to change.

New Resource: Using Data in Excel

Last week, a new document, “Using Data in Excel” was posted in the “ET Info” section of Early Track. Because this document was created as a resource to be utilized for the 2016 Data and Monitoring Road Show, it is not intended to be a comprehensive set of guidelines for how to use Excel. However, it does provide instructions for completing some commonly used Excel functions, formulas, and procedures. These are laid out both in general, and specific to the Program Referrals Extract Report and EI Services Report. All of the instructions refer to how to perform tasks in Microsoft Excel 2013, so some steps may differ if using a different version of the software.

Quarterly Child Outcomes Data

As described in EI Program Updates #1704, DODD will be sending quarterly COS data files until COS reports are available in Early Track. The first set, including COS data for children exiting between July 1, 2016 and December 31, 2016, was sent February 28. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Taylor Hammond (Taylor.Hammond@dodd.ohio.gov).

RESOURCES AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Fourth Annual Trauma-Informed Care Summit: Creating Environments of Resiliency and Hope

Ohio Mental Health and Addiction Services and DODD are pleased to announce that registration for the Fourth Annual Trauma-Informed Care Summit is now open. This year’s keynote speakers are Dr. Lisa Najavits, author of “Seeking Safety,” and Co-Chair of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMSHA) Consensus Panel for TIP 57 and Dr. Ken Yeager, Director of Ohio State University’s Stress, Trauma and Resilience (STAR) Center.

More details and online registration are available here:

www.oacca.org/events/ticsummit/

Assistive Technology Family Conference

The AT & AEM Center is presenting the 2017 BEST (Braille Excellence for Students and Teachers) Assistive Technology Family Conference on May 6 for persons with vision impairments. Registration is limited to 100 participants and closes on April 26.

You can register and learn more details here:

http://ataem.org/project/at-family-conference?utm_source=OCALI+Communications&utm_campaign=bd8f2e5798-AT_Fam_Conf_030317&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_e20b46887d-bd8f2e5798-408080073

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>

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 eight 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. 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.