To: All Early Intervention contract managers and FCFC coordinators

From: Nathan DeDino

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MESSAGE FROM THE PART C COORDINATOR

As many of you know, Cathy Kramer will be retiring later this month. She has spent more than 36 years working in early childhood and 10 years at DODD! All of us have appreciated working with Cathy and benefiting from her many years of experience. While we all wish her the very best in her retirement, she will certainly be missed.

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

ODH System of Payments Rule Rescission

With the change of Part C lead agency from ODH to DODD and the new SOP rule that DODD is proposing, ODH is seeking to rescind its EI SOP rule. Details about the public comment process for the rescission accompany this biweekly communication.

State Systemic Improvement Plan Phase III, Year 1 Summary

As described in EI Program Updates #1708, DODD submitted Ohio's Phase III, Year 1 State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP) write-up in late March. Throughout year one of Phase III, Ohio completed numerous activities related to achieving short-term outcomes in each of the three improvement strategy areas, which were primarily designed to help the state further identify areas of need and to increase access to useful resources. A summary of the SSIP activities completed and the baseline data analyzed over the past year has been posted on the EI website, as have summaries for the past two SSIP submissions. These documents can be found on the Data and Monitoring page on the "Federal Reporting and Postings" tile.

Quarterly Child Outcome Summary Data

As described in EI Program Updates #1704, DODD will be sending quarterly Child Outcome Summary (COS) files until COS reports are available in Early Track. Files including the most recent quarter of data available, for children who exited EI between January 1, 2017 and March 31, 2017, were sent to counties May 5. If you have any questions, please contact Taylor Hammond at taylor.hammond@dodd.ohio.gov.

Transition Baseline

Activities related to the SFY17 Transition Steps and Services and Transition Planning Conference (TPC) baseline analyses are underway. For counties included in the Transition analyses, the data cleaning period ended on May 8. All relevant deletions requests will be processed by May 15, and data re-entry following deletions is due May 19. Data will be extracted from Early Track May 22 and data inquiries will be sent out in early June.

FFY15 APR Clarifications Submitted and Posted

The Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) recently provided states with comments regarding their FFY15 Annual Performance Report (APR) submissions and the annual clarification period was opened for states. Through the clarification period, states are given the opportunity to provide responses to OSEP comments and to edit their APRs in order to clarify content for OSEP. Ohio submitted the state's APR, with clarifications, on May 1. The updated version of the state's APR is posted on the EI website on the "Federal Reporting and Postings" tile of the Data and Monitoring page.

Reminder: Withdrawing from Trainings

If you registered for a training on OhioTRAIN and find you cannot attend, it is very important that you withdraw from the training. Often, there are space limitations and waiting lists for trainings. When you withdraw in advance from a training, you are helping someone else attend.

To withdraw your registration:

1. Sign into your OhioTRAIN account .
2. Search for the course, and click on the course title.
3. Click the Registration tab.
4. Click the Edit My Registration button.
5. Click the Withdraw button.

At that time, you will be able to search for and register for the same training on a different date and time if needed. If it is last minute, please contact Lori Myers, EI Training Officer at lori.e.myers@dodd.ohio.gov or 614-644-0262.

New Family Story

Please be sure to check out a new family story recently posted to the EI website from the Licking County Board of Developmental Disabilities. The Crider family's story is a powerful reminder of the promise of Early Intervention. You can access the story here:

http://ohioearlyintervention.org/success-stories

RESOURCES AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

EI Website Event Calendar

The new trainings highlighted in each program update are also on the Event Calendar of the EI website, which you can access at the bottom of the home page. If you have a training you would like to add to the Event Calendar, please click on the "Submit an event" button at the bottom of the calendar rather than contacting a DODD staff person directly.

New Training Opportunity! "Tough Conversations: Making the Most of Difficult Situations"

Do you find some topics difficult to broach or discuss with families? Do you avoid certain topics with families? Have you ever been surprised by the reaction when you shared difficult information with a family? Would you like to improve your communication skills in tough situations and feel more confident in sharing and receiving information?

Please join us for this informative and practical facilitated webinar on motivational interviewing. Dr. Robert Gallen is a Licensed Psychologist and Psychology Professor with twenty years of experience in the field of Early Intervention. He conducts other EI trainings for Ohio, including the Battelle Developmental Inventory, Childhood Trauma, Social-Emotional Development, and Reflective Supervision and teaches graduate level courses in Assessment and Family Therapy.

July 13, 2017 9:00-10:30am
Presented by Robert Gallen, PhD
Targeted audience: Service Coordinators and Service Providers in Early Intervention
CEUs: Applications pending with PT, OT, SW, SLPA and DODD

Register on GoToWebinar using this link:

https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4480443195091191811

Questions? Please contact Lori Myers, EI Training Coordinator at lori.e.myers@dodd.ohio.gov

Summer Bayley Session added

We have added an additional training session on the Bayley Scales of Infant and Toddler Development®, Third Edition. The intended audience is Service Providers who will be using the tool. Service Coordinators are welcome to attend.

The new session is at the following time and location:

Wednesday, June 28, 2017, 9:00am-4:30pm
Columbus Developmental Center, Training Room
1601 W. Broad St
Columbus, OH 43222

To register, please search for Course # 1009447 on OhioTRAIN. If you have questions, please contact Lori Myers at lori.e.myers@dodd.ohio.gov.

American Sign Language Resource

SignIt is a new online curriculum for learning American Sign Language (ASL). The instruction is done by professional actors (both deaf and hearing) who are fluent in ASL. You can complete the lessons at your own pace. Built-in quizzes provide feedback about how well you are learning the material, and there is ample opportunity for practice.   You can learn more here:

https://www.infanthearing.org/signit/index.php

Play and Language for Autistic Youngsters (PLAY) Project Training Opportunity

The Childhood League will be sponsoring an intensive two day training for the PLAY Project on June 19 and 20. The workshop is the first step toward mastering PLAY Project autism intervention and is the first step for those wanting to become a certified PLAY Project Consultant. You can learn more and register here:

http://www.interveningearly.org/school-events/june-2-day/

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.