

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

The Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) issued its annual determination to all states yesterday. I am very pleased to tell you that Ohio received a determination of “Meets Requirements,” the highest rating. Determinations are based on compliance indicators, data reporting, and child outcomes. Compliance and data reporting made up half of our determination while child outcomes results made up the other half.

The work that all of you are doing to meet the timelines for 45-day, Timely Receipt of Services, inclusion of Transition Steps and Services on IFSPs, Transition Planning Conferences, and Local Education Agency (LEA) notification are absolutely vital to the state’s determination. Indeed, we received all available points for these compliance indicators. Your work to improve child outcomes—the focus of our State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP)—also contributed to our favorable determination. Data quality has a significant effect on the child outcomes portion of the determination. Your continued work to improve the accuracy of Child Outcomes Summary (COS) ratings as well as your work to ensure that exit COS ratings are entered into Early Track are both of great importance.

I know that it is sometimes easy to lose sight of the bigger picture while buried in the minutiae of the moment. Our annual determination is a moment to reflect how each timely evaluation, accurate LEA notification, successful COS, and dozens of other actions fit into that bigger picture. All of us at DODD are grateful to you for the important work you do each day to serve families and improve outcomes for them. This year’s determination from OSEP truly captures *your* work. Thank you!

Once OSEP posts details of each state’s determination on its website, we will notify you of the location of this information.

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