

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

Please be sure to check out our latest family story. You can learn more about the Croston family's inspiring journey in Early Intervention here:

<http://ohioearlyintervention.org/success-stories>

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

Local EI Outreach Funds

As referenced in the June 22 memo from Directors Himes and Martin, DODD will be providing funds to support local outreach efforts for Early Intervention. DODD will be distributing \$1 million in each year of the current biennium. Consistent with HB 49, the funds will be provided through a subsidy to each county's FCFC administrative agent and distributed on a quarterly basis. FCFC administrative agents will not need to enter into any additional agreement with DODD to receive these subsidy funds. Agencies receiving the funds will provide a basic report via e-mail each quarter about their local outreach efforts. We will provide additional details in the coming weeks about the reports, but our goal is to keep them as simple and straightforward as possible.

In accordance with HB 49, DODD worked with the EI Advisory Council and Stakeholder group at its August 15 meeting to seek input about the allocation methodology, and the final methodology reflects the consensus and priorities of the group. The allocation is based on the total number of EI program referrals in each county during SFY17 (July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017). No county will receive less than \$6000, and no county will receive more than \$45,000. The group also felt strongly that, to foster stability and enable planning, DODD should provide the same amount of funds in SFY19 as in SFY18. Thus, we will not be updating the allocation table next summer. The allocation table is at the end of this program update.

Subsidy payments will be disbursed quarterly. The first payment will be released prior to September 30. A communication will go out when the funds are disbursed along with payment information needed to properly recognize and deposit the funds.

Postcards for EI Referral Sources

The postcards DODD ordered with updated central intake information have arrived. In the next day or two, we will be sending these postcards to referral sources who made an EI referral during the last six months. For more details, please see EI Program Updates #1720.

EI Referral Data Entry

We are aware that the Cleveland Sight Center (CSC) has a significant backlog in entering referrals into Early Track. DODD is continuing to work with ODH and CSC on this issue. Do not delay services for families for whom you have submitted a PCSA 8021 form referral or EI 8045 form to CSC. DODD staff will ensure that all contacts and referrals are backdated appropriately after CSC enters the information in Early Track. Once DODD has completed the backdating, you should be able to enter any of your subsequent data into Early Track. You can submit these requests by clicking “Contact Us” in Early Track or sending the request to ETDS@odh.ohio.gov.

Please ensure that any forms you complete and submit to CSC are legible or typed where possible.

Early Intervention Data System Transition

As explained in EI Program Updates #1720, the transition of the EI data system has been slightly delayed in order to ensure the most seamless transition possible. All EI data will be pulled from Early Track and copied into EIDS on August 31. At that time, all EI records in Early Track will be converted to a “Read Only” status. Thus, there will be a short period of time when data entry for EI will be unavailable. We will provide the specific time frame during which data entry will be unavailable in the coming weeks. EIDS will be released for use beginning Friday, September 1 and all EI data entry will be completed in EIDS from that time forward.

All current Early Track users who have EI active accounts should be receiving an e-mail later this afternoon with instructions for how to create an account to access EIDS via the DODD portal. These instructions are also summarized in a document that accompanies this program update. Instructions for how new users can access the system once the transition is complete will be distributed in the coming weeks, as well. If users experience any issues with creating these accounts, the ITS Help Desk at DODD will be available to provide assistance via e-mail (ITSCallCenter@dodd.ohio.gov) or phone (800-617-6733 Option 4). Other, general data system questions can be directed to the new data system e-mail account: EIDS@dodd.ohio.gov.

Training videos and instructions related to creating or using a DODD portal account for EIDS access are on the EI website here:

<http://ohioearlyintervention.org/data-system>

SFY 2017 TRS Baseline

The SFY17 TRS baseline analysis process is underway. Counties had until August 15 to review data and submit any necessary deletion requests or other inquiries. Deletion requests will be

processed by August 21, applicable data re-entry is due August 25, and data for the analysis will be extracted August 28. In the event of unexpected glitches with the transition from Early Track to EIDS, EI Monitoring staff will be as flexible as possible with the affected counties.

COS Data Files

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. The most recent data were sent to counties on May 5, and included children who exited between January 1, 2017 and March 31, 2017. The next set of data will include all children who exited in SFY17 (July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017), which will be the same data used for Ohio's SFY17/FFY16 Annual Performance Report (APR). Because analyses will be completed for the entire fiscal year, distribution of county files will take a little longer than usual. However, as soon as the data system transition occurs, data will be pulled, analyses will be completed, and county files will be compiled. Each county will then receive a file with all of their Child Outcomes Data that will be included for the SFY17/FFY16 APR.

2017 Family Questionnaire

The 2017 Family Questionnaire will be mailed next week to all families who had an active IFSP on July 1. A list of families in the county who received the survey will be sent to each FCFC Coordinator and Contract Manager in the coming weeks. Surveys will be due back to DODD by October 27. We ask that you encourage families to respond up to this date, as their feedback is very helpful in ensuring a high quality EI system in Ohio. Families may choose to complete the paper survey and return via mail or respond through Survey Monkey. If you have any questions about the Family Questionnaire, please reach out to EI Researcher, Cydney Hoffman, at Cydney.Hoffman@dodd.ohio.gov.

Printed Brochures

The EI parent rights brochure, system of payments brochure, and orange "what is EI" brochure are all available for order via the EI website. You can access the order page to order English versions here:

<http://ohioearlyintervention.org/printed-materials>

Spanish versions can be downloaded and printed from the website for local use.

Ohio TRAIN Upgrades

Beginning August 21, the user portion of Ohio TRAIN will switch over to a newer and easier to navigate version 3.0. Users will automatically be forwarded to the new site beginning Monday.

Please see this link for a quick tutorial:

<https://oh.train.org/DesktopModules/Documents/ViewDocument.aspx?DocumentID=5993>

RESOURCES AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Safety Training Survey

DODD and ODH are partnering to develop a training on safety in the home and community. Your input is needed as we develop this training. Please click the below link to take a brief survey about your training needs.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SBYSWKW>

Motivational Interviewing Training

Beginning this summer, Robert Gallen, PhD will provide training on Motivational Interviewing in Early Intervention. Entitled, “*Tough Conversations: Making the Most of Difficult Situations*,” Dr. Gallen’s training is designed to build the confidence and competence of service providers and service coordinators in supporting families. The training will address difficult situations families may face, such as mental illness, addiction, homelessness, and coping with a child’s diagnosis. Dr. Gallen will offer strategies for communicating with families in these challenging situations. The training will be offered as an *in-person training* on September 7, 2017 and September 8, 2017 in Columbus (it is only necessary to attend one session).

Dr. Gallen is a Licensed Psychologist and Associate Professor of Psychology. He has served as an EI provider since 1998 and teaches graduate level courses in Assessment and Family Therapy. He is a Regional Trainer for the Battelle Developmental Inventory-2 and has completed research projects on the early identification of child psychopathology. He teaches Reflective Supervision and Childhood Trauma for Ohio’s Early Intervention and Home Visiting staff.

Registration for the face-to-face trainings (September 7 or September 8) is on OhioTRAIN (Course ID # 1071449.) Please note that there are morning and afternoon sessions available on both days.

For questions, please contact Lori Myers at lori.e.myers@dodd.ohio.gov

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.

SFY18 Local Early Intervention Outreach Allocation Table

County	SFY18 Allocation	County	SFY18 Allocation
Adams	\$6,000	Licking	\$15,557
Allen	\$15,440	Logan	\$6,000
Ashland	\$6,000	Lorain	\$29,130
Ashtabula	\$6,728	Lucas	\$42,587
Athens	\$6,000	Madison	\$6,000
Auglaize	\$6,000	Mahoning	\$15,363
Belmont	\$6,000	Marion	\$6,000
Brown	\$6,000	Medina	\$13,807
Butler	\$40,331	Meigs	\$6,000
Carroll	\$6,000	Mercer	\$6,000
Champaign	\$6,000	Miami	\$11,629
Clark	\$18,902	Monroe	\$6,000
Clermont	\$20,574	Montgomery	\$45,000
Clinton	\$6,000	Morgan	\$6,000
Columbiana	\$7,195	Morrow	\$6,000
Coshocton	\$6,000	Muskingum	\$11,707
Crawford	\$6,000	Noble	\$6,000
Cuyahoga	\$45,000	Ottawa	\$6,000
Darke	\$6,000	Paulding	\$6,000
Defiance	\$6,000	Perry	\$6,000
Delaware	\$16,996	Pickaway	\$6,000
Erie	\$8,167	Pike	\$6,000
Fairfield	\$13,962	Portage	\$14,818
Fayette	\$6,000	Preble	\$6,000
Franklin	\$45,000	Putnam	\$6,000
Fulton	\$6,000	Richland	\$10,190
Gallia	\$6,000	Ross	\$6,690
Geauga	\$6,884	Sandusky	\$8,634
Greene	\$15,985	Scioto	\$6,000
Guernsey	\$6,000	Seneca	\$6,000
Hamilton	\$45,000	Shelby	\$6,000
Hancock	\$8,362	Stark	\$22,635
Hardin	\$6,000	Summit	\$44,259
Harrison	\$6,000	Trumbull	\$11,551
Henry	\$6,000	Tuscarawas	\$7,856
Highland	\$6,000	Union	\$6,884
Hocking	\$6,000	Van Wert	\$6,000
Holmes	\$6,000	Vinton	\$6,000
Huron	\$6,000	Warren	\$18,707
Jackson	\$6,000	Washington	\$6,000
Jefferson	\$6,000	Wayne	\$10,384
Knox	\$6,000	Williams	\$6,000
Lake	\$14,429	Wood	\$10,384
Lawrence	\$7,273	Wyandot	\$6,000