

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

We would like to thank three counties that gave generously of their staff time for our upcoming self-paced online Documentation training. Service coordinators, interventionists, and administrators from Champaign, Greene, and Mahoning counties came to Columbus last week to play various roles in the training. You can watch your fellow colleagues in the new training when it becomes available later this fall. Thank you!

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

EI Local Outreach Funds

All FCFC coordinators and EI contract managers will be receiving an e-mail within the next two weeks outlining additional details about the funds DODD will be providing for local outreach for EI. This e-mail will explain the reporting requirements and restrictions on how the funds may be used. We have received several questions in the past month, and this upcoming communication seeks to answer those questions. For additional details about these funds, please see Program Updates #1721.

EI 8045 Referral Form

We would like to remind everyone that the EI 8045 is one option for immediately pushing through an EI program referral when a family calls a service coordination agency with a concern about their child's development. Cleveland Sight Center will process these as an automatic EI program referral upon receipt of the form from the SC agency. We have received some suggestions from locals about ways the form could be improved, and we are planning on releasing an updated form incorporating some of these suggestions on September 29. If you have any enhancements you would like to see with the form, please e-mail nathan.dedino@dodd.ohio.gov. The two suggestions we have heard most frequently from locals is adding optional fields for ETID number (if known) and a field to note some specifics about the family's concern.

EI Website Additions: EI Logo and Printed Materials

You can now access the EI logo for download on the EI website here:

<http://ohioearlyintervention.org/logo-and-branding-guidelines>

The website now has a new order form to simplify the process of ordering English versions of the What is EI? (orange), parents rights, and SOP brochures. You can access the order form here:

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

Early Intervention Data System EI Referral Transfer

DODD IT staff are continuing to work to resolve the bug in the transfer of EI records from Early Track to EIDS. We understand that this has been a burden on counties and apologize for the inconvenience. IT staff believe that they are very close to implementing a final resolution to this bug. We anticipate this to go live sometime September 18 or 19. We will continue to provide updates in the EIDS message box. In the meantime, please continue to access new referrals in Early Track and begin the intake process. When these records are successfully transferred from Early Track to EIDS, their referral dates will reflect those in Early Track.

Creating an EIDS Account

For new EIDS users, part of the process of gaining access to EIDS involves creating a DODD portal account. For users who currently have a DODD portal account for another application, it involves requesting that EIDS be added to their current account. *Once you have received confirmation about your DODD portal account, please forward your confirmation e-mail to EIDS@dodd.ohio.gov.* There is one final step that we need to complete within the EIDS application to finalize your account access.

If you have any questions about how to set up your, feel free to get in touch with us at EIDS@dodd.ohio.gov at any time. Since not all EIDS users have signed up to receive the bi-weekly Program Updates, please be sure to pass this information along to relevant staff.

Service Coordination Credential

The Ohio Professional Registry (OPR) will be sending out renewal notices approximately 90 days prior to the expiration of the Service Coordinator and Supervisor of Service Coordinators credentials. The e-mails will be sent out by September 20, 2017 for November and December expirations. For this first month, OPR will also include September and October expirations in order to notify all upcoming renewals. In order to receive these notifications, please log into your Registry Profile and verify that your e-mail address is accurate. There are several accounts and functions at the OPR with unique e-mail addresses. Please add system@ocrra.org and credential@ocrra.org to your safe sender list in order to receive any and all e-mails from the OPR. Remember: these reminder e-mails are a courtesy. If you do not receive the e-mail reminder, you are still responsible for renewing your credential by its expiration date.

Have you updated your employment in the Ohio Professional Registry? The registry is the system of record for you to keep track of your employment history but it must be kept up-to-date and all entries must include a start and end date (if applicable). Be sure you select a primary role as well as a primary employment so that your profile is accurate and that your credential is pulling correct information.

If you have any questions regarding the registry or your credential please contact the OPR at credential@ocrra.org.

2017 Family Questionnaire

The 2017 Family Questionnaire was mailed out two weeks ago to all families who had an active IFSP on July 1. A list of families in the county who received the survey was sent to each FCFC Coordinator and EI Contract Manager. 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 EI is the best it can be in Ohio. Families can 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.

SFY 2017 TRS Baseline

The SFY17 TRS baseline analysis process is underway. If you part of the TRS baselines analysis and did not receive an e-mail from Melissa Courts earlier today with some important updates, please contact Melissa at melissa.courts@dodd.ohio.gov.

RESOURCES AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

System of Payments Resources

Additional resources related to the system of payments (SOP) rule have been posted on the EI website. A video of Katrina Bush's overview of the rule has been posted as well as a new training video that covers the SOP activities completed during the first 45 days after EI program referral. We will continue to add resources related to public and private insurance and extraordinary medical expenses in the coming weeks. Answers to the questions asked during the in-person trainings that took place during the summer will be posted after the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) completes its site visit to Ohio next week.

Assistive Technology Vendor Fair and Conference

There will be multiple hands-on day offers vendor sessions throughout the state with opportunities to see, touch and feel the latest assistive technology tools and a chance to network with other assistive technology professionals at this AT Vendor Fair and Conference. You can learn more here:

<http://www.ohioatvendorfair.org/>

Division for Early Childhood Position Statement

The Division for Early Childhood (DEC) recently released a position statement on challenging behavior and young children. You can access it here:

<http://www.dec-sped.org/single-post/2017/07/31/NEW-Position-Statement-The-Position-Statement-on-Challenging-Behavior-and-Young-Children>

New Battelle Training Session—October 13

Registration is now available for training on the Battelle Developmental Inventory-2 with Dr. Robert Gallen. Participants will learn the following:

- How to administer the BDI-2
- The purpose of the BDI-2 in Early Intervention
- How to interpret the results of the BDI-2, and
- How to use the BDI-2 in everyday practice

October 13, 9:00am-4:30pm

Southwest Ohio Developmental Center
4399 E. Bauman Lane
Batavia, OH 45103

Please register on OhioTRAIN (Course ID #1009401).

Autumn Bayley Trainings

Two sessions have been added to the fall calendar for training on the Bayley III evaluation tool.

October 25, 9:00-4:30 – Franklin County

November 29, 9:00-4:30 – Montgomery County

Participants will engage in the following activities:

- Learn how to administer the Bayley III Scales of Infant and Toddler Development,
- Discuss the purpose of this evaluation tool in Early Intervention, and
- Learn how to interpret the results of the Bayley III.

Please register on OhioTRAIN (Course #1009447).

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