

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

With the last bi-weekly communication, we also released the SFY17 one page EI data summary. You can also locate it on the EI website. Last year, many of you expressed an interest in having a report specific to your county that resembled the statewide report. We have discussed this with the DODD communication division, and we are pleased to let you know that we will be able to create a one page data summary similar to the statewide data summary for your county if you are interested. Please e-mail me by October 31 if you are interested in having a report created.

There will be no bi-weekly communication on October 27. We will be sure to have an off-week communication if needed.

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

System of Payments Updates

A document with questions that came up during trainings about the system of payments (SOP) rule has been posted to the EI website. In addition, we have posted a list of payor of last resort (POLR) providers. You can access both of these resources on the System of Payments tile of the EI website. If you have other questions, please do not hesitate to contact Traci Keesee, EI Resource Coordinator, at traci.keesee@dodd.ohio.gov.

Quarterly LEA Notification

The November 1 LEA quarterly report requirement is approaching. The report may be run no earlier than October 22, 2017 and must be sent to the appropriate LEAs no later than November 1, 2017. Please do not submit copies to DODD, but you are encouraged to maintain copies on file. Please prioritize data entry for any children who will be turning three between November 1, 2017 and October 31, 2018.

If you are not sure which LEA should be selected for a specific child (e.g., foster care situation), we encourage you to contact the ESC for clarification.

Contact information for all of the ESCs and Public School Districts, along with a map of districts, is available here:

<https://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Data/Ohio-Educational-Directory-System-OEDS/Ohio-Educational-Directory-Data>.

Please remember that parent's rights apply to any shared information if personally identifying details are disclosed.

We know that there is an issue with some records where the service coordinator's name is not appearing on the quarterly LEA report. The service coordinator's name is not a federal requirement, so please be sure to send the LEA report to your local school districts as is. We will work to get a fix to the report for future reporting.

If you have any questions about the LEA reports, please contact Melissa Courts at melissa.courts@dodd.ohio.gov.

Data System Transition

We want to express again our sincere appreciation for your patience as we work through the data system transition, particularly with our process for transferring new EI referrals from Early Track to EIDS. In our last update, we informed you that all EI referrals entered from August 31 through September 27 had been transferred to EIDS. We are happy to let you know that EI referrals dated September 28 through October 10 were transferred into EIDS on October 12. DODD IT staff are continuing to work to stand up the several times a day transfer of EI referrals from Early Track to EIDS. We will continue to provide updates in the EIDS message box. Please send any questions you have regarding EIDS to EIDS@dodd.ohio.gov.

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. Both written instructions and explanatory videos are on the EI website that outline how to gain access to EIDS in both circumstances:

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

EI 8045 Form

When filling out this form, please be sure to fill it out as completely as possible; avoid using acronyms; and, if you are including the family's address, it is complete.

SFY 2017 TRS Baseline

Final analyses of the SFY17 TRS baseline data are underway. Analyses are expected to be complete and results memos to be sent by early November. If you have any questions about the TRS baseline, please contact Melissa Courts at melissa.courts@dodd.ohio.gov.

RESOURCES AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Improving Our Understanding of Infants with Substance Exposure and Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome

Have you wondered what the difference is between an infant born substance exposed and an infant born with neonatal abstinence syndrome (NAS)? Join Dr. Nancy K. Young for an interactive webinar that will cover the picture of opioid use disorders; substance use during pregnancy; the difference between NAS and substance exposure; best practices for collaboration and plans of safe care; and suggestions for what fatality review teams can do to address the needs of families affected by substance use disorders. This national webinar will be held October 31, from 2:00-3:00pm. You can learn more and register here:

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/3685145547865455362>

Expression of Language in Down Syndrome

This new 25 minute video explains successful strategies and practices for language development and explores the use of sign language, visual learning, vocabulary, non-verbal communication, games and language obstacles in young children with Down Syndrome. You can learn more and access the video here:

<http://www.dsrp.org/programs-&-resources/our-videos/communication-video-1--understanding-and-expression-of-language-in-down-syndrome>

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.