

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

I wanted to give a brief update on our EI rules and forms. DODD has been working with dedicated groups of diverse stakeholders since early this year to draft updated rules for the EI program. We have completed the bulk of this work and are now focused on revising program forms. We anticipate that this work will be finished this summer and the rules will have an implementation date of January 2019. This later implementation date will allow sufficient time to draft guidance documents, create trainings, and update the data system. We will continue to provide updates about the rules, including opportunities to provide public comment, in these bi-weekly communications.

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

Central Intake Data Entry

As announced two weeks ago, Bright Beginnings of Cuyahoga county will serve as the Help Me Grow central intake vendor starting July 1. Also starting July 1, DODD will cease using an automated transfer of EI referrals and contacts from the ODH data system to the Early Intervention Data System (EIDS). Instead, Bright Beginnings will directly enter EI referrals and associated contacts into EIDS. The complexity of the data systems has led to significant and prolonged bugs in the automated transfer of referrals that started in the autumn of 2017. Direct data entry into EIDS will ensure real time access to referrals and county-to-county transfer data. In addition, direct data entry will eliminate bugs related to referrals not appearing on the new referrals page, referrals appearing and then disappearing from the new referrals page, access problems to records, and demographic information updates not occurring.

DODD IT staff are working to restore the central intake functionality in EIDS and anticipate this being completed in early June, allowing time for DODD to train Bright Beginnings on the system. EI users of EIDS should experience no changes in how they access new referrals. In addition to restoring central intake functionality to EIDS, DODD IT staff are adding two new features to EIDS to better support users. First, central intake will have the ability to upload electronic copies of PCSA forms and medical records directly into a child record. These documents will then be available for download to users who have access to the child's record. Second, new reports will be available that give users data about the system referrals in their county that have not yet resulted in an EI program referral. Both of these new features will be available in EIDS July 1.

Help Me Grow and Early Intervention

DODD has received questions from several stakeholders seeking clarification about the Help Me Grow (HMG) name and if the Ohio Early Intervention program continues to be a part of Help Me Grow. Stakeholders—including the EI Advisory Council—raised significant concerns early last year about efforts to apply the HMG name to only the ODH-administered home visiting programs as well as branding central intake as Bold Beginning. DODD and ODH agreed in June 2017 to keep both the EI and home visiting programs under the HMG umbrella. Statewide marketing materials utilize HMG in a balanced way that supports referrals to both EI and HV. You can read the June 2017 communication here:

<https://ohioearlyintervention.org/guidance-documents-and-memos/memos>

SFY18 Transition Analyses (Group 1)

Activities related to the SFY18 Transition Steps and Services and Transition Planning Conference (TPC) baseline analyses are underway. Counties were sent an initial email regarding their inclusion in the analyses last week and applicable counties were sent a handout regarding data cleaning. For counties included in the Transition analyses, the data cleaning period runs through May 8.

Quarterly COS Data

DODD continues to send Child Outcome Summary (COS) data files to each county quarterly. Files including the most recent quarter of data available, for children who exited EI between January 1, 2018 and March 30, 2018, were sent to counties May 7. If you have any questions, please contact Taylor Hammond at taylor.hammond@dodd.ohio.gov.

RESOURCES AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Principles of Service Coordination: May 16

Our next Principles of Service Coordination training is scheduled for May 16 in Pike county. *Currently, there are not enough people registered for us to hold the session.* If you are in need of this training, please register on OhioTRAIN (Course # 1047684) as soon as possible.

We will make a decision by May 14 whether the session will take place as scheduled.

If you have questions, please contact Lori Myers at lori.e.myers@dodd.ohio.gov.

Battelle Developmental Inventory Training

The next training on the Battelle Developmental Inventory has been scheduled for July 27 at the Hocking County Board of Developmental Disabilities in Logan, Ohio. The training will be presented by Dr. Robert Gallen. To register for this session or view information on other Battelle sessions, please access OhioTRAIN.

Please contact Lori Myers at lori.e.myers@dodd.ohio.gov if you have any questions.

Ecomapping Training

If you missed the “Doughnuts with Di” session on Ecomapping in March, you will have another opportunity to participate in this training. Please join Debbie Ashley, M.Ed., on May 15 from 2:00-3:00pm for a training on Ecomapping in Early Intervention. This training explores the following:

- Using the Ecomap to understand a family’s supports,
- Determining how those supports relate to EI services, and
- Using Ecomap information to help develop functional IFSP outcomes and strategies.

Please register for this facilitated webinar here:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1749163959727523329>

If you have any questions, please contact Lori Myers (lori.e.myers@dodd.ohio.gov).

Bayley Scales of Infant and Toddler Development

The next Bayley training will be held June 27 from 9:00am-4:30pm at Columbus Developmental Center. Registration is open on OhioTRAIN, Course # 1009447.

For SFY19, we plan to offer two sessions of Bayley training: one in late fall 2018 and the other in late spring 2019.

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