

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

With the unofficial start of summer this weekend, all of us at DODD wish you a fun-filled and safe summer. Thank you for everything you do to support families throughout every season of the year!

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

## ***PROGRAM UPDATES***

### **Introduction to Bright Beginnings**

Please join staff from Bright Beginnings of Cuyahoga county, the new Help Me Grow Central Intake vendor. Bright Beginnings will introduce themselves and explain how they will provide Central Intake services starting in July.

The call will be held June 6, from 10:00-11:00am. Please register on GoToWebinar using the following link:

<https://attendeegotowebinar.com/register/578567807494289411>

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

### **System of Payments Rule Monitoring**

DODD is finalizing county-specific feedback regarding the requested SOP documents. Counties will receive a file with customized feedback, along with a document explaining the feedback files, next week. DODD would like to include several reminders:

- The SOP rule must be explained thoroughly and the Form 1701 filled out completely for all families prior to signing the initial and annual IFSPs.
- If the parent declines to complete the 1701, the service coordinator should still sign the document and document the parent's refusal to complete the form in case notes
- Ability or inability to pay must be marked and the parent and service coordinator must sign next to the relevant questions
- It is important that the indication of ability or inability to pay is supported by the rest of the documentation on the form (e.g., the income documentation on the front of the form should

not indicate “no Medicaid card” while also indicating that the parent has a Medicaid card on the back of the form)

- The only time “decline to share financial information” should be indicated is if the parent does not share a WIC card, Medicaid card, or financial paystub information
- If “decline to share information” is marked, the parent must sign in that area as well
- If insurance or Medicaid information is provided, it should clearly be indicated whether parent is giving consent to bill or not

A number of counties acknowledged struggles during early implementation of the rule, but also indicated that they had improved their understanding and practice after accessing additional training and technical assistance earlier in the year. DODD recognizes and appreciates counties’ dedication in appropriately implementing the SOP rule. Please continue to access the EI Resource Coordinator and your EI program consultants when you have questions.

DODD will be providing a more detailed guidance document for filling out the 1701 form in June. Later in the summer or early autumn of this year, DODD will again request a sample of 1701 forms from counties for verification.

### **SFY18 Transition Analyses (Group 1)**

Activities related to the SFY18 Transition Steps and Services and Transition Planning Conference (TPC) baseline analyses are underway. For counties included in the Transition analyses, the data cleaning period ran through May 8 and data were extracted on May 21. County inquiries, including Steps and Services Self-Assessments for all participating counties, and missing data or verification requests for applicable counties, will be sent out May 29 and will be due back to DODD June 22.

## ***RESOURCES AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES***

### **Attention Developmental Specialists Who Conduct Ohio Part C Assessments: Save the Date for Newborn Behavioral Observation (NBO) Certification Training Registration Coming Soon!**

Experts from the Brazelton Institute, Boston Children’s Hospital at Harvard Medical School are coming to Ohio to train on the Newborn Behavioral Observation (NBO) tool. The NBO is a set of 18 neurobehavioral observations designed to help the clinician and parent work together to determine a baby’s strengths and needs. It is designed for infants up to three months old. Successful completion of the training will result in certification to administer the NBO.

According to the Brazelton Institute, *“It is not an examination or a test but is a set of shared observations designed to help the clinician and parent together, to observe the infant's behavioral capacities and identify the kind of support the infant needs for his successful growth and development. The NBO is therefore inherently interactive and family-centered, so that parents are involved as partners in the NBO session. The clinician maintains a collaborative stance towards*

*the parents during the session, which ends with the clinician and parents developing a joint infant caregiving plan, by identifying techniques most likely to foster positive parent-infant interaction.”*

The training consists of the following:

- 40-minute online orientation module
- Two-day in-person training conducted by experts from the Brazelton Institute
- One-hour tele-mentoring webinars at one and three months after the training
- Submitting recordings of five administrations of the NBO
- Up to five coaching sessions for each participant to assess fidelity and obtain certification

The in-person portion of the training will be held at locations throughout Ohio.

Cuyahoga county: August 16-17

Hamilton county: October 22-23

Franklin county: October 24-25

The sessions are limited to 30 participants and will be open to one developmental specialist who conducts Part C assessments from each local EI team. Stay tuned for details.

If you have any questions, please contact your Program Consultant.

### **Special Doughnuts with Di: The Opioid Crisis and Early Intervention**

Please join Dr. Robert Gallen for a discussion of the Opioid Crisis and how it impacts infants and toddlers. Dr. Gallen will discuss current research and how we can use this information in our interventions with families. This session will be held August 23 from 10:00-11:30am.

You can register via Trainings page on the EI website. Scroll to Doughnuts with Di: The Opioid Crisis and EI and click the Register button. If you have any questions, please contact Lori Myers at [lori.e.myers@dodd.ohio.gov](mailto: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.

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### **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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