

To: All Early Intervention contract managers and FCFC coordinators
From: Nathan DeDino
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Subject: Early Intervention Program Updates, #1819

MESSAGE FROM THE PART C COORDINATOR

It was great to meet with so many of you at the Ohio Association of County Boards (OACB) EI leadership forum earlier this week. We appreciated the opportunity to share DODD updates with you and to learn more from you about how we can improve Ohio's EI system. As always, thank you for everything you do to support our EI system.

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

2018 Family Questionnaire

DODD mailed the 2018 Family Questionnaire to all families who had an active IFSP on June 1 last month. The surveys are due back October 1. Contract Managers and FCFC Coordinators were sent a list of families in their county who received a questionnaire. We ask that you encourage any families who have not yet completed and returned the questionnaire to do so, 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 online through Survey Monkey. As in past years, all counties will receive a report including a summary of the responses from families in the county, including comments.

Please feel free to share the link for the family survey with the families you are serving who had an active IFSP as of June 1, 2018. They will need to enter their child's ETID in order to complete the survey, which is found on the upper right corner of the paper survey or their IFSP.

English: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/EIFQ2018>

Spanish: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/EIFQ2018Spanish>

If you have any questions about the Family Questionnaire, please contact Taylor Hammond at taylor.hammond@dodd.ohio.gov.

System of Payments Monitoring

As a reminder, DODD will be looking at completed 1701 forms associated with IFSPs due in September as part of monitoring the system of payments rule. Further details are available in Program Updates #1818.

SFY18 45-Day Analysis (Group 3)

Activities related to the SFY18 45-Day baseline analysis are underway. Counties included in the 45-Day analysis had an opportunity to clean data in EIDS from August 1 to August 15 and data for the analysis were extracted August 28. Verification requests and missing data inquiries, as applicable, were sent September 7 and are due back to DODD September 26. Contact Melissa Courts at melissa.courts@dodd.ohio.gov if you have any questions.

Service Coordinator/Service Coordination Supervisor Credentialing: Verifying Degrees and Obtaining Transcripts

Early Intervention Service Coordinators and Service Coordination Supervisors are credentialed through the Ohio Professional Registry (OPR). Candidates must submit documentation of their education to show that credential requirements are met. Please use the following resources if you are unable to receive an official transcript or need guidance to verify that your education meets requirements of the Ohio Early Intervention credentialing rule.

- If you have completed a degree but are unable to receive an official transcript, you may be able to obtain degree verification using the National Student Clearinghouse (<https://studentclearinghouse.org/>). Some colleges and universities provide the Clearinghouse with graduation information.
- To determine if a US college or university is accredited, use the Database of Accredited Postsecondary Institutions and Programs (<https://ope.ed.gov/dapip/#/home>).
- Requirements for verification of international education are found on the OPR's International Education Guidance Document (<https://occrpa.org/wp-content/occrpa/opr/opr-international-education-evaluation.pdf>). For review of post-secondary education (college/university), please upload the following documents as one entry into your profile:
 - A translation or evaluation stating professional name, school name, US degree equivalency and major area of study as well as the confer date. This document must be notarized.
 - Original document

For questions about credentialing, please contact the OPR at credential@occrpa.org.

RESOURCES AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

November Conference Opportunity

The Collaborative for Children of Addicted Parents, GLAD House, and Cincinnati Children's are sponsoring a conference on November 14: "Family Centered Approach for Children of Addicted Parents." This conference will focus on medical and neurodevelopmental issues, childcare, preschool and school issues, family placement, protective services and court involvement, and prevention measures through a family centered approach. You can learn more and register here:

<https://cchmc.cloud-cme.com/aph.aspx?P=5&EID=22907>

New Nutrition Website

Good nutrition during the first two years of life is vital for healthy growth and development. Starting good nutrition practices early can help children develop healthy dietary patterns. A new CDC website brings together existing information and practical strategies on feeding healthy foods and drinks to infants and toddlers, from birth to 24 months of age. Parents and caregivers can explore these pages to find nutrition information to help give their children a healthy start in life. You can learn more here:

<https://www.cdc.gov/nutrition/InfantandToddlerNutrition/>



If you would like to participate in our project, please contact Dr. Mariana Mereoiu at mmereoi@bgsu.edu, or 419-372-7300 or Dr. Lisa Handyside at dmlisa@bgsu.edu or (419)372-7286.

Acces: Accessibility and Supports for Young Children and Families

PROJECT ACCES: *Accessibility and Supports for Young Children and Families* is a project housed at Bowling Green State University (BGSU) and funded by the BGSU College of Education. Our purpose is to explore experiences of families with low income who receive early intervention services for their young children at risk or diagnosed with developmental disabilities. The goal is to better understand the needs of the families and practitioners working directly with young children and their caregivers.

We are inviting parents, caregivers, service coordinators, primary service providers and contract managers in **Lucas, Wood, Hancock, Seneca, Fulton and Henry counties** to participate in this study.

You will be asked to complete a demographic survey and participate in an interview.

Participation in this project will take 1.5 – 2.5 hours. Participants will be compensated for their time in this research study with a \$50 VISA gift card.

While your participation is voluntary, the information you provide will be very valuable in helping us understand how to best support families and practitioners. The BGSU Institutional Review Board has approved this study. We will keep your identity confidential and will not share any identifiable information with anyone.