

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

As we reach the halfway point of Bright Beginnings' work with Help Me Grow central intake, we wanted to share with you a letter from Karen Mintzer that accompanies this Program Updates. As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to DODD or Bright Beginnings if you have any questions or concerns about central intake for Early Intervention.

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

FFY19 Federal Part C Application

Ohio's FFY19 application for federal Part C funding from the US Department of Education will be posted by the end of today here:

<https://ohioearlyintervention.org/federal-reporting-and-postings>

FFY17 Annual Performance Report

Ohio's FFY17 APR was submitted to the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) on January 29 and is posted on the EI website here:

<https://ohioearlyintervention.org/federal-reporting-and-postings>

SFY19 Transition Analyses

Activities related to the SFY19 Transition Steps and Services and Transition Planning Conference analyses are underway. Counties included in the Transition analyses had until January 31 to review and clean up their data, including submission of any applicable deletion requests. Data were extracted on February 19. County inquiries, including Steps and Services Self Assessments as well as missing data requests and verification requests, as applicable, are scheduled to be sent to counties March 1.

RESOURCES AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

World Hearing Day

Sunday is World Hearing Day. On March 3 the World Health Organization (WHO) will draw attention to the importance of early identification and intervention for hearing loss.

The key messages for this event include:

- All people should check their hearing from time to time, especially those who are at a higher risk of hearing loss such as adults above 50 years, those working in noisy places, those listening to music at high volumes for long periods of time and those experiencing ear problems.
- Services for early identification and intervention should be made available through the health system.

The WHO will also launch a free app that allows people to check their hearing. The app can be used to raise awareness about the importance of hearing, encourage people to check their hearing regularly and practice safe listening, and allow health workers to check the hearing status of people in their communities

More information on the campaign will be available on the WHO (www.who.int/world-hearing-day).



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Dear Colleagues,

The first half of State Fiscal Year 2019 was a whirlwind for us as we implemented a Statewide Early Childhood Central Intake and Referral System. During those six months, Bright Beginnings and its seven regional partners were able to connect **over 20,000** pregnant women and families with young children to Early Intervention and Home Visiting services! We want to thank the Home Visiting and Early Intervention providers, and our colleagues at the Ohio Department of Health and Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities for your partnership throughout this process.

We also want you to be aware of some of the marketing strategies that will be rolled out over the next several months. These include billboards, commuter ads (public transportation audio advertising), parent and family magazine ads, placemat advertising, and grocery store advertising. These are targeted to communities based on high infant mortality rates, new and/or expanded home visiting programs, early intervention referral trends, and Amish populations. We are also planning many outreach activities including targeted outreach to all school districts in Ohio.

Our partnership with all of you is critically important. Please reach out to Beth Hensley, Communications and Outreach Coordinator (bhensley@brightbeginningskids.org), or your regional contact person to let them know if you have noticed a reduction in referrals from a particular source, or have additional ideas for outreach or marketing in your community. We want to help maintain the bridges already developed, enhance those that need added focus, and develop new connections to the critical services that your agencies provide.

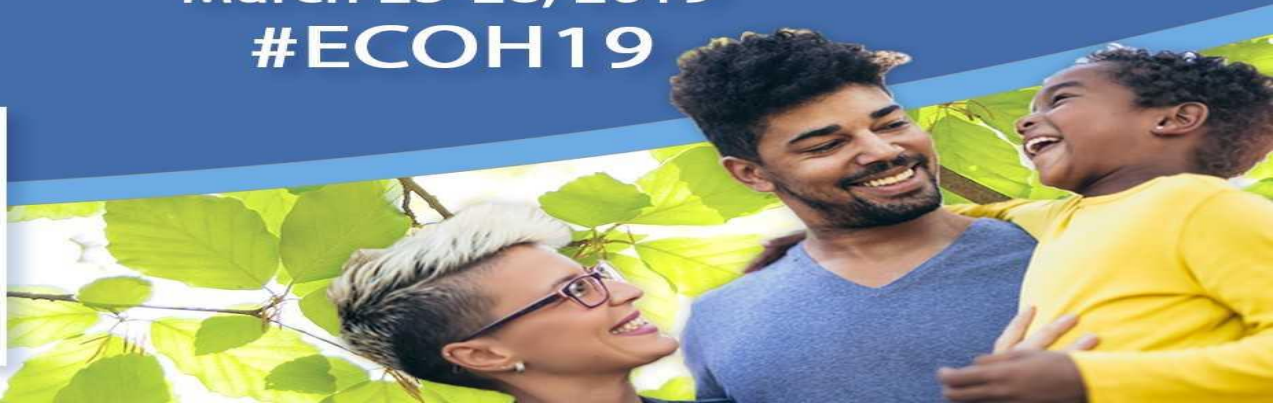
All the best,


Karen J. Mintzer
Director

Ohio Early Childhood Systems Conference

March 25-28, 2019

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FAQs 2019 Early Childhood Conference Cross Systems Conference

1. Cannot Access the Conference Webpage to Purchase Tickets?

Try the Ticket Link found here: <https://attendify.co/ohio-early-childhood-systems-conference-infant-early-childhood-wellness-a-systems-approach-to-integrated-care-Oy8ymTa>

2. Will program booklets be provided or should I download the program booklet?

We are going Green! Program booklets will **not** be printed for this year's event, please be sure to download the Attendify App for your conference materials.

3. What meals will be provided?

Lunch will be provided. Breakfast, Dinner and Snacks are on your own. Please indicate any food allergies upon check in at registration.

4. How do I find the hotel room block?

Follow the link here: <http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/C/CMHCHHF-ODM-20190321/index.jhtml>

Use the Room Block Code: ODM

5. How do I download the Attendify App?

1. Head to the App Store on your mobile phone
2. Use the Search Button to lookup 'Attendify' and select download
3. Once Download is complete, open the app and search for "Ohio EC Cross Systems Conference."
4. Select 'join' at the bottom of the screen.
5. Follow the prompts to create your account
6. Confirm your email address
7. Congratulations you're in! Explore the Attendify App for all the EC Conference Materials.

*If you have trouble downloading the app prior to the conference, a Tech Team will be available to assist you in accessing the app.

6. How do I print my conference agenda and materials in advance?

All the conference materials will be located in the app as PDFs for you to download and print as you need.

7. What should I wear for the conference?

Attire for the conference is business casual. We recommend bringing an extra layer as conference meeting room temperatures may be cold.

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How to Register for the 2019 Early Childhood Cross Systems Conference

Registration Conference Webpage

Visit the Registration Webpage found here: <http://ohec19.attendify.io/> and CLICK the Ticket ICON

Purchase Tickets:

1. **Registration:** Select your ticket type from the list below by agency affiliation. If your agency is not listed, please register under the *General Registration option*.
2. Ticket types are as follows:
 - a. OhioMHAS Early Childhood Mental Health – All 3 Days - 3/25 – 3/27/2019 - \$145
 - b. DODD Early Intervention – All 3 Days - 3/25 – 3/27/2019 - \$145
 - c. General Registration – All 3 Days - 3/25 -3/27/2019 - \$145
 - d. ODH Home Visitor’s Summit Wednesday Only 3/27/2019 - *Requires Ticket Code
 - e. ODE Focus Group Opportunity - 3/26/2019 or 3/27 2019 - No Additional Cost
 - Lunch time session has capacity for 40 participants each day. See “*Growing Together: Ohio’s Commitment to Family Engagement session description*.”
 - f. Leadership Forum - Thursday 3/28/2019 \$115.00 (includes materials) *Requires Ticket Code.
 - Half Day Leadership Development Session utilizing the Leadership Challenge Model®. Capacity is limited to 300 participants working as a leader or future leader in Ohio’s Early Childhood System.
5. **Code Registration:** * If your ticket requires a code to register, select the ‘Have a Code?’ to enter your code.

Follow the prompts to Submit Payment and Complete Registration!

Once you are registered, head to your mobile device and download the “[Attendify](#)” [App](#) in the App Store. Access the EC conference in the Attendify App by searching for “[Ohio EC Systems Conference](#).” Click ‘join’ and follow prompts to create a profile. Check your email to then confirm. Use the App to find all your conference information and print your desired materials.