

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

On March 29, DODD submitted its annual review of the implementation of Ohio's State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP) to the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP). You can read the full report, or a brief summary, on the EI website under the Federal Reporting and Postings tile. We hope you will take a look at this document that details the many activities you are engaging in to improve outcomes for children and families. In the midst of our daily work, it is easy to lose track of the broader picture. This review provides an excellent opportunity to see how this work fits in to that picture. Thank you for everything you do to improve our EI system!

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***

### **May 1 LEA (applicable to *all* counties)**

The May 1 LEA quarterly report requirement is approaching. The report may be run in EIDS no earlier than April 21, 2019 and must be sent to the appropriate LEAs no later than May 1, 2019. Please do **not** submit copies to DODD, but you are encouraged to maintain copies on file.

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 relevant Educational Service Center (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>

Please remember that parent rights apply to any shared information if personally identifying details are disclosed. Only the appropriate pages of the LEA Report should be sent to each LEA.

If you have any questions about the LEA reporting process, please contact Melissa Courts at [melissa.courts@dodd.ohio.gov](mailto:melissa.courts@dodd.ohio.gov).

### **2019 Family Questionnaire**

DODD formed a small work group of stakeholders from the EI Advisory Council and Stakeholder Group to discuss strategies for increasing representativeness among questionnaire respondents as

well as increasing the overall response rate. In order to obtain broader feedback regarding the questionnaire, a link to a short survey was sent to EI Contract Managers and FCFC Coordinators on April 11. Please respond back by April 25. DODD will utilize feedback to plan for the 2019 Family Questionnaire.

### **SFY19 Transition Analyses (Group 3)**

Activities related to the SFY19 Transition Steps and Services and Transition Planning Conference analyses are underway. Data were extracted on February 19. County inquiries, including Steps and Services Self Assessments as well as missing data requests and verification requests, were sent March 1 and were due back March 18. DODD is currently verifying and analyzing data, and results memos are scheduled to be sent at the end of April.

### **Early Childhood Systems Conference**

If you attended the Early Childhood Systems Conference several weeks ago, your feedback is wanted. Please complete the brief survey here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PWFVYLJ>

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

### **Rocking the Rules Webinars: Overview**

We are breaking every attendance record we have with this webinar series. Thank you for participating! In order to get the most out of the webinars, here are a few reminders:

**Targeted audience:** Contract Managers, Supervisors, and anyone who will be responsible for developing and making revisions to local protocols and procedures in order to fully implement the EI program rules July 1, 2019. Others are welcome to join, but these local leaders are the targeted audience.

**Pre-Webinar Activities:** Read the rules and, if available listen, to the corresponding rule recording, and send in your questions to Lori Myers by the question submission due date.

**During the Webinar:** We will highlight changes that might require a change in local policy, protocol and/or procedures. We will answer all of the questions that we received by the due date. We will do our best to answer any *clarifying* questions during the webinar. Although we will not be able to answer *new* questions during the webinar, please write them in the chat box or send them to Lori after the webinar. We will include all questions in our FAQs.

### **Following the Webinar-Additional Supports:**

**Webinar Recording** It will take about two weeks to edit the webinar. We will post the recording on the EI website in the provider tab.

**FAQs** We will post all questions and answers (FAQs) on the EI website in the provider tab. It takes several weeks to review and post the FAQs. We plan to update at least monthly.

**Technical Assistance** Reach out to your program consultant if you have additional questions.

### **Rocking the Rules Webinars: Schedule**

In March 2019, we began offering a series of webinars on the new EI rules. The webinars are designed to answer questions from the field. If you have questions after reviewing the new rules, please send them to Lori Myers, [lori.e.myers@dodd.ohio.gov](mailto:lori.e.myers@dodd.ohio.gov) within two weeks of each webinar date. You may submit questions after the deadline, but we cannot guarantee they will be answered during the webinar. All questions will be answered in a future FAQ.

The list below provides the dates, times and registration links for the webinars. Please note we have added several webinars and changed some dates since the list we included in Program Updates #1907.

NOTE: If you plan to participate as a group, please have only one person from your team register on GoToWebinar. This will help ensure there is space in the webinar platform for everyone who wants to attend.

These webinars will be recorded and posted on the EI website under Providers-EI Rules 2019 in the near future.

Credentialing 4/23/19 8:30-10 a.m.

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6210517059321973249>

Screening, Eligibility and Assessment 5/7/19 8:30-10 a.m.

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8623754866778711809>

IFSP 5/14/19 8:30-10 a.m.

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1439019224820640257>

Service Coordination 5/21/19 8:30-10 a.m.

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3722005586316142337>

Transition and Exit 5/28/19 8:30-10 a.m.

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/581969702178581761>

Forms 6/4/19 8:30-10 a.m..

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1704223629301587970>

SOP Part 1 6/11/19 8:30-10 a.m.

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/770020276205554945>

SOP Part 2 6/13/19 8:30-10 a.m.

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6883905260170754562>

IFSP Form 6/18/19 8:30-10:30 a.m.

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4502452134849444609>

### **DaSy COS Modules – Update**

The Center for IDEA Early Childhood Data Systems (DaSy) offers training on the Child Outcomes Summary via a series of online modules. They recently piloted a COS Competency Check (COS-CC), and we were able to provide CPDUs for those who completed the modules and passed the COS-CC.

The pilot has ended, and analysis of the data did not provide the desired results for DaSy. The COS-CC is no longer available, and DaSy is unable to further develop it at this time. Therefore, we can no longer provide CPDUs for completing the modules.

If you have any questions, please contact your EI program consultant.

### **Trauma-Informed Care in Early Intervention**

We are collaborating with Early Childhood Mental Health Master Trainers to offer training on Trauma-Informed Care in Early Intervention. The first part of the presentation defines trauma and explains its effects on brain development. The second part covers implementation of trauma-informed practices in EI.

We have three sessions left on the schedule for SFY19:

April 16	Athens County
May 2	Portage County
May 15	Fulton County

To register, navigate to OhioTRAIN and search for course # 1072002.

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

**An Introduction to Fetal  
Alcohol Spectrum  
Disorders (FASD):  
Comorbidity, Red Flags  
and Interventions**



**May 21, 2019  
12:00pm-2:00pm**

**Lorain County Transportation  
Center**  
Ohio Department of Natural Resources  
40 East Ave. (Rear of building)  
Elyria, OH 44035

Registration Link:  
<https://reg.planetReg.com/E425534112216>

Contact: [Alexis.Martin@odh.ohio.gov](mailto:Alexis.Martin@odh.ohio.gov)

Join us as we discuss FASD and interventions  
to assist clinicians, individuals and families.  
The event is free and open to the public.  
Application for CEUs will be submitted.





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**FASD Training**  
**April 26, 2019**  
**10:30am-12:30pm**

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**Nelsonville Public Library**  
**95 W. Washington**  
**Nelsonville, OH 45764**

Department of Natural Resources  
1000 Morse Road, 9th Floor  
Columbus, Ohio 43260

Registration Link:

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