

To: All Early Intervention contract managers and FCFC coordinators  
From: Nathan DeDino  
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Subject: Early Intervention Program Updates, #1927

## ***MESSAGE FROM THE PART C COORDINATOR***

This is our last bi-weekly communication of 2019. Focusing on the immediate work at hand, it is easy to lose sight of all we have accomplished together. As 2019 comes to a close, we wanted to highlight several notable achievements:

- Roll out of new EI rules and forms, including an expansion of EI eligibility for children with elevated blood lead levels and neonatal abstinence syndrome (NAS)
- Governor DeWine's historic investment in state funding for EI in Ohio
- A "meets requirements" designation from the US Department of Education for the third year in a row

We look forward to your continued partnership in 2020 as we continue our shared work to move Ohio's EI system forward. Happy holidays and best wishes for a safe and prosperous new 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***

### **Local EI Outreach Reporting**

The new template for local outreach reporting was sent to all EI contract managers and FCFC Coordinators on December 2. Reports are due back to DODD by December 31. Completed templates and any questions should be submitted to Melissa Courts at [melissa.courts@dodd.ohio.gov](mailto:melissa.courts@dodd.ohio.gov). Additional information and resources are available here:

<https://ohioearlyintervention.org/local-state-national-resources/central-intake-and-outreach>.

### **SFY19 EI Summary**

A summary of SFY19 EI data accompanies this Program Updates and will be posted on the EI website here:

<https://ohioearlyintervention.org/data-and-monitoring-resources>

## DODD Portal Update

DODD ITS updated the DODD landing page used to access DODD portal applications, including EIDS, on the evening of December 18. ITS recommends that all users clear their browser cache. The new page, while providing the same options and functions, was created with the intention of simplifying navigation of the site. Instructions for how to access EIDS using the new page, including screenshots, accompany this Program Updates.

## EI Data System Update

A new required field to indicate whether families are homeless was added to the EI Data System (EIDS) below the existing address information. This field has been marked as “No” for all existing fields. If updated information is received, this field can be adjusted on the caregiver page at any time. All other address information will still be required, so continue to list the best address you have for where a family is staying if you have received information indicating they are homeless. This field has been added to the Central Intake Contacts report and will be added to the Referrals Extract and EI Services report in the coming months.

The screenshot shows a web form titled "Caregiver Information". The form contains several sections:

- Relationship to Child:** A dropdown menu.
- Parent?:** Radio buttons for Yes and No.
- \* Last Name:** Text input field.
- \* First Name:** Text input field.
- Middle Name:** Text input field.
- SSN:** Text input field with dashes.
- You must specify at least one method of communication with the caregiver:** A red header for the communication section.
- \*\* Primary Phone:** Text input field with area and extension boxes, and a "No Phone" checkbox.
- \*\* Accepts Texts:** Radio buttons for Yes, No, and Unknown.
- Secondary Phone:** Text input field with area and extension boxes.
- \*\* Email Address:** Text input field.
- \*\* Street Address:** Text input field.
- \*\* City/State:** Dropdown menu.
- \*\* Zip:** Text input field with a note: "Enter the zip code to auto-populate the city and state".
- \*Is the family currently homeless?:** Radio buttons for Yes and No. This field is highlighted with a red box.
- Preferred method of communication:** Radio buttons for Call, Text, Email, and Mail.
- Primary Language:** Dropdown menu.

## Central Intake Updates

Bright Beginnings has prepared a newsletter about central intake activities for EI. This was sent to EI contract managers and FCFC coordinators earlier this week. You can access the newsletter here:

<https://myemail.constantcontact.com/The-Early-Intervention-Central-Intake-Bulletin--December-2019.html?soid=1130895416189&aid=EXYITMuFddQ>

## Volunteers Needed for Website Revisions Group

Along with our web designer, the Ohio Center for Autism and Low Incidence (OCALI), we are preparing to update the Training page and the Families section of the EI website.

We are looking for Developmental Specialists (DSs) and Early Intervention Service Coordinators (EISCs) to provide input about the Training page. Volunteers will be asked to attend (via technology) two to three planning meetings. If interested, please e-mail [lori.e.myers@dodd.ohio.gov](mailto:lori.e.myers@dodd.ohio.gov) by January 10 with your name, role, and a brief explanation of why you want to participate. Please also include the best days and times for you to attend meetings. We will review and select two to three DSs and two to three EISCs. The first meeting will be scheduled for late January or early February.

In addition, we are looking for parents to provide input on the Families page. If you identify a parent who would be a good fit for this role, please send the contact information to [lori.e.myers@dodd.ohio.gov](mailto:lori.e.myers@dodd.ohio.gov).

**SFY20 EI Monitoring**

Each county will be included in one of the three baseline monitoring analyses for SFY20 based on group number. Group 1 will be included in the first analysis for SFY20, which will cover 45-Day timelines ending October through December 2019. Additional details will be sent to these counties in January. Group 2 counties will be involved in the Transition analysis (Transition Planning Conferences and Transition Steps and Services), and Group 3 will be analyzed for Timely Receipt of Services (TRS). The full schedule of baseline activities will be posted on the EI website in the coming weeks. The following is a list of counties by group:

<b>Group 1</b>	<b>Group 2</b>	<b>Group 3</b>
Belmont	Allen	Adams
Carroll	Ashtabula	Ashland
Clark	Brown	Athens
Clermont	Butler	Auglaize
Clinton	Champaign	Coshocton
Franklin	Columbiana	Cuyahoga
Gallia	Crawford	Defiance
Geauga	Darke	Erie
Greene	Delaware	Fayette
Henry	Fairfield	Hamilton
Hocking	Fulton	Harrison
Holmes	Guernsey	Highland
Jefferson	Hancock	Knox
Lawrence	Hardin	Lake
Logan	Huron	Licking
Lorain	Jackson	Madison
Lucas	Meigs	Mahoning
Medina	Mercer	Marion
Monroe	Montgomery	Miami

<b>Group 1</b>	<b>Group 2</b>	<b>Group 3</b>
Noble	Morgan	Morrow
Ottawa	Muskingum	Pickaway
Portage	Paulding	Preble
Putnam	Perry	Richland
Sandusky	Pike	Shelby
Seneca	Ross	Summit
Tuscarawas	Scioto	Warren
Van Wert	Stark	Wood
Vinton	Trumbull	Wyandot
Washington	Union	
Wayne	Williams	

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

### **Bayley-Scales of Infant and Toddler Development-IV**

We will begin training on the Bayley-IV in January 2020. Although counties have until July 2021 to start using the Bayley-IV, this will prevent the need for re-training on the new version. Beginning in January 2020, trainings will include a demo of Pearson’s web-based platform for administration, scoring, and reporting. Please bring your tablet or other device to participate in the demo.

For those trained on the Bayley-III, our trainer, Dr. Paul Williams, suggests reviewing Pearson’s recorded webinar describing the changes and other online training options (link below). After reviewing this information, counties can decide if more in-depth, live training is needed.

<https://www.pearsonassessments.com/store/usassessments/en/Store/Professional-Assessments/Cognition-%26-Neuro/Bayley-Scales-of-Infant-and-Toddler-Development-%7C-Fourth-Edition/p/100001996.html?tab=training>

The Early Intervention website includes more information about the Bayley-4 and the digital platform, Q-global. Please see the EI Website, Providers - Local, State and National Resources.

### **Advanced Reflective Supervision: Update**

Reflective Supervision is now a prerequisite for the advanced class. If you have taken Reflective Supervision with Dr. Robert Gallen, please upload your certificate to MyLearning. To do so, click the title of the course. Then, click Prerequisite: Advanced Reflective Supervision to access instructions for submitting your certificate.

If you have completed Reflective Supervision with a different provider, please submit your certificate along with a course agenda/objectives or other course materials. We will review and determine if the content matches the Reflective Supervision model taught by Dr. Gallen.

Once we have verified your certificate, you will get an email notification that you can register for the advanced course.

If you have not taken Reflective Supervision, there are several sessions scheduled in 2020. You can register on OhioTRAIN, course # 1049291.

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

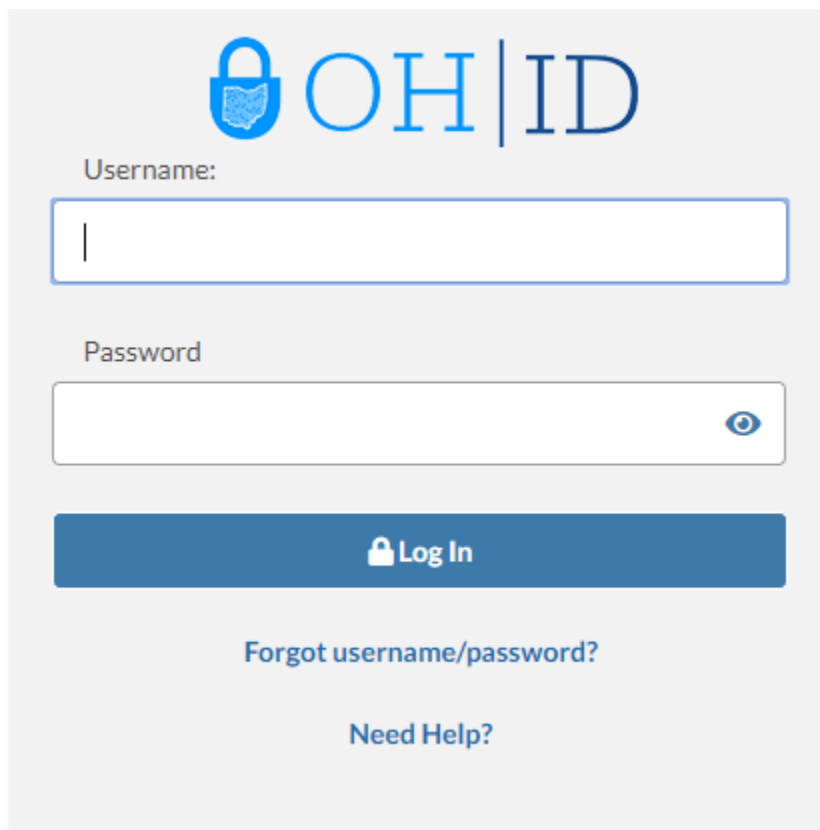
## Logging in to the New DODD Portal

To log in to the new version of the DODD portal, first go to <https://dodd.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/dodd/>.

Click on the person icon in the upper right hand corner of the screen.



You will then be taken to the OH|ID login screen. Enter your username and password, then click “Log In.”

The OH|ID login screen features a light gray background. At the top left is a blue padlock icon with the state of Ohio inside, followed by the text 'OH|ID' in a blue, sans-serif font. Below this, the label 'Username:' is positioned above a white text input field with a blue border. Underneath the username field is the label 'Password' above another white text input field with a blue border and a blue eye icon on the right side. A prominent blue button with a white padlock icon and the text 'Log In' is centered below the password field. At the bottom of the screen, there are two links: 'Forgot username/password?' and 'Need Help?' in a blue, sans-serif font.

Select the appropriate option on the next page that is displayed (this will be the same option you typically select) and press “Continue.”



Welcome **Hammond, Taylor !!**

**Please select following option to proceed:**

Continue with Logged In User Profile  
*[ Account Type: Early Intervention Data System, Role: User ]*

Continue with Another Existing Profile

Switch to one of your other profiles ▼

Go To My Learning

Create an additional New Profile

You will then be taken to the new portal page. Select “Applications” on this page.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

The department's online applications will be unavailable on **Thursday December 19th, 2019, from 4 pm to 9 pm** while ITS Staff performs a systems maintenance.

*Still need help?*

Contact the DODD Information Technology Services Call Center at 1-800-617-6733, Option 4 or ITSCallCenter@dodd.ohio.gov

**For all application issues except MAIS.** Contact the DODD Information Technology Services Call Center at 1-800-617-6733, option 4 or ITSCallCenter@dodd.ohio.gov

**for MAIS: RN Trainers /MAIS access:** When trying to open MAIS if there is an error message that says you are not authorized to enter, please contact ma.database@dodd.ohio.gov

- Individual & Families Providers County Boards UAT Testing Training Testing

A list of applications to which you have access will be displayed. Select "EIDS" and you will be taken to the EIDS application.

## Applications

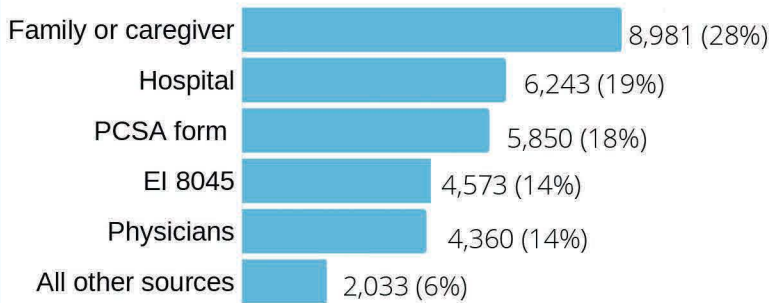
EIDS

PSM-Portal



Early Intervention, known as EI, is a statewide system that provides coordinated services to parents of eligible children under the age of 3 with developmental delays or disabilities. The federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) establishes EI programs in all 50 states. In Ohio, the Department of Developmental Disabilities serves as the lead agency for the EI program. Terms included here are defined in rule and can be found at [OhioEarlyIntervention.org](http://OhioEarlyIntervention.org).

## Referrals



\*PCSA stands for public children services agency.

**23,438**  
total children served in 2019  
**11,066**  
average served at any given time

Nearly two-thirds of children served in SFY19 became eligible due to a substantial delay in at least one area of development.

## Services on Initial IFSPs

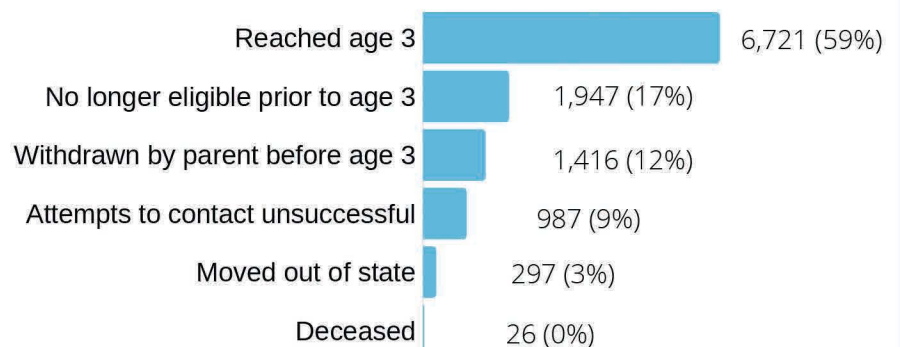
Individualized Family Service Plan

Special instruction	7,926	61%
Speech therapy	3,093	24%
Physical therapy	1,734	13%
Occupational therapy	1,501	12%

Special Instruction was listed on 61% of the 12,961 initial IFSPs in SFY19



## Exiting/Length of Stay



More than half (59%) of children exited EI in SFY19 due to reaching age 3 and 17% because they were no longer eligible prior to age 3.

**11 months**  
average time in EI  
**19 months**  
average age at initial need for services