

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

How fitting that the first bi-weekly communication of this new year starts on the very first day! All of us at DODD wish you a very happy and healthy 2021. We look forward to our continued partnership in further strengthening Ohio's Early Intervention system. Best wishes!

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

COVID-19 Updates

Please be sure to continue to check the DODD home page for important updates on the COVID-19 pandemic. As additional information becomes available (e.g., the COVID-19 vaccine), DODD will post it here:

<https://dodd.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/dodd/home>

SFY21 Timely Receipt of Services (TRS) Baseline

Activities related to the SFY21 TRS baseline analysis are underway. Applicable counties had until December 8 to make any needed edits to data, including requesting deletions. Data for the analysis were extracted from EIDS December 16. Verification requests and missing data inquiries will be sent to applicable counties by January 8 and are due back to DODD no later than January 27.

SFY20/FFY19 County Annual Performance Reports (APR) and Determinations

DODD sent reports including county results on each APR indicator and this year's determination category, along with accompanying memos, to Contract Managers and FCFC Coordinators December 31. The reports will be posted on the EI website in coming weeks. If you have any questions, please contact Taylor Hammond at taylor.hammond@dodd.ohio.gov. Ohio's APR will be submitted to the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) by February 1.

RESOURCES AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

EI Communication Toolkit

Bright Beginnings will be conducting a webinar on January 26 about the communication toolkit DODD released in the autumn. This 90 minute webinar will cover the toolkit's messaging, templates, and resources to raise awareness and build outreach efforts for EI services in your county. The webinar starts at 11:00am. You can register here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ei-toolkit-webinar-tickets-132986019765>

Registration Available for Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome Part 5: 24-36 Months

Please join Dr. Kathy Wedig, Director of the NAS Clinic at Cincinnati Children's Hospital, and her colleagues to learn strategies for working with toddlers aged 24-36 months with NAS and their families. This is the final webinar of our 5-part series on NAS. Click here to register:

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/3277967830635472140>

If you have questions, please contact Lori Myers, lori.e.myers@dodd.ohio.gov.

New Doughnuts with Di: EI Eligibility

Please join Diane Fox and Nathan DeDino for a webinar on the requirements and processes related to eligibility and evaluation in Early Intervention. The target audience is EI Service Coordinators, and the webinar will be held March 2 from 8:30-10:00am. You can register here:

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/7598915485844748555>