

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

DODD submitted a final version of Ohio's Annual Performance Report (APR) to the federal Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) on January 28. The final report has been posted on the EI website under the Data and Monitoring Federal Reporting section. In the coming weeks, DODD will be posting Ohio's application for federal Part C funding from OSEP for public comment. Details will be included in an upcoming Program Updates. Thank you for your continued work to strengthen Ohio's EI system and happy Valentine's Day!

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***

#### **February 1 Local Educational Agency (LEA) Notification**

The February 1 Quarterly LEA Reports are used for the state's annual compliance analysis related to LEA notification. Copies were due to DODD by February 2. Data analysis is currently in progress and memos will be sent in the coming weeks.

#### **SFY21 Timely Receipt of Services (TRS) Baseline**

Activities related to the SFY21 TRS baseline analysis are underway. DODD extracted data for the analysis from EIDS on December 16 and sent verification requests and missing data inquiries to applicable counties on January 8. These were due back to DODD by January 27. Results memos are scheduled to be sent by March 19.

#### **SFY21 45-Day Baseline**

Activities related to the 45-Day Baseline analysis are underway. DODD sent emails notifying counties about their inclusion in the analysis on January 13. Applicable counties had until February 2 to make any needed edits to data, including requesting deletions. DODD will extract data for the baseline analysis on February 16 and send compliance inquiries to applicable counties by March 4.

## **New Guidance Document about IFSP Outcomes**

DODD has developed a new document to aid counties when reviewing outcomes at an IFSP review. You can access this document, “IFSP: Reviewing Outcomes,” here:

<https://ohioearlyintervention.org/guidance-documents-and-memos/guidance-documents>

As a reminder, a new grid should be completed at every IFSP review.

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

### **New Session Added: Understanding the Behavior of Infants and Toddlers for Early Intervention Professionals**

This is a repeat of the webinar held January 28, 2021. The Children’s Resource Center will present this additional session on March 25, from 10:00am to 3:00pm with a one-hour lunch break.

After attending this training, Early intervention professionals will be able to—

- Explain the basics of brain development for infants and toddlers and how this affects their behavior
- Understand parenting styles and evaluate the effects of these styles on young children
- Evaluate the role caregivers have on the social and emotional wellness of infants and toddlers
- Identify specific behaviors (tantrums, biting, and separation anxiety) and how to best respond to them
- Identify in home strategies to increase social and emotional wellness of infants and toddlers

This training has been approved for 3.5 hours for County Board Superintendent, DODD Developmental Specialist, DODD Service Coordination and Supervisors of SC, Ohio Infant Family Practitioner Level II, Ohio Infant Mental Health Practitioner Level III.

To register, navigate to OCCRRA and search for ST #10104045:

[https://registry.occrra.org/cart/training\\_list](https://registry.occrra.org/cart/training_list)

After registration, the course facilitator will send the Zoom link and training materials.

**DODD, ODH and ODJFS present:**  
***Help Me Grow Overview for Public  
Children Service Agencies***



**Mar 10, 2021**  
**10-11:30 a.m.**

Click [here](#) to register on  
GoToWebinar.

**In this presentation, we will:**

- **provide an overview of the Help Me Grow system including Early Intervention, Home Visiting and Central Intake and Referral**
- **explain the steps to make a referral and use the PCSA referral form,**
- **examine the responsibilities of Help Me Grow and children services, and**
- **discuss collaboration between early childhood agencies**

**Targeted audience: PCSA workers, EI Contract Managers, EISC Supervisors, and ODH Home Visiting Supervisors**

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## **An Introduction to Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD): Impact of prenatal alcohol exposure, red flags, and implications.**

*This training webinar will focus on Individuals prenatally exposed to alcohol who face many challenges due to the symptoms of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD). The webinar will provide a basic understanding of how prevalent FASD is, and the impact of prenatal alcohol exposure on the unborn baby. Accreditation of 3 CE Hours. Register [HERE](#).*

**February 19, 2021 - 1pm-4pm**

