

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

Earlier this month, DODD submitted its final report on Ohio's State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP) that focused on improving child outcomes related to the acquisition and use of knowledge and skills. Over the course of the past several years, our partners throughout Ohio's EI system have worked to complete many activities related to our state's SSIP. During this time, we have seen—as just two examples—improvement in the quality of IFSP outcomes and the use of assessment information to create those outcomes. Over the past several months, DODD has had conversations with the EI Advisory Council and Stakeholder Group about next steps. At our February meeting, stakeholders supported DODD's proposal to shift focus in our next SSIP to supporting children's social emotional development. This new focus takes on even greater importance as our EI system supports families facing a multitude of challenges related to the COVID-19 pandemic. In the coming months, we will be sharing more information and seeking your input about this new work. We look forward to working together over the next five years on this important initiative! You can read this last installment of our current SSIP in the [Federal Reporting section](#) of the EI website.

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

May/June TA and Training Plan Update Calls

On July 10, 2020 DODD provided guidance regarding written consent for early intervention activities in EI Program Updates #2017. DODD is interested in learning more about how this guidance has been implemented at the local level. During TA and Training Plan updates calls taking place in May and June, please be prepared to discuss the following with your EI Program Consultant:

- Who is responsible for receiving correspondence from DODD and ensuring EI staff have access to information sent?
- Who is responsible for modifying local policies to ensure updated guidance is followed?
- When DODD provided updated guidance in #2017 in July, what local process was put in place to ensure necessary staff had the information, training, and tools to implement the guidance?
- How do EISCs in your county obtain written consent for EI activities?

- How does the local EI program leadership provide monitoring to ensure each EISC is obtaining written consent from families at the appropriate time?
- How does the local EI program leadership provide monitoring to ensure that signature dates are consistent with the IFSP meeting dates?
- If you use specific software to obtain electronic signatures, what software do you use in your county?

You can access EI Program Updates #2017 here:

<https://ohioearlyintervention.org/storage/ocali-ims-sites/ocali-ims-oei/documents/EI-Program-Updates-2017.pdf>

May 1 Local Educational Agency Reporting

The quarterly Local Educational Agency (LEA) reporting requirement is coming up at the end of the month. This report is now available in the EI Data System (EIDS) in both Excel and PDF formats. You may use either version, but please remember the following:

- The May 1 LEA report must be run no earlier than April 21 and no later than May 1. If the parent does not consent to share contact information with the LEA, “no” must be selected in EIDS in response to “Transition contact info shared with LEA:” on the most recent IFSP and the date the parent declined to share information must also be documented.
- It is expected that child information will be updated in a timely manner so that the LEA reports in EIDS are accurate.
- Only the sections of the report that are relevant to a particular LEA should be sent to that LEA, not the entire report.
- If you are not sure which LEA should be selected for a specific child, 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-DirectorySystem-OEDS>.

This quarterly report must be provided to the LEAs no later than May 1. The report does not need to be submitted to DODD, but we encourage you to keep a copy for your records. If you have any questions, please contact Melissa Courts at melissa.courts@dodd.ohio.gov.

SFY21 45-Day Baseline

Activities related to the 45-Day baseline analysis are underway. DODD sent compliance inquiries to applicable counties on March 4 and responses were due back March 22. Final analyses are in progress and results memos will be sent May 11.

SFY21 Transition Baseline

Activities related to the SFY21 Transition baseline analysis are underway. Applicable counties had until March 24 to make any needed edits to data, including requesting deletions, and data for the baseline analysis were extracted April 2. DODD sent data inquiries to applicable counties

April 14 and responses are due back to DODD by May 5. Contact Melissa Courts at melissa.courts@dodd.ohio.gov if you have any questions.

RESOURCES AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Evidence-Based Practices Reboot Full

The evidence-based practices reboot scheduled for May and June is now full. Based on the interest in this initiative, we will offer more sessions in the coming fiscal year, which begins July 1.

Newborn Behavioral Observations (NBO) Training

Thank you to those who have registered for the NBO training in May and Jun 2021. The June 1-2 session is full; there are still slots available in the May sessions. The two options are May 19-20 and May 26-27.

The registration deadline has been extended to April 30. To register, please access the course listing on the EI website and click on access a participant spreadsheet here:

<https://ohioearlyintervention.org/trainings/155>

“Red Flags of Opioid, Drug and Alcohol Abuse” with Dr. Paul Martin

On June 11, Paul Martin, DO, will present a virtual training on awareness of and supporting families with substance misuse. Dr. Martin is trained as a forensic psychiatrist. He has served as a staff psychiatrist at Binghamton State Psychiatric Hospital and Assistant Clinical Professor of Psychiatry at the State University of New York. He works as a mental health consultant to schools, police departments, social service agencies, and other organizations. Dr. Martin has been a presenter and keynote speaker at numerous mental health conferences. The target audience is interventionists and EI service coordinators.

The training will run from 9:00am-4:00pm with a one-hour lunch break.

You can register here:

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/1219071837004396815>

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

Transition: Best Practices Webinar

Please join Karen Kincaid and Shelly Palumbo, EI Program Consultants, on June 29 from 8:30-10:00am for a review of the top 10 things you need to know about transition in EI and best practices for supporting families throughout transition.

The targeted audience is EI Service Coordinators. CPDUs will be provided for EISC/EISC Supervisors and County Board Superintendents. Please note this is a reschedule from the webinar originally planned for Jun 15. You can register here:

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/1726448073649277711>

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