

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

Thank you to everyone who reached out to families and encouraged them to complete the 2021 family questionnaire. This year's response rate of around 20% was the highest it has been for several years. Additionally, Athens, Delaware, Fairfield, Huron, Medina, and Wyandot counties were among those counties with the greatest increases in response rates compared to last year. We look forward to our continued work in the coming years to hear from even more families.

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

SFY21 Annual County Reports and County Child Outcomes Summary (COS) Data Reports

DODD has completed SFY21 summary reports for each county including data about referrals, child counts and eligibility reasons, services on initial IFSPs, exit reasons, and length of stay among children served in EI. The statewide SFY21 summary report will be posted on the EI website in the coming weeks. DODD has also completed the SFY21/FFY20 COS data analyses required for reporting on Indicator 3 of the state's Annual Performance Report (APR) due in February 2022. DODD has created a county-specific data file with this information including a summary report that includes county and statewide COS categories, entry COS scores, and exit COS scores for each outcome area. DODD sent both the county SFY21 summary report and county COS data file to EI contract managers and FCFC coordinators on September 17.

If you have any questions regarding these reports, email Taylor Hammond at Taylor.Hammond@dodd.ohio.gov at any time.

2021 EI Family Questionnaire

DODD collected EI family questionnaire responses online through September 20 and via mail through September 24. We are compiling data for inclusion in the state's FFY21 APR due in February 2022. In the coming weeks, DODD will compile data from questions 1 through 10 and response rate data in county reports. DODD will distribute these reports to counties and post on the EI website when completed. DODD will also be de-identifying comments, as applicable, and will distribute comment reports to each Contract Manager and FCFC Coordinator in the coming months, but these comments will not be posted publicly.

SFY22 Baseline Schedule

DODD has completed the schedule for the SFY22 45-Day, TRS, and Transition EI monitoring baseline analyses. Group 2 counties will participate in the SFY22 45-Day analysis beginning in November 2021; Group 3 will be included in the SFY22 Transition analyses beginning in February 2022; and Group 1 counties will participate in the SFY22 TRS analysis beginning in June 2022. DODD will conduct webinars at the beginning of each of these analyses to provide an overview of the baseline process and tips for success. You can access the full SFY22 EI monitoring schedule here:

<https://ohioearlyintervention.org/monitoring>

RESOURCES AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Upcoming Trainings: October and November

Please join us for one or more of these live webinars coming up in October and November.

Social-Emotional Development in Infants and Toddlers

October 19

8:30-10:00am

Erin Lucas, Director of Early Childhood Programs at Hopewell Health Center, will discuss assessing social and emotional development, identifying red-flags and providing evidence-based strategies to support optimal social and emotional development.

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/660245054288890892>

Plans of Safe Care

October 26

8:30-10:00am

Please join Deanna Herold from the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services for a discussion about Plans of Safe Care (Community Support Plans) and the role of community partners. Deanna is part of the Policy Academy Leadership Team and has been integral in training Public Children Services Agencies on Plans of Safe Care.

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/6476162388187670284>

Compliance: 45-Day Timeline

November 16

2:00-3:00pm

The 45-day timeline is one of the required compliance indicators monitored by DODD. Please join this webinar to learn more about the review criteria for documents submitted for verification, necessary documentation for the 45-day timeline, and tools to support high-quality documentation.

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/6319901994226503691>

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

Brazelton Touchpoints Center Autumn Webinars

The Brazelton Touchpoints Center is offering several webinars of potential interest to the EI field this autumn. The first webinar is on September 29 and will discuss the impact of lead on communities. The presenter is Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha who was instrumental in uncovering the impact of the Flint, Michigan water crisis involving lead exposure. You can learn more about the webinars and register here:

https://bostonchildrens.zoom.us/webinar/register/4916299171249/WN_iMcZ9aUYRZq2SIC2-R6n5g

Interested in autism intervention training?

Please complete the following interest form and someone from our team will follow up with you. For more information, [click here](#).



Are you an Ohio early intervention professional?

Are you interested in pursuing advanced training in an evidence-based autism intervention model?

[Fill out this interest form!](#)



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Continuation of OhioMHAS DODD Early Childhood Mental Health Statewide Early Intervention ECMH Expansion Grants

DODD and OhioMHAS are pleased to announce the continuation of the partnership to provide early childhood mental health consultation (ECMH) for every early intervention team in Ohio through June 2023.

The initiative will provide early childhood mental health consultation to primary service providers on early intervention teams to increase their confidence and competence to strengthen relationships and meet the social-emotional needs of children and families served.

The grant includes increased opportunities for early intervention teams to receive annual training on trauma, infant mental health, and the use of the Devereux Early Childhood Assessment tool.

The role of the ECMH consultant has expanded to include family and child level consultation using the Ohio ECMH model in addition to the EI teamwork as requested by the EI Team. This may include providing specific interventions through email, meeting with a primary service provider to review Devereux Early Childhood Assessment results or collaborating with a primary service provider to incorporate interventions to meet an IFSP outcome.

The ECMH consultation in early intervention has proven to be of great benefit to primary service providers, children, and families. Local early intervention teams are encouraged to utilize this support. For more information, please visit:

<https://ohioearlyintervention.org/local-state-national-resources/ECMH-EI-Expansion>

For additional questions, contact:

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October 2021 Training Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 Motivational Interviewing 9 AM - 4 PM Registration Link	15	16
17	18	19 Social-Emotional Developmental 8:30 - 10 AM Registration Link	20 RBI Part 1 1 - 2:30 PM <i>Currently Full</i>	21 Battelle 9 AM - 4 PM Registration Link	22	23
24	25	26 Plans of Safe Care 8:30 - 10 AM Registration Link	27 RBI Part 2 1 - 2:30 PM <i>Currently Full</i>	28 Bayley Products 2 - 3 PM Registration Link	29	30
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