To: All Early Intervention contract managers and FCFC coordinators

From: Nathan DeDino

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MESSAGE FROM THE PART C COORDINATOR

Over the past several weeks, DODD has received a number of questions about the revised Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) developmental milestones. We have reviewed the milestones and conferred with DODD's medical director and would like to provide the following information and reminders to Ohio's EI field:

- These revised developmental milestones do not affect eligibility for Early Intervention in Ohio. Eligibility is defined in Ohio Administrative Code at 5123-10-02 and can only be changed through a rule change.
- The revised milestones may more closely align to Ohio's definition of delay of 1.5 or more standard deviations below the mean in at least one developmental domain. If pediatricians make referrals based on the revised milestones, it may result in fewer children referred who are found not eligible. We will continue to study referral outcome data in the coming years for any trends or differences.
- We are not making any changes at this time to our outreach materials, including our recently released new developmental wheels. Our overarching message remains the same: if you have a concern about your child's development, make a referral to EI.
- We will continue to encourage pediatricians and other health professionals to refer early and to avoid a "wait and see" approach.

As a reminder, anyone can make a referral to EI in Ohio by calling 1-800-755-GROW or making an online referral.

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

SFY22 45-Day Baseline

Activities related to the SFY22 45-Day baseline analysis are nearly complete. Results memos are anticipated to be sent out within the next week.

SFY21 Annual Performance Report (APR) and Determinations

DODD sent reports including county results on each APR indicator and this year's determination category, along with accompanying memos, to EI Contract Managers and FCFC Coordinators

March 15. A file compiling all counties' reports has been posted to the EI website. Individual county reports associated with the map, will be posted in the coming weeks. You can access the all counties file on the website here:

https://ohioearlyintervention.org/county-data

If you have any questions, please contact Taylor Hammond at taylor.hammond@dodd.ohio.gov. Ohio's APR was submitted to the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) January 31.

EI Service Coordination Credential Renewals

The Ohio Child Care Resource Referral Association (OCCRRA) anticipates receiving more than 700 applications for EI service coordinator and supervisor credentials that expire in June 2022. To avoid delays in processing your application, it is important to determine if courses are verified in your OCCRRA profile. If not verified, you will be unable to submit your credential application.

MyLearning courses successfully completed on or after August 3, 2020 verify automatically through an application programming interface (API) with OCCRRA. Paper certificates or transcripts are not needed for these courses. If you upload a paper certificate/transcript, you will see the message, "unable to verify." You will also see this message if your profile information (first name, last name, email) does not match in the DODD and OCCRRA systems, so it is important to ensure your information matches exactly. If you need assistance with course verifications, please contact Allan Kisner at allan.kisner@dodd.ohio.gov.

Join Our Team!

DODD is currently hiring for two positions on the state EI team: an Early Intervention Specialist (220002PY) serving on our EI program consultant team and a Researcher 3 (220002N1) serving on our data and monitoring team. You can access the job postings and apply here:

https://dasstateoh.taleo.net/careersection/oh_ext/jobsearch.ftl

RESOURCES AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Training Registration Reminders

Many DODD-sponsored trainings have a limited capacity, and sessions fill up quickly. To provide equal opportunity for participation in trainings, please register for only one session at a time.

If you are unable to attend, please withdraw your registration so the space may be used by another participant.

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

Changes for Current and Future Enrollees in Principles of Service Coordination (POSC) Module 8

We have revised Module 8 (Special Topics) of POSC. The content has been removed in order to develop a stand-alone module on safety, time management, and culture. The course will be available for all EI staff.

Module 8 now contains only the final assignment (uploading a completed IFSP) and competency test for the POSC course.

Unfortunately, there is no way to give partial credit for lessons already completed. However, the completed lessons will be listed on your transcript.

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

Division for Early Childhood (DEC) Service Coordination Resources

The DEC has released resources aimed at service coordinators around time management strategies. You can access them here:

https://divisionearlychildhood.egnyte.com/fl/ysT7HAoh5u

Additionally, there will a second webinar around time management in April. You can learn more here:

https://www.dec-sped.org/servicecoordinationcop

April 2022 Training Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 **April Fool's Day**	2 **Ramadan Begins**
3	4	5 Dual Sensory Impairment 8:30 - 9:15 AM Register	6 Mid-year Program Report 9 - 10:30 AM Register	7 Ecomapping 2 - 3:30 PM Register	8	9
10	11	12 How to Ask Tough Questions 1- 2 PM Register	13	14 Battelle 9 AM - 4 PM Register	15 **Good Friday**	16
17 **Easter**	18	19	20 Bayley 8:30 AM - 4 PM Register	21	22 **Earth Day**	23
24	25	26 Supporting Sleep Concerns 8:30 - 10 AM Register	27 SFY23 SC Grant Agreement 9 - 10 AM Register	28	29	30