To: All Early Intervention contract managers and FCFC coordinators

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MESSAGE FROM THE PART C COORDINATOR

Last week, DODD shared county results from the January Early Intervention (EI) eligibility process assessment with local EI leadership. Please be sure to review your county's results carefully and schedule your call with your EI program consultant to discuss the information. In the coming weeks, DODD will be providing a new resource to support implementation of EI eligibility requirements and answers to questions from the April 6 webinar. Thank you in advance for your work to disseminate this information to your local team members!

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 1 LEA Reporting

The quarterly Local Educational Agency (LEA) reporting requirement is approaching at the end of the month. Consistent with Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 5123-10-02(L)(1)(b), each EISC agency must notify the LEA (with parent consent) of children who will turn three within the next year by the first day of February, May, August, and November. This report is 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: http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Data/Ohio-Educational-Directory-System-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.

SFY22 Transition Baseline

Data inquiries for the Transition baseline monitoring process were due March 30. DODD is completing a review of the submitted inquiries, verifying records, requesting additional documentation through the clarification process (if applicable), and completing the final analysis over the next several weeks. Results memos are scheduled to be sent May 23.

SFY22 Mid-Year Grant Reporting

DODD held a webinar on April 6 to review the results of the EI eligibility assessment that was part of the SFY22 mid-year grant reporting completed in January. DODD outlined the next steps to support counties with the eligibility process. Last week, EI program consultants sent each county their results from the eligibility assessment. All counties must have a call within the coming weeks with their EI program consultant to discuss their county's data.

You can access a recording of the webinar here:

https://ohioearlyintervention.org/trainings/293

Updates to the EI Website Training Page

We have updated the training page on the EI website to make it easier to navigate and search. The following changes were made:

- New look to the training landing page
- Categorization of trainings as upcoming live events, past events, e-Learning, and developmental specialist seminars
- Addition of a monthly training calendar
- Streamlined search filters

We are working on future enhancements to the Training page and other sections of the website.

Please provide any feedback to Lori Myers at lori.e.myers@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

New Hearing and Vision Loss Resource

The Ohio Center for Deafblind Education has created a resource for EI service coordinators and local teams supporting families with a child who has hearing and/or vision loss. This resource underscores the importance of early identification, provides red flags for hearing and vision loss, lists diagnoses and conditions putting children at higher risk for hearing and vision loss, and offers guidance on assessment and program planning. You can access the document here:

https://ohioearlyintervention.org/local-state-national-resources/ohio-hearing-vision

Motivational Interviewing Rescheduled for June 22

Dr. Gallen's Motivational Interviewing, originally scheduled for March 24 has been rescheduled for June 22. *If you were registered for March 24, your registration will not automatically transfer.* You will need to re-register using this link:

https://pitt.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJIofuyoqTktHNMz678TI7EuLvLlfbVxHDl-

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

For more information about this training, access the course description on the EI website.

Understanding Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Children with Medical Handicaps (CMH), and Medicaid: A Webinar for EI Service Coordinators

This webinar will build the EISC's confidence to support families with accessing services from SSI, CMH, and Medicaid. Please join representatives of these programs to learn about—

- Available services
- Application process
- Eligibility criteria
- Other helpful resources

You can register here:

https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/5148200836036787471

Newborn Behavioral Observation (NBO) Registration

We are offering two virtual sessions of, "Using the NBO in the Context of Families Living with Substance Use Disorder," presented by the Brazelton Institute at Boston Children's Hospital. The dates are May 25-26-27 or Jun 1-2-3 (9:00am-3:00pm).

This training is for individuals who have never taken the training and would like to become certified. For individuals who have already participated in the certification training and would like additional training about working with families experiencing substance use disorder, we will soon be scheduling follow-up sessions. Each session is capped at 23 participants. Registration will occur on a first-come, first-served basis. Participants must meet the following criteria:

- Must be a member of an IFSP team serving infants, toddlers, and their families,
- Must be a DS or therapist (interventionists/assessor), and
- Must commit to obtaining certification following training and using the information learned in the training when assessing and providing interventions via the IFSP

EI program consultants will verify that interested participants meet the criteria and send an approved list to Brazelton Institute. Approved participants must attend an orientation meeting with Brazelton to learn about requirements and expectations. The meeting will be scheduled once the approved list is complete. After the meeting, those who commit to the pre-training, training, and certification activities will be provided with a registration link for Brazelton's platform. If you have questions, please contact your EI program consultant.

Use of the NBO in the Context of Working with Families Living with Substance Use Disorder (SUD)

This training workshop is open to participants who have previously taken the NBO training course through Ohio DODD. Participants will identify key concepts to understanding SUD as a medical disease, apply the NBO frameworks for working with families and infants in recovery, and implement strength-based strategies to engage families and infants in recovery. Capacity is limited to 23 participants per session. Two sessions are offered:

May 19, 12:00-4:00pm
Jun 10, 12:00-4:00pm

Prior to registering, you must complete a Microsoft form with your choice of date and confirm that you have completed the NBO training course. Brazelton Institute will subsequently contact you with registration information. You can access the form here:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=xPz4UNiUB0-E6zbtV8fIotytmYCoUThKqBkA55dkLKBUQ0syUEpFSVpVSklGNzdTQ1dEMENFQU1ESy4u

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

Public Service Loan Forgiveness

The US Department of Education made changes recently to the Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) program for student loans. These changes may mean that individuals previously ineligible for student loan forgiveness are now eligible. The Department of Education presented a webinar about these changes that you can access here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A4dqvNKmP7U

This 4 step process will ensure the data in your Ohio Professional Registry (OPR) profile is secure and accurate. This mandatory update will only be required **once a year.** It is important to keep your information updated at all times, and you can do so throughout the year in the Account tab of your profile.

Annual OPR Profile Update

Start by signing in to your Ohio Professional Registry (OPR) profile with your Ohio Professional Identification Number (OPIN) or email address and your current password. **You can no longer use a username to sign-in to your profile.**

1 Email Validation

Enter your preferred email address. This is your first opportunity to update the email address in your OPR profile. A code will be sent to this address to verify this email account belongs to you.

2 Enter Validation Code

Retrieve the validation code that was sent to your email address. Enter this code to complete the validation process.

3 Update Personal Information

Update your personal information including contact information and demographics.

4 Create Secure Password

Create a new secure password to sign-in to your OPR profile in the future. The new secure password must meet the minimum requirements. The new secure password requirements include: at least 8 characters, at least 1 uppercase letter, at least 1 lowercase letter, at least 1 symbol, and at least 1 number.

✓ Annual OPR Profile Update Complete

This annual update process is completed. You can update your information at any time by navigating to the Account tab in your OPR profile.