

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

DODD is pleased to share the results of the survey of EI providers completed in the autumn/winter of 2022. We received responses from more than 400 EI providers across the state! The information we learned is very helpful and some of it has already been included in our State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP). A summary of the survey results accompanies this communication. Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the survey.

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

SFY23 45-Day Timeline Baseline

DODD is in the process of verifying submitted records and requesting additional documentation, as needed. Results memos are scheduled to be sent by the end of May.

SFY23 Transition Baseline

Transition data have been extracted and inquiries will be sent to each participating county by May 11. Responses are due May 25.

Early Intervention Data System (EIDS) Exit Reason Update

In order to better align with the exit reasons on the Prior Written Notice of Exiting form (EI-10), the exit reason of “Child/Family not in need of services” in EIDS has been updated to “No need for IFSP outcomes at this time.” This exit reason should only be chosen when the IFSP team, including the family, has completed the eligibility and assessment process and determined that no outcomes are needed for the child/family. This adjustment will be reflected on reports and in the records for all children previously exited with the reason “Child/Family not in need of services” and going forward in all records as a dropdown option on the exit page.

SFY24 EI Service Coordination Grant Webinar

On May 22 at 10:00am, DODD will provide an overview of the SFY24 EI service coordination grant. The webinar will highlight changes to this year’s grant. The webinar will also discuss common issues that cause budgets to be denied. The target audience is EI Contract Managers,

FCFC Coordinators, and Fiscal Staff. No CPDUs will be offered. A recording will be available if you cannot join the live webinar. You can register here:

https://www.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_RsKtzWayQCSH_EeV2pbBOg

Requests for Proposals

DODD has released two requests for proposals (RFPs). One RFP is related to services for children who are deaf/hard of hearing and the other is related to hospital-based child find efforts. You can access these RFPs on the OhioBuys website.

Services for children who are deaf/hard of hearing:

https://ohiobuys.ohio.gov/page.aspx/en/bpm/process_manage_extranet/14822

Hospital-based child find:

https://ohiobuys.ohio.gov/page.aspx/en/bpm/process_manage_extranet/14840

RESOURCES AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

EI Eligibility Training

The EI eligibility process “train-the-trainer” webinar will be held May 9 from 1:00-3:30pm. Additional details were e-mailed to EI contract managers on April 21. *This webinar is open only to EI contract managers and EI service coordination supervisors.* These individuals can register here:

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/4510537976181420373>