

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

The [Ohio State Fair](#) begins July 26. If you are visiting the fair, be sure to stop by the Help Me Grow booth. Help Me Grow staff will be taking referrals to Early Intervention and Home Visiting programs and signing families up for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library of Ohio. See you at the fair!

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

August 1 Local Educational Agency (LEA) Notification

The August quarterly LEA reporting requirement is approaching. Consistent with Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 5123-10-02(L)(1)(b), every EI service coordination 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 August 1 LEA report must be run no earlier than July 22 and no later than August 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 August 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.

SFY23 Transition Baseline

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

RESOURCES AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

SFY24 Training Calendar Update

The Ohio Early Intervention team has added new offerings for the Bayley Scales of Infant and Toddler Development trainings to the calendar for the new state fiscal year beginning in July 2023. To view these offerings and register for the trainings, visit the Ohio Early Intervention training calendar here:

<https://ohioearlyintervention.org/oei-calendar>

Book Resource

Piper's Key is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit charity that gifts inclusive books to children with disabilities that represent their unique selves in a positive light. You can learn more about this resource here:

<https://piperskey.com/about-pipers-key>

Bold Beginning Website Announcement

New Bold Beginning Webpages

The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) Child Protective Services Unit members are excited to announce their participation in the Practice and Policy Academy (PPA), a collaboration with other state agencies and Ohio organizations to add new resources to the Governor's Bold Beginning website. As part of its participation in the PPA, the team worked with Governor DeWine's office to publish information on the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA) of 2016 and Plans of Safe Care (PoSCs), which describe the services and supports to address the needs of infants prenatally exposed to substances, both legal and illegal, and their families.

The goals of the PPA state team are to provide education, training, and implementation strategies on PoSCs by addressing the needs of pregnant and postpartum women with substance use disorder. CARA information on the Bold Beginning Website will be located under the "Plans of Safe Care" pages, which include the following information:

- "Resources for Providers", which is for agencies and providers working with expectant mothers and includes the following resources:
 - Background of CARA
 - Resources for Plans of Safe Care
 - Get Started with Plans of Safe Care
 - County Resources and Tools
 - Contact Us
- "Help for Families", which covers supports for pregnant women, families, and newborns impacted by a loved one's substance use disorder and includes the following resources:
 - Get Help Now
 - Resources for Expectant Mothers
 - Contact Us

Ohio was selected as one of the states to participate in the Practice and Policy Academy in May of 2020. This multi-system academy is funded through Children and Family Futures, with the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) serving as the lead partner. The academy is comprised of representatives from OhioMHAS, ODJFS, Ohio Department of Health, Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities, Ohio Department of Medicaid, Supreme Court of Ohio, Ohio State University, Cincinnati Children's Medical Center, Ohio Perinatal Quality Collaborative, and several representatives from Ohio's public children's services agencies. Three Ohio counties were selected to participate in the PPA as pilot counties: Lucas, Mahoning, and Seneca. Although the Practice and Policy Academy has officially ended, the ODJFS Child Protective Services unit members along with all Ohio's state team members will continue the work on educating and implementing CARA/PoSCs within each of Ohio's counties. The additions to the Bold Beginning website are an exciting accomplishment, and the team hopes counties, providers, and families will find the site beneficial. Links to the webpages are listed below:

[Plans of Safe Care for Providers | BOLD Beginning! \(ohio.gov\)](#)

[Plans of Safe Care for Expectant Mothers | BOLD Beginning! \(ohio.gov\)](#)

If you have any questions, please contact: Deanna.Herold@jfs.ohio.gov or Allan.Kisner@dodd.ohio.gov.