

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

As we have discussed in several communications this year, the federal Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) has put a renewed focus on states' general supervision responsibilities, including an emphasis on increased monitoring of local EI programs. OSEP recently posted [slides from their summer leadership conference session](#) focused on new general supervision guidance. We encourage you to take a look.

I always invite your feedback. Please do not hesitate to contact me at nathan.dedino@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov. I look forward to hearing from you.

PROGRAM UPDATES

Upcoming SFY24 45-Day Baseline

SFY24 45-Day Timeline baseline activities will begin this month for Group 3. Applicable counties will have until November 30 to review their data in the EI Data System (EIDS) to ensure data are up-to-date and accurate. DODD will conduct a webinar on November 15 to review the baseline process for 45-Day timelines. We encourage all EI contract managers and FCFC coordinators to attend regardless of whether your county is part of a particular cohort. You can register here:

https://www.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_f9IZm7-MQM-phz8dvC5RjA

EI Service Coordination Oversight Report Guide

A revised version of the SC Oversight Report Guide has been posted to the Ohio EI website. Changes were made to the instructions contained in Appendix B, so it will be important to use the updated version when preparing your report. Both the oversight report template and guide are available here:

<https://ohioearlyintervention.org/service-coordination-grant-agreements>

The oversight report must be completed twice a year by the Early Intervention contract manager and presented to the relevant local Family and Children First Council (FCFC). The first report must be shared with local council not later than February 29, 2024 and cover activities occurring between July 1, 2023 and December 31, 2023 period. The second report must be shared with local council not later than August 31, 2024 and cover activities occurring between January 1,

2024 and June 30, 2024 period. If you have any questions about the guide or how to complete the report template, contact Erin Hale at Erin.Hale@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov.

EI Contract Manager Training Requirements

As the end of the year approaches, we would like to remind EI contract managers of their training requirements. As explained in Addendum D of the SFY24 EI service coordination grant agreement, EI contract managers must complete the following trainings by December 31:

- Introduction to EI: (EI-064)
- Forms Overview (EI-065)
- Procedural Safeguards (EI-066)
- Mission and Key Principles (EI-068)
- Service Coordination Duties and Process (EI-070)
- The IFSP Process (EI-076)

Contract managers hired after July 1, 2023, must complete these trainings within six months of hire. Please contact your EI program consultant with any questions.

2023 EI Family Questionnaire County Quantitative Reports

Reports with each county's results for items 1 through 13 of the 2023 EI Family Questionnaire and the county's response rate, along with the statewide data, were sent to EI Contract Managers and FCFC Coordinators on October 27. Contact Taylor Hammond at Taylor.Hammond@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov with any questions about this year's Family Questionnaire data.

RESOURCES AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Reminder to Submit EI Service Coordinator (EISC) and EISC Supervisor Credential Applications at Least 30 Days in Advance

With upcoming holidays and staff scheduled time off, there may be longer wait times than usual to receive approval for EISC and EISC Supervisor credential applications. Please remember that applications may take up to 30 days to process. Please email credential@ocrra.org with any questions.

Newborn Behavioral Observation (NBO) Mentoring Series

These six monthly mentoring sessions aim to support the NBO certified practitioners—individuals who have completed five NBOs with certificate of completion—to deepen their understanding and application of the NBO in their early intervention practice. These interactive sessions require active participation and practice of the NBO before and during the sessions. Please see flyer accompanying this communication for dates, registration, and more information.

Mentoring Series for Newborn Behavioral Observation Certified Practitioners

Have you earned your certification in **Newborn Behavioral Observation**?

Do you want to deepen your knowledge of **infant behavior and development** and NBO application in your **Early Intervention** practice?

Join Yvette Blanchard, PT, ScD, from the Brazelton Institute, in this mentoring series offered to certified NBO practitioners. The series is comprised of 6 interactive sessions that will allow participants to learn from each other on topics such as strengths-based approach, say what we see, fostering moments of meetings, infant reflexes, and more!

The sessions for this series will be held on the following days:

Session 1:	January 18, 2024	10AM-11:30AM
Session 2:	February 15, 2024	10AM-11:30AM
Session 3:	March 14, 2024	10AM-11:30AM
Session 4:	April 11, 2024	10AM-11:30AM
Session 5:	May 23, 2024	10AM-11:30AM
Session 6:	June 13, 2024	10AM-11:30AM

***Participation in all sessions is mandatory to earn CPDUs.**

A total of 9 hours of CPDUs are available for DS, PT, OT, and SW.

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