

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

The Bureau of Early Childhood Practice Advancement at the Department of Children and Youth is please to introduce Whitney McHue as the newest Early Intervention regional program consultant. Whitney will begin supporting counties on January 26. She brings a wealth of direct service expertise as a developmental specialist, evidence-based practice coach, and credentialed Ohio Infant Mental Health Practitioner (Level III). She is also certified to conduct the Newborn Behavioral Observations (NBO) tool.

Whitney holds a master's degree in developmental disabilities from Nova Southeastern University. Her bachelor's degrees are in health science and psychology, which she obtained from Cleveland State University. Before joining the state team, Whitney spent eight years as a developmental specialist in Warren County. She is passionate about Early Intervention and looks forward to collaborating with her counties. You can reach Whitney at Whitney.McHue@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov. A revised EI program consultant map accompanies this communication.

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

County Annual Performance Reports (APRs) and Determinations

County APR and Determination reports and memos, along with a document that includes a description of all APR data, were sent to counties December 29. A file with all the county reports and a file with APR indicator percentages by county have been posted on the EI website here:

<https://ohioearlyintervention.org/county-data>

Individual reports will be posted on each county page in the coming weeks. Ohio's APR will be submitted to the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) not later than February 1 and state determinations are expected to be distributed by the end of June.

Please reach out to Taylor Hammond (taylor.hammond@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov) with any questions about the APR data.

Timely Receipt of Services (TRS) Baseline

Activities for the SFY24 TRS baseline will begin soon. Each county received an email regarding their inclusion in the analysis January 25. We will be holding a webinar February 6 from 2:00-3:00pm to go over the TRS baseline process. We encourage all counties to attend, regardless of whether they are part of the TRS baseline. Please register for the webinar here:

<https://ohioearlyintervention.org/trainings/359>

SFY24 45-Day Baseline

SFY24 45-Day Timeline baseline activities are underway. All inquiries were due January 24. Request for any additional information that needs to be clarified will be sent in the coming weeks. Results memos are scheduled to be sent at the end of March.

SFY24 Local Educational Agency (LEA) Notification Baseline

The February 1 Quarterly LEA Reports are used for the state's annual compliance analysis related to LEA notification, Indicator 8B of the state's APR. DODD is responsible for issuing findings of noncompliance in this area where appropriate. The February 1 Quarterly LEA Report may be run no earlier than January 22 and must be sent to the appropriate LEAs no later than February 1. *You must also email a copy of the full report to DODD no later than Friday, February 2. Submit reports to Erin.Hale@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov.* You are strongly encouraged to maintain a copy of the report in the event that it is needed at a later date for monitoring purposes.

DODD sent an email explaining the LEA reporting requirement to all EI contract managers and FCFC coordinators on January 5. Please remember that parent rights apply to any shared information if personally identifying details are disclosed. Only applicable pages of the report should be sent to each LEA.

RESOURCES AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Infant Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation: Training and Professional Development Webpage

Please visit the link below to learn more about training offerings through Ohio's Early Childhood Mental Health Master Trainers:

<https://sites.google.com/view/ohio-iecmh-training/home>

Portland State University Early Childhood Intervention Program Recruitment

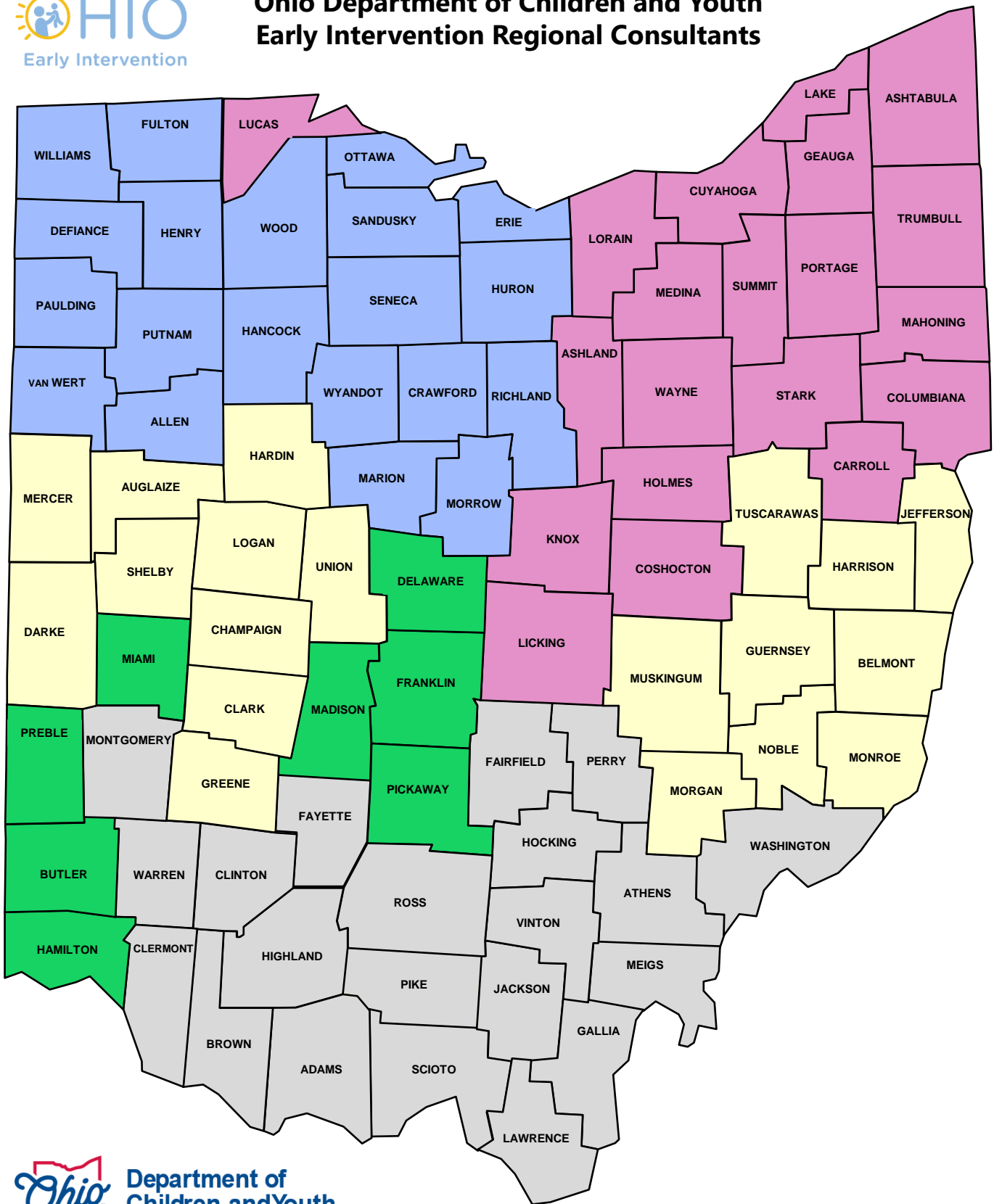
Portland State University's Early Childhood Intervention Program (ECIP) is an online licensure and master's degree program designed to prepare Early Intervention, Early Childhood Special

Education to serve young children (ages 0 to 5) who have disabilities or other special needs.
You can access an informational flyer here:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1fwMZIKeVVNW_yWGIMyzryPD-eec3QtGF/view

For admissions information and information about distance learning options, please email askcoe@pdx.edu.

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