

April 1, 2025

MESSAGE FROM THE PART C COORDINATOR

Happy Spring! I am excited for a season filled with warmer temperatures, flowers blooming, renewal, and fresh starts.

We have a lot of information to share with you in this update, including information about a recently distributed memo with updates around the flexibility for completing EI requirements virtually. I recognize that these updated expectations may require adjustments to current practices, and that there are and have been many other recent changes and transitions at the national, state, and local level, both in the EI context and more broadly.

I want to acknowledge that change and uncertainty can be difficult, especially planning for and implementing many changes simultaneously. However, change also offers the opportunity for transformation, growth, and new beginnings. I hope you will join me in embracing the opportunity to grow and flourish as we navigate these changes and welcome the Spring season.

I also want to reiterate that the EI team at DCY remains fully committed to supporting you through these and any future changes and challenges. Contact us if you need further clarification or support or have recommendations for additional ways to communicate new and updated information.

Please feel free to reach out to me at Taylor.Hammond@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov with ideas, questions, or suggestions any time.

PROGRAM UPDATES

El Virtual Requirements Memo

Throughout 2020 and 2021, in the height of the COVID-19 pandemic the lead agency provided various guidance around completing required Early Intervention components, including allowing flexibility to complete components virtually that otherwise would have been required to be in person. DCY distributed a [memo](#) to Early Intervention (EI) Contract Managers, Family and Children First Coordinators (FCFC), Local EI Service Coordination Agencies, Ohio Association of County Boards (OACB), County Boards of Developmental Disabilities (CBDDs), Councils of Governments (COGs), Local Superintendents, and EI Providers on April 1 outlining the current guidance around completing evaluations, assessments, and IFSPs virtually. This memo was included in the April 1

Tuesday Times and has been posted on the [EI website](#). Contact ei@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov with any questions about this updated guidance.

FFY25 Part C Application

The Department of Children and Youth will be applying this upcoming fiscal year for federal Part C funds. The application for funding has been posted for 60 days of public participation. The department will accept public comment on the application through April 20 and the application will remain posted through May 20. You can access the application here:

<https://ohioearlyintervention.org/federal-reporting-and-postings>

Early Intervention Data System (EIDS) Move to the Department of Children and Youth (DCY)

EIDS is currently still hosted by the Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD), but work is in progress to move this application to DCY, which is scheduled to be completed in May. There will be minor changes to the login process, but there are no anticipated changes to the application or any current data entry processes. Additional details regarding the login process and specific dates for the transition of the application will be provided as soon as possible. Email eids@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov with any questions.

2025 Federal Poverty Levels

The Ohio Healthy Start Eligibility, Federal Poverty Level for EME and Extraordinary Medical Expense Income Worksheet have all been updated with the 2025 Federal Poverty Level. They can be found on the EI website: [System of Payments | Ohio Early Intervention](#).

2025 EI Family Questionnaire

DCY plans to complete the 2025 EI Family Questionnaire on the same timeline as last year, distributing the questionnaires to families in late April or early May and collecting responses through approximately mid-June. The distribution list for the Family Questionnaire will be compiled from the March 1, 2025, child count. Be on the lookout for additional details regarding this year's EI Family Questionnaire in upcoming editions of the EI Program Update!

State Fiscal Year 2025 (SFY25) Timely Receipt of Services (TRS) and Transition Baseline Analyses

Data inquiries for the SFY25 TRS and Transition compliance analyses were sent to applicable counties on March 20. All inquiries are due back to DCY by April 10. DCY will review requested records and other inquiries, request additional information, as needed, incorporate information from the inquiries into the dataset, and complete the final analyses over the next several weeks. Results memos for these analyses are scheduled to be sent June 17.

SFY25 45-Day Baseline Analysis

Activities related to the SFY25 45-day baseline analysis are underway. Initial emails notifying counties about their inclusion in the analysis were sent January 23 and a reminder was sent on March 20. DCY also held a webinar March 25 to go over the 45-day baseline process and 45-day compliance requirements. Counties included in the analysis have until April 14 to complete data cleaning, including submitting all questions and deletion requests related to the data. Any needed re-entry of data following deletions is due April 22 and DCY will extract data for the analysis April 23.

EI State Team Update

Kelli Lanzot, former EI Fiscal Consultant, has accepted a new position at DCY in the Bureau of Program, Policy, and Regulatory Standards effective March 24. Kelli will serve as a Human Services Developer 2 assisting with the implementation of Early Childhood Education (ECE) grant programs. We are grateful for the fourteen years Kelli spent in EI and wish her well in her new position.

RESOURCES AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Principles of Service Coordination Module 2 Now Available for Enrollment

The rule alignment revisions to Principles of Service Coordination (POSC) Module 2 are complete and the module is now available for enrollment on DODD MyLearning. [Click here](#) to access the module. To enroll, you will need an enrollment key, which can be found beside the completion of POSC Module 1 in your DODD MyLearning transcript. Contact Anni Monks at Rhiannon.Monks@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov with any questions.

Changes to the Developmental Specialist Application Process: Materials Available on EI Website

DCY hosted informational webinars on February 13 and March 13 regarding the changes to the Developmental Specialist (DS) certification application process that became effective on March 3. Additionally, DCY and the Ohio Child Care Resource and Referral Association (OCCRRA) developed DS Application User Guides to support the

transition to the new process for submitting and processing DS certification applications. Recordings of both webinars and these resources are available on the EI website:

<https://ohioearlyintervention.org/credentialing/developmental-specialists>

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