To: All Early Intervention contract managers and FCFC coordinators

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MESSAGE FROM THE PART C COORDINATOR

I hope all of you share my excitement for a new year in Ohio's Early Intervention program. At ODH and DODD, we are very focused on assembling our Phase II State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP). We will be submitting the plan to the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) on April 1. In the coming months, we will be sharing additional details with the field. We look forward to working with you to improve Ohio's child outcomes.

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

PROGRAM UPDATES

Mid-Year Program Report

The mid-year program report for recipients of the service coordination grant is due January 15, 2016. Details about the reports were e-mailed earlier this week. If you have questions, please follow up with your ODH TA consultant.

GMIS is aware that the "Submit" button for the program report is currently not working. You can still upload your report and then click "Submit" once this bug is resolved. Please check the GMIS bulletin board for updates on this bug.

Quarterly LEA Reports

The February 1 quarterly LEA reports are used for our annual compliance analysis. ODH 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, 2016 and must be sent to the LEAs no later than February 1, 2016. Submissions to LEAs on February 2, 2016 or later will constitute a non-timely submission and will adversely affect your county's compliance percentage. You must also send a copy of the report to ODH no later than Tuesday February 2, 2016. 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.

SFY16 TRS Baseline Analysis

Activities related to the SFY16 Timely Receipt of Services (TRS) baseline analysis will begin this month. The data cleaning period for counties involved in the TRS analysis begins Friday, January

15 and continues through Friday, January 29. Please be sure to submit deletion requests and other data inquiries related to the TRS analysis to ETDS as soon as possible to ensure timely resolution.

Early Track Update to Child Outcome Summary (COS) Statements at Exit

Our February Early Track release will include a few additional data entry requirements on the Exit page. A question will be added for each outcome area to indicate whether the child has made progress in that area. This will also be the first step in collecting additional information about the child's progress, in general, in addition to comparing the child's progress to that of same-age, typically developing children. The following question, which was previously required when child outcomes data were collected using the Child Outcomes Summary Form (COSF), will be added to the Exit page, and users will be required to answer 'Yes' or 'No' for each outcome area:

"Has the child shown any NEW SKILLS or BEHAVIORS related to [outcome area] since the last Child Outcomes Summary rating?"

For all children who had/have an exit date between January 15, 2015 and the date of the Early Track release, the answer to the above question will default to 'Unknown.' Users will have the ability to update the data for any of these children to reflect whether they made progress in each of the three outcome areas. In order to ensure the most complete and accurate data possible for FFY15 federal reporting, we especially encourage users to update these data for all children who exited between July 1, 2015 and the date of the Early Track release when the time comes. There are specific children for whom the answer to that question can affect the category in which the child is placed for federal reporting, so we are particularly interested in obtaining progress data for as many of those children as possible. Shortly after the Early Track release, each county will receive a list of children for whom a child outcomes summary was performed at exit between July 1, 2015 and the release date, with children highlighted if the progress data are most needed.

Prior to our February release, please record in the paper record whether the child made progress, along with the child outcomes summary statements, each time child outcomes summaries are performed at exit to ensure the most accurate data possible can be entered into the data system once the updates are made.

RESOURCES AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Strategies in Action

A newly developed set of courses gives families and service providers tools to ensure that they are equipped to effectively care for, support, educate, employ, or work with individuals on the autism spectrum. The courses are free for Ohio residents and those working in Ohio. You can access the courses at https://autismcertificationcenter.org/

Update: *You're invited to learn more about this resource at a Virtual Town Hall hosted by OCALI and the Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD) on Wednesday, January 20 at*

10:30am EST. It's easy to register at bit.ly/ASDTownHall. You can join the webcast by computer or listen in on the discussion by phone.

The Town Hall will feature Director John Martin, DODD; Shawn Henry, OCALI's Executive Director; and Laura Maddox, Program Co-Director, Autism Certification Center. You will also hear directly from parents who have already benefited from the training and view clips of evidence-based strategies in action.

Save the Date for the Functional Assessment Webinar

DODD has converted the Functional Assessment: Beyond the Bayley and Battelle (1060088) training to a facilitated webinar format and will offer multiple dates this winter and spring.

Webinars are scheduled for the following dates:

Feb 23, 2016	9:00-11:00 am
Mar 22, 2016	1:30-3:30 pm
Apr 26, 2016	9:00-11:00 am
May 24, 2016	11:30am-1:30 pm
Jun 28, 2016	1:30-3:30 pm

Registration is not yet open on OhioTrain but will be coming in the next couple weeks. We will advise when it is available in a future bi-weekly communication.

ODH/DODD Training Opportunities

Ongoing trainings available through Ohio Train:
- HMG Training Institute (1034150)
- IFSP Form user-directed webinar (1028661)
- IFSP Outcome Training-Facilitated Webinar (1054433)
- Principles of Service Coordination (1047684)

Other Trainings:
- Child Outcome Summary: Your State Team is encouraging county teams to use the online COS modules developed by the DaSy Center. Each participant must register for the online modules. You will then receive an email with a direct link to access the online modules. There are four modules. Here is the link: http://dasycenter.org/child-outcomes-summary-cos-process-module-collecting-using-data-to-improve-programs/ If your team needs additional support after completing the COS modules, please contact your DODD TA Consultant.
- Overview of Evidence Based EI: This training is accessed through your DODD consultant, and is designed to support teams with learning about the key components of EB EI practices including a review of the Mission and Key Principles, Coaching, Teaming, and Natural Learning Environment practices.
- Documentation: This training is available through your DODD consultant and supports teams with learning what type of activities need to be documented.