

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

Kim and I appreciate the many supportive words so many of you sent after the announcement of planned lead agency change later this year. Early Intervention is truly a system with many different valued partners and components. At the state level, we will all be working hard to ensure that this transition is as smooth and seamless as possible. We thank you in advance for your patience and partnership as we implement this change.

Many of you have asked questions about the transition. Kim and I have responded individually to those who have asked. However, we are sure that many of you have the same questions and concerns. In this bi-weekly, we have compiled some of the questions that we felt were most relevant to everyone and provided the answers. If we continue to have many questions in the coming week, we will have an off-week communication next Friday with additional questions and answers.

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

PS: Over the next several months, our “In the Spotlight” feature of the bi-weekly will be on vacation so state staff can focus their efforts on our transition.

### ***PROGRAM UPDATES***

#### **DODD-ODH Transition Questions**

- Is this change effective immediately?
  - No. ODH staff will begin to co-locate at DODD locations and work alongside DODD employees beginning February 8. After legislation is passed changing lead agency to DODD, ODH EI staff will become DODD staff.
  - Prior to February 8, you should continue to follow up with your existing DODD and ODH TA staff as you have over the past two years. Starting February 8, please refer to the TA consultant map distributed on January 15 and accompanying this bi-weekly. We will communicate with counties assigned to the vacant TA consultant position in the coming weeks to let local staff know who their temporary TA consultant will be while we wait for the position to be filled.

- Which ODH staff are affected?
  - Robin Bell (TA/Monitoring), Melissa Courts (Data/Monitoring), Nathan DeDino, Laura Friedman (TA), Taylor Hammond (Data/Monitoring), Cydney Hoffman (Data/Monitoring), Kelli Lanzot (TA), Jeff Strong (Data/Monitoring), and Susan Wendt (Infant Hearing).
- How will the SFY17 grant be administered?
  - DODD/ODH will continue to use GMIS to administer the financial aspects of the SFY17 grant.
- What is the role of the FCFCs in the SFY17 service coordination grant?
  - The SFY17 grant is a continuation grant and only FCFCs will be able to apply.
- Will we continue to use Early Track?
  - Yes. Early Track will continue to be the data system used for all EI reporting. Taylor, Cydney, and Jeff will continue to field all data system questions related to EI.
- Whom should I contact if I have questions about whether a training can be approved for HMG credit?
  - Continue to contact Kelli Lanzot at [kelli.lanzot@odh.ohio.gov](mailto:kelli.lanzot@odh.ohio.gov).
- How will I register for trainings led by EI staff?
  - The same way you do now. You will continue to use OhioTrain or contact your state consultant staff.
- Who is responsible for Central Coordination?
  - Central Coordination responsibilities will remain at ODH under Jye Breckenridge.
- Who is responsible for the EI service component of the Regional Infant Hearing Program (RIHP)?
  - ODH will retain responsibility for this component until the change of lead agency is official, at which point DODD will take on the responsibility.
- Who is responsible for the Hospital-Based Child Find (HBCF) grant?
  - ODH will continue to be responsible for the HBCF grant through the end of this year's grant.

### **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 TRS baseline analysis are underway. For those included in the TRS analysis, the data cleaning period ends today. All deletion requests will be processed and

other inquiries will be completed by February 5, and any applicable data re-entry will be due by February 12. Data extraction will occur on February 16.

## ***RESOURCES AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES***

### **New EI Self-Study Modules**

Two newly developed self-study modules introduce users to Early Intervention as well as the EI mission and key principles. You can register for these modules on OhioTrain (1061260 and 1061264). Please see the flyer accompanying this bi-weekly for more details. These modules are eligible for HMG training credit.

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

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 five 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. *UPDATE: There is a new **fifth** module that was released recently.*
- 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

## December 1, 2015 Child Count of Children Served by County

Overall statewide December 1, 2015 child count: 10,195

County	Dec 1 Child Count		County	Dec 1 Child Count
Adams	29		Licking	134
Allen	109		Logan	44
Ashland	34		Lorain	281
Ashtabula	63		Lucas	544
Athens	41		Madison	30
Auglaize	48		Mahoning	61
Belmont	39		Marion	41
Brown	39		Medina	182
Butler	410		Meigs	9
Carroll	14		Mercer	55
Champaign	37		Miami	85
Clark	123		Monroe	12
Clermont	202		Montgomery	547
Clinton	85		Morgan	12
Columbiana	45		Morrow	29
Coshocton	35		Muskingum	65
Crawford	49		Noble	24
Cuyahoga	1113		Ottawa	21
Darke	60		Paulding	15
Defiance	39		Perry	24
Delaware	327		Pickaway	49
Erie	84		Pike	28
Fairfield	172		Portage	132
Fayette	40		Preble	20
Franklin	1127		Putnam	46
Fulton	39		Richland	102
Gallia	24		Ross	23
Geauga	70		Sandusky	37
Greene	281		Scioto	59
Guernsey	43		Seneca	46
Hamilton	567		Shelby	54
Hancock	94		Stark	228
Hardin	25		Summit	376
Harrison	12		Trumbull	75
Henry	32		Tuscarawas	70
Highland	37		Union	30
Hocking	18		Van Wert	30
Holmes	43		Vinton	5
Huron	101		Warren	233
Jackson	25		Washington	54
Jefferson	41		Wayne	93
Knox	38		Williams	42
Lake	147		Wood	77
Lawrence	58		Wyandot	12

## December 1, 2015 – December 31, 2015 EI Program Referrals

Overall statewide December 2015 EI program referrals: 1,948

County	Dec EI Referrals	County	Dec EI Referrals
Adams	8	Licking	24
Allen	27	Logan	18
Ashland	6	Lorain	65
Ashtabula	17	Lucas	77
Athens	7	Madison	7
Auglaize	10	Mahoning	19
Belmont	5	Marion	6
Brown	6	Medina	28
Butler	43	Meigs	1
Carroll	2	Mercer	11
Champaign	5	Miami	21
Clark	26	Monroe	0
Clermont	33	Montgomery	93
Clinton	13	Morgan	4
Columbiana	21	Morrow	7
Coshocton	9	Muskingum	27
Crawford	3	Noble	1
Cuyahoga	217	Ottawa	0
Darke	9	Paulding	1
Defiance	7	Perry	4
Delaware	28	Pickaway	10
Erie	14	Pike	6
Fairfield	24	Portage	36
Fayette	4	Preble	6
Franklin	258	Putnam	6
Fulton	11	Richland	21
Gallia	1	Ross	7
Geauga	20	Sandusky	10
Greene	48	Scioto	6
Guernsey	8	Seneca	6
Hamilton	158	Shelby	5
Hancock	20	Stark	44
Hardin	4	Summit	81
Harrison	3	Trumbull	18
Henry	4	Tuscarawas	20
Highland	4	Union	10
Hocking	5	Van Wert	5
Holmes	3	Vinton	0
Huron	8	Warren	32
Jackson	4	Washington	14
Jefferson	8	Wayne	8
Knox	7	Williams	4
Lake	30	Wood	17
Lawrence	9	Wyandot	5

NB: SFY 16 EI program referral numbers will not be finalized until after August 1, 2016 and are subject to change.