

To: All Early Intervention contract managers and FCFC coordinators
From: Nathan DeDino
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Subject: Help Me Grow Early Intervention Program Updates, #1606

MESSAGE FROM THE PART C COORDINATOR

Please be sure to check out the letter about the Regional Infant Hearing Program (RIHP) that accompanies this bi-weekly communication. We are excited about these changes because we know that they have the potential to position Ohio to better meet the needs of families with children who have hearing loss. In order to make this potential a reality, we want your input. Please contact us with your thoughts, ideas, and concerns about EI services for children with hearing loss. As some of the front line individuals who have interacted with RIHP over the years, we especially seek your input.

Here are some questions to start you thinking:

- How can we ensure that providers of EI services for children with hearing loss are better integrated into the functional assessment process?
- If your county has not fully utilized services provided by RIHP in the past, why have you not done so?
- What in your experience has worked well with RIHP? What has worked less well?
- What types of services do you find that children with hearing loss need most frequently to meet their IFSP outcomes? What do those services look like in practice?

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

SFY17 Service Coordination Grant

The grant application is due **April 4**. The grants are now posted in GMIS and you may begin entering information. If you have any questions, please be sure to contact Kelli Lanzot or Laura Friedman.

2016 Family Questionnaire

To ensure collection of the most useful and meaningful data possible, we will be revising the 2016 Family Questionnaire and we would like your feedback. If you have any suggestions or comments about this year's questionnaire, please email EI Researcher, Cydney Hoffman, at Cydney.Hoffman@odh.ohio.gov by Monday, April 18. The questionnaire used for last year is attached for reference.

County Reports

SFY15 county Family Questionnaire and APR and Determinations reports have been posted on the HMG website. You can access them at the following location by selecting your county on the map:

<http://www.helpmegrow.ohio.gov/Early%20Intervention/countycards/countycards.aspx>

SFY14 reports continue to be posted on the mainpage of the HMG website. Individual county reports for SFY14 will be posted on the county pages in the coming weeks.

SFY15 TRS Baseline

For applicable counties, missing data inquiries and verification requests were due March 16. If any additional clarification is needed, the monitoring team will follow up with counties in the coming weeks. The analysis will be final and results memos will be sent out in late April.

RESOURCES AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Routines-Based Interview (RBI)

Registration is now available on OhioTRAIN for Routines-Based Interview (RBI) Training on April 12 and 13, 2016. The OhioTRAIN Course ID is #1056308. Each session is limited to 30 participants, so register soon.

Other Training Opportunities

Ongoing trainings available through Ohio Train:

- Functional Assessment: Beyond the Bayley and Battelle Webinar (1062057)
- 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 six 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 TA Consultant.
 - *UPDATE March 18: A sixth module entitled “Good Teaming, Good Decisions” has been added.*

- Overview of Evidence Based EI: This training is accessed through your TA 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 TA consultant and supports teams with learning what type of activities need to be documented.

February 1, 2016 Child Count of Children Served by County

Overall statewide February 1, 2016 child count: 10,009

County	Feb. 1 Child Count		County	Feb. 1 Child Count
Adams	33		Licking	133
Allen	104		Logan	44
Ashland	29		Lorain	276
Ashtabula	56		Lucas	510
Athens	38		Madison	29
Auglaize	47		Mahoning	82
Belmont	35		Marion	40
Brown	38		Medina	186
Butler	391		Meigs	11
Carroll	15		Mercer	52
Champaign	37		Miami	97
Clark	118		Monroe	13
Clermont	205		Montgomery	517
Clinton	78		Morgan	13
Columbiana	38		Morrow	30
Coshocton	38		Muskingum	73
Crawford	46		Noble	21
Cuyahoga	1082		Ottawa	17
Darke	53		Paulding	14
Defiance	41		Perry	24
Delaware	331		Pickaway	40
Erie	85		Pike	27
Fairfield	162		Portage	129
Fayette	37		Preble	15
Franklin	1117		Putnam	47
Fulton	51		Richland	105
Gallia	24		Ross	26
Geauga	56		Sandusky	36
Greene	288		Scioto	62
Guernsey	47		Seneca	48
Hamilton	561		Shelby	49
Hancock	90		Stark	217
Hardin	27		Summit	374
Harrison	6		Trumbull	72
Henry	33		Tuscarawas	73
Highland	36		Union	27
Hocking	16		Van Wert	32
Holmes	37		Vinton	7
Huron	109		Warren	228
Jackson	23		Washington	55
Jefferson	46		Wayne	85
Knox	37		Williams	35
Lake	150		Wood	77
Lawrence	58		Wyandot	12

February 1 – February 28, 2016 EI Program Referrals

Overall statewide February 2016 EI program referrals: 2,188

County	Feb EI Referrals	County	Feb EI Referrals
Adams	11	Licking	27
Allen	45	Logan	14
Ashland	14	Lorain	52
Ashtabula	27	Lucas	77
Athens	10	Madison	5
Auglaize	17	Mahoning	36
Belmont	6	Marion	11
Brown	19	Medina	27
Butler	95	Meigs	11
Carroll	4	Mercer	11
Champaign	4	Miami	28
Clark	35	Monroe	0
Clermont	36	Montgomery	116
Clinton	10	Morgan	4
Columbiana	23	Morrow	2
Coshocton	8	Muskingum	27
Crawford	7	Noble	5
Cuyahoga	255	Ottawa	9
Darke	7	Paulding	1
Defiance	11	Perry	6
Delaware	33	Pickaway	10
Erie	20	Pike	7
Fairfield	37	Portage	19
Fayette	7	Preble	8
Franklin	290	Putnam	8
Fulton	6	Richland	24
Gallia	2	Ross	11
Geauga	10	Sandusky	17
Greene	43	Scioto	16
Guernsey	11	Seneca	5
Hamilton	174	Shelby	7
Hancock	15	Stark	58
Hardin	5	Summit	92
Harrison	1	Trumbull	21
Henry	9	Tuscarawas	12
Highland	5	Union	11
Hocking	7	Van Wert	8
Holmes	8	Vinton	1
Huron	11	Warren	32
Jackson	9	Washington	10
Jefferson	5	Wayne	15
Knox	19	Williams	9
Lake	29	Wood	25
Lawrence	10	Wyandot	0

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