

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

We submitted our Settings data to OSEP last week. I am very pleased to report that the percentage of children receiving a majority of their services in a natural environment has increased for the second year in a row and now stands at nearly 96%! This has been a focus of the Evaluation and Assessment process, and these increases stand as a testament to the hard work of all of our local EI partners and their DODD TA consultants over the past two years. Thank you to everyone who has helped make this change happen. I know that it has not always been easy. However, as we continue to better implement evidence-based practices in our EI system, we can rest assured that we are laying the foundation for better outcomes for children and families.

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

Service Coordination Bridge Funds Opportunity

The notice of intent to apply is due today, **April 15**. If you have not yet applied or have questions about the instructions, please be sure to review the RFP and all supporting documents here:

<http://dodd.ohio.gov/Initiatives-and-Partnerships/Pages/default.aspx>

SFY16 Service Coordination Grant

Third quarter expense reports are due today, **April 15**.

SFY16 LEA Baseline Results

February 1 reports are used for our annual compliance analysis of quarterly LEA reporting. *We are happy to report that all of Ohio's EI local programs achieved 100% compliance with this indicator for SFY 2016!* Memos were sent out last week by Zoe Smoot. Please contact Melissa Courts at Melissa.courts@odh.ohio.gov if you have any questions.

May 1 Quarterly LEA Reports

Be reminded that the May 1 LEA quarterly report requirement is approaching. The report may be run no earlier than April 21, 2016 and must be sent to the LEAs no later than May 1, 2016. Please do **not** submit copies to ODH, but you are encouraged to maintain copies on file.

SFY16 45 Day Baseline

Activities related to the SFY16 45 Day baseline analysis will begin at the end of April. Notification memos went out earlier this week identifying which programs will be participating and outlining timelines. For those included in the 45 Day analysis, the data cleaning period runs from April 22 through May 6. Data extraction will occur on May 20.

SFY16 TRS Baseline

Final data analyses are currently underway and results memos will be sent out to participating programs in late April.

Last Call for Family Questionnaire Feedback!

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.

SFY15 Child Outcomes Data

In the February 17, 2016 Early Track release, additional questions regarding child outcomes were added to the exit page. This change was explained in greater detail in communication #1603. For all three outcomes areas, the following question was added: "Has the child shown any NEW SKILLS or BEHAVIORS related to [outcome area] since the last Child Outcomes Summary rating?" Since February 17, these data have been required in all circumstances the other Child Outcomes Summary questions are required, but *we are asking that counties go into records of children who exited between July 1, 2015 and February 16, 2016 and add this information*. Each county received a list of relevant children earlier this week. We do understand that this will be challenging for some counties, and we apologize for this bug being introduced into Early Track. We know that it may not be possible to enter data for all children, but please do the best you can as the answers to these questions do play a role in our APR reporting and the state's determination from OSEP. If you run into issues entering these data, please contact ETDS@odh.ohio.gov.

SFY16 Child Count and Settings Data

Ohio recently submitted SFY16/FFY15 Child Count and Settings data to OSEP. For the reporting year, the state Settings percentage is 95.64%, meaning nearly 96% of our children have the majority of their services occurring in natural environments. This is up almost 10% from last year

(which was up 6% from the previous year)! These data include all children who had an active IFSP on December 1, 2015. Primary service location for each IFSP is calculated by looking at total number of planned minutes of services per setting, as documented on the IFSP in Early Track. Thus, the settings percentage reflects the percentage of children with the majority of planned service time occurring in home or community settings. These data will be reported in Ohio's FFY15 APR, which is due to OSEP February 1, 2017.

Additionally, in response to requests from counties to have access to data in a timelier manner, instead of waiting until we submit the FFY15 APR in February 2017 to share these data, we are creating one page reports for each county that summarize their SFY16/FFY15 Child Count and Settings data. These reports are expected to be completed and distributed to counties in the next several weeks.

IFSP Guidance Document Erratum

We recently discovered an error in the IFSP Guidance Document around when to develop transition outcomes. The error is under the Transition Outcome section at p32, fourth paragraph. We are also taking this opportunity to provide some additional guidance around documentation and transition outcomes.

The guidance should read as follows:

Transitions can and do occur at many times so best practice indicates that transition should be a topic of conversation with the family and the other team members from the beginning of the family's journey in EI. However, a transition outcome does not have to be included in the IFSP until the child is at least two years and three months old. (3701-8-7.1(4)(a)).

For some children you will be doing a periodic review when developing the transition outcome. Documentation of this review should be done in the service coordinator's and/or provider's case notes, since the review section is not included on this outcome. Additionally, the transition outcome must be functional and contextualized and meet the 6 step criteria.

If you have any questions about this do not hesitate to contact your EI Program Consultant. An updated version of the Guidance Document will be posted in the coming weeks to the HMG website. We apologize for the error.

Introduction to Early Intervention Video

Please be sure to check out—and share!—a new video that introduces families and referral sources to Early Intervention. You can access the video here:

<http://dodd.ohio.gov/IndividualFamilies/MYday/Pages/Education-and-Development.aspx>

We are working to get the video posted to the HMG website.

State TA Consultant Training

In order to provide you with consistent TA and guidance on implementing evidence-based EI practices, the EI Program Consultants will be working on a certification through the Family, Infant and Preschool Program (FIPP) Center for the Advanced Study of Excellence (CASE) to become “Certified EI Fidelity Coaches.”

The first part of this training will take place from April 18-22. During this time, the EI Program Consultants will be out of the office and unavailable to take calls or respond to emails during business hours. However, each EI Program Consultant has committed to checking and responding to urgent emails once a day. If you find that you need to speak to someone in person next week, please contact Kim Hauck at 614-466-7290.

RESOURCES AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Planting Seeds in Fertile Ground: Steps Every Policymaker Should Take to Advance Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health

Please join ZERO TO THREE and Manatt Health on April 28 from 1:00-2:00pm for a webinar on what states can and should be doing to advance infant and early childhood mental health. The webinar will share key findings from a new policy brief, *Planting Seeds in Fertile Ground: Steps Every Policymaker Should Take to Advance Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health*. Content is suitable for state mental health, Medicaid, public health and education officials, state infant mental health association leadership, child advocates, and legislative staff.

You can register for this webinar here:

https://manatt.webex.com/mw3000/mywebex/default.do?nomenu=true&siteurl=manatt&service=6&rnd=0.9630710017729495&main_url=https%3A%2F%2Fmanatt.webex.com%2Fec3000%2Feventcenter%2Fevent%2FeventAction.do%3FtheAction%3Ddetail%26confViewID%3D3715110754%26%26EMK%3D4832534b000000023f9482660c2ff1e6a0ec889e8da3880f78dd65e3d8b0e27b80ccfa10d1d0e9d7%26%26encryptTicket%3DSDJTSwAAAKSk9tgbkjCKZVC-eChUJqObUz6sFtOwS-eXTs6oNGIpw2%26%26siteurl%3Dmanatt

Other Training Opportunities

Ongoing trainings available through Ohio Train:

- Early Intervention Mission and Key Principles self-paced webinar (1061264)
- Functional Assessment: Beyond the Bayley and Battelle facilitated webinar (1062057)
- HMG Training Institute (1034150)
- IFSP Form user-directed webinar (1028661)
- IFSP Outcome Training facilitated webinar (1054433)
- Introduction to Early Intervention self-paced webinar (1061260)
- 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.
- 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.

March 1, 2016 Child Count of Children Served by County

Overall statewide March 1, 2016 child count: 10,098

County	March 1 Child Count		County	March 1 Child Count
Adams	33		Licking	130
Allen	112		Logan	44
Ashland	30		Lorain	280
Ashtabula	56		Lucas	495
Athens	36		Madison	27
Auglaize	47		Mahoning	82
Belmont	43		Marion	42
Brown	43		Medina	201
Butler	397		Meigs	12
Carroll	15		Mercer	57
Champaign	38		Miami	100
Clark	118		Monroe	11
Clermont	215		Montgomery	502
Clinton	81		Morgan	14
Columbiana	35		Morrow	29
Coshocton	39		Muskingum	70
Crawford	52		Noble	24
Cuyahoga	1113		Ottawa	19
Darke	56		Paulding	15
Defiance	35		Perry	26
Delaware	323		Pickaway	39
Erie	88		Pike	26
Fairfield	158		Portage	129
Fayette	38		Preble	17
Franklin	1131		Putnam	47
Fulton	50		Richland	104
Gallia	26		Ross	31
Geauga	63		Sandusky	40
Greene	294		Scioto	57
Guernsey	45		Seneca	46
Hamilton	558		Shelby	47
Hancock	92		Stark	211
Hardin	27		Summit	378
Harrison	6		Trumbull	72
Henry	32		Tuscarawas	75
Highland	35		Union	28
Hocking	17		Van Wert	29
Holmes	35		Vinton	6
Huron	103		Warren	235
Jackson	24		Washington	55
Jefferson	41		Wayne	90
Knox	37		Williams	37
Lake	149		Wood	79
Lawrence	63		Wyandot	11

March 1 – March 31, 2016 EI Program Referrals

Overall statewide March 2016 EI program referrals: 2,412

County	March EI Referrals		County	March EI Referrals
Adams	7		Licking	34
Allen	42		Logan	11
Ashland	7		Lorain	69
Ashtabula	11		Lucas	82
Athens	13		Madison	6
Auglaize	14		Mahoning	31
Belmont	9		Marion	10
Brown	7		Medina	21
Butler	97		Meigs	2
Carroll	6		Mercer	9
Champaign	9		Miami	23
Clark	35		Monroe	6
Clermont	52		Montgomery	116
Clinton	11		Morgan	4
Columbiana	16		Morrow	4
Coshocton	7		Muskingum	21
Crawford	12		Noble	6
Cuyahoga	264		Ottawa	3
Darke	12		Paulding	4
Defiance	15		Perry	3
Delaware	35		Pickaway	14
Erie	12		Pike	4
Fairfield	41		Portage	41
Fayette	6		Preble	10
Franklin	293		Putnam	9
Fulton	26		Richland	37
Gallia	9		Ross	15
Geauga	12		Sandusky	13
Greene	35		Scioto	9
Guernsey	8		Seneca	7
Hamilton	175		Shelby	7
Hancock	17		Stark	57
Hardin	10		Summit	93
Harrison	2		Trumbull	27
Henry	8		Tuscarawas	19
Highland	4		Union	6
Hocking	13		Van Wert	7
Holmes	9		Vinton	1
Huron	12		Warren	40
Jackson	8		Washington	16
Jefferson	6		Wayne	19
Knox	11		Williams	16
Lake	41		Wood	22
Lawrence	17		Wyandot	2

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