

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

As we approach the one year mark for our bi-weekly communication, I want to thank everyone who has provided feedback about it. Wherever possible, we have incorporated your feedback to make this communication of use to you and your local partners and staff. One question I am sometimes asked is why we limit the communication distribution list to EI contract managers and FCFC coordinators. We have done so because we know that, in a state as diverse as ours, there are many different ways that our locals have organized themselves. We believe that the direct recipients of this communication are in the best position to decide with whom, when, and how to share the communication. On that point, we want to continue to strongly encourage EI contract managers and FCFC coordinators to share this communication with all relevant people in their local communities including service coordinators, service providers, fiscal staff, etc.

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.

### ***PROGRAM UPDATES***

#### **Service Coordination Bridge Funds Opportunity**

The Grant Agreement and Offshore Affirmation form are due **May 13**. In order to receive funds by July 1, you must complete the Questionnaire and Invoice Form by **May 27**. If you have additional questions or need to find a form, be sure to review the RFP and all supporting documents here:

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

#### **May 1 Quarterly LEA Reports**

Please remember that the May 1 LEA quarterly report due date is fast approaching. The report must be sent to the LEAs no later than **Sunday, May 1, 2016**. Please do *not* submit copies to ODH. However, you are encouraged to maintain copies on file locally.

#### **SFY16 45 Day Baseline**

Activities related to the SFY16 45 Day baseline analysis are underway. For those included in the 45 Day analysis, the data cleaning period runs from April 22 through May 6, 2016. Data extraction will occur on May 20.

## **SFY16 TRS Baseline**

Results memos were sent to participating programs April 22.

## **SFY16 Child Count and Settings Data**

As described in EI Program Update #1608, 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.

In response to requests from counties to have access to data in a timelier manner, we created one page reports for each county that summarize the county's SFY16/FFY15 Child Count and Settings data. These reports were distributed earlier this week. If you have any questions, please contact Taylor Hammond at [Taylor.Hammond@odh.ohio.gov](mailto:Taylor.Hammond@odh.ohio.gov).

## **Data and Monitoring Road Show**

In order to better support local programs and supplement other technical assistance and training, ODH/DODD are currently planning a Data and Monitoring Road Show for late summer/early autumn, with a target audience of EI Contract Managers. This will be a series of in-person trainings around the state to provide information about the Early Track Data System, compliance monitoring practices and protocols, and how to use data better. A short survey regarding these workshops was sent to FCFC Coordinators and Contract Managers earlier this week. Please take a few minutes to fill this out to let us know what aspects of data and monitoring you need more information about and/or are interested in learning more about in order to help us meet specific needs. The survey will be open until next **Friday, May 6**. We greatly appreciate your feedback!

## ***RESOURCES AND 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