

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

With the start of the new state fiscal year next Friday, we know that we will be losing some contract managers and gaining some new ones. We thank all for their service to Early Intervention over the past year. We hope everyone shares our optimism and excitement for the coming year! If your contract manager or FCFC coordinator will be changing, please be sure to let your EI program consultant know so we can update our contact list.

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 Notice of Award (NOA)

The SFY17 Service Coordination Grant NOAs are now available in GMIS.

SFY17 EI Training Handbook

The Early Intervention Training Handbook for SFY17 accompanies this bi-weekly communication. It provides information about Early Intervention Technical Assistance and Training staff, training courses, credentialing, and resources. We hope this information is helpful as you plan your professional development activities over the next year. If you have comments or suggestions, please contact Lori Myers, Training Coordinator at lori.e.myers@dodd.ohio.gov.

SFY16 45 Day Baseline

Activities related to the SFY16 45 Day baseline analysis are underway. Missing data inquiries and verification requests for applicable counties were due this week. Results are expected to be finalized and memos sent in early August.

Early Track

We realize that Early Track Data System outages may prevent contacts from being entered in real time. In the event that you are unable to enter a Contact on the day it occurred due to a data system error, please send a date change request to ETDS@odh.ohio.gov or by using the “Contact Us” button in ETDS. We are happy to backdate any information that could not be entered timely due to a data system error. We again apologize for the outages. ODH IT staff are investigating the root cause so a permanent fix can be deployed.

Settings Reports

As described in EI Program Updates #1608 and #1609, Ohio recently submitted SFY16/FFY15 Child Count and Settings data to OSEP. In the initial reporting, children served on 12-1-15 who were receiving only Service Coordination (*i.e.*, IFSPs listing only Service Coordination, “services not yet coordinated” or another non-EI service) were excluded, as data were not collected to calculate primary location of services. The Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) has subsequently instructed Ohio that, in these circumstances where the setting is not specified, to report the child in the “other” setting category.

Following this guidance, Ohio submitted updated data to OSEP to reflect these changes. The updated state Settings percentage is 94.41%, which is still a significant improvement from previous years. Any county whose data changes as a result of the resubmission will receive an updated county report in the coming week. The updated state data are included in the tables below.

As a reminder, 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. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact EI Researcher, Taylor Hammond, at taylor.hammond@odh.ohio.gov.

Statewide Settings Data by Age Category (Resubmitted)

Age on 12-1-15	Home	Community	Other	Total	Settings %
0 to 1	1,287	27	41	1,355	96.97%
1 to 2	2,888	75	136	3,099	95.61%
2 to 3	5,121	227	393	5,741	93.15%
Total	9,296	329	570	10,195	94.41%

Statewide Settings Data by Race/Ethnicity Category (Resubmitted)

Race/Ethnicity	Home	Community	Other	Total	Settings %
Hispanic	380	16	14	410	96.59%
American Indian or Alaska Native	35	2	1	38	97.37%
Asian	179	6	5	190	97.37%
Black or African American	1,328	54	49	1,431	96.58%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	22	0	0	22	100.00%
White	6,860	226	473	7,559	93.74%
Two or More Races	492	25	28	545	94.86%
Total	9,296	329	570	10,195	94.41%

Surrogate Parent Paperwork

When submitting Surrogate Parent paperwork to the state, you do not need to include the memo outlining the application instructions. Please be sure to submit applications to the following address, rather than to ODH:

Columbus Developmental Center – Administration Building
1601 West Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43222
Attention: EI Surrogate Parent Application

In the coming months, we will be updating the forms with the above address.

Summer Lunch Program

This summer, the Ohio Department of Education is sponsoring the Summer Food Service Program, providing children ages one through eighteen with free, healthy meals. It is easy to participate and no sign up is required. Simply call 1-866-3-HUNGRY or visit www.education.ohio.gov/KidsEat for meal times and locations.

RESOURCES AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Natural Environments and Coaching Modules

Two new self-paced webinars are available on OhioTRAIN. These are the third and fourth modules in the series that includes “Introduction to Early Intervention” (1061260) and “Early Intervention Mission and Key Principles” (1061264).

- Natural Learning Environments (1063888)
- Coaching in Early Intervention (1063890)

Introduction to Early Intervention Video

The Introduction to EI video is a useful and concise resource you may wish to use when orienting new staff or introducing EI to new families. You can access the video here:

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

State-Sponsored Training Opportunities

Ongoing trainings available through OhioTRAIN:

- 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 Outcomes Summary:** Your state team encourages 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 program consultant.
- **Overview of Evidence Based EI:** This training is accessed through your program 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 program consultant and supports teams with learning what type of activities need to be documented.