

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

All states received their determination from the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) last week. Ohio is in “needs assistance” this year. However, we have made progress since last year, and we are on a trajectory to be “meets requirements” next year. Our determination was adversely affected by two areas: a notification requirement to the State Education Agency (SEA) and the limited number of children for whom we had entrance and exit COS scores using the same tool. The SEA notification issue was resolved last year and will reflect 100% compliance with the Annual Performance Report (APR) we submit this February. The COS issue was a result of our switching tools mid fiscal year in January 2015, and thus including only children who exited between July 1, 2014 and January 14, 2015. This issue is also now resolved. I am confident that next year will show continued progress from this year. While we are again in “needs assistance,” we are moving in the right direction. Your continued work around compliance and child outcomes will keep us moving in that direction. When determination information is posted on the OSEP website, we will let you know.

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***

**Vision Services**

We are pleased to let you know that we have begun a pilot in 20 counties with three contractors who are providing EI vision services to children who need these services to meet outcomes on their IFSPs. If you have a child on your caseload who may need these services, please be sure to contact the relevant contractor. These services are funded through DODD and are available at no cost to families or service coordination agencies. The contractors are available to provide EI vision services, perform assessments, and to take part in IFSP and team meetings. The contractors and counties served are listed below. We are also working with the Ohio School for the Blind to provide these services to other counties. We will keep you posted when these services become available in other counties.

Cincinnati Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired  
Contact: Ginny Backscheder, [gabby.backscheder@cincyblind.org](mailto:gabby.backscheder@cincyblind.org)  
Counties: Clinton, Greene, Highland, Jackson, Montgomery, Pike, Preble, Scioto

Janet Stone

Contact: Janet Stone, [stonejbarb@aol.com](mailto:stonejbarb@aol.com)

Counties: Geauga, Medina, Portage, Summit, Wayne

Stark County Board of Developmental Disabilities

Contact: Tammy Maney, [maneyt@starkdd.org](mailto:maneyt@starkdd.org)

Counties: Carroll, Columbiana, Holmes, Mahoning, Medina, Stark, Tuscarawas

### **SFY16 Service Coordination Grant Due Dates**

- Fourth quarter expenditure reports are due July 15.
- Final expenditure reports are due August 15.
- Final program report is due in GMIS August 15 (questions accompany this bi-weekly).

### **SFY17 Service Coordination Grant Special Conditions**

A common special condition for the SFY17 Service Coordination grant was regarding the lack of signature and/or certifications required in the budget justification. If you received this special condition please include the language below (beginning with “Subrecipient’s authorized representative certifies the foregoing...” and including the five bullet points below it) along with the signature of the agency head listed in GMIS. If you have any question regarding this or any other special condition, please contact Tiffany Harlan at [Tiffany.Harlan@dodd.ohio.gov](mailto:Tiffany.Harlan@dodd.ohio.gov) or 614-728-5810 for assistance.

Subrecipient’s authorized representative certifies the foregoing:

- Subrecipient understands and agrees that it must follow the federal cost principle that applies to its type of organization (2 CFR, Part 225; 2 CFR, Part 220; or, 2 CFR, Part 230).
- Sub-recipient’s budgeted costs are reasonable, allowable and allocable under OGAPP and federal rules and regulations.
- The OGAPP and the rules and regulations have been read and are understood.
- Subrecipient understands and agrees that costs may be disallowed if deemed unallowable or in violation of OGAPP and federal rules and regulations.
- The appropriate programmatic and administrative personnel involved in this application are aware of agency policy in regard to subawards and are prepared to establish the necessary inter-institutional agreements consistent with those policies.

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[Signature]

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[Print Name & Title]

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[Date]

## **August 1 Quarterly LEA Reports**

Please be reminded that the August 1 LEA quarterly report requirement is approaching. The report may be run no earlier than July 22 and must be sent to the LEAs no later than August 1. 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 are underway. Results are expected to be finalized and memos sent in early August.

## **Service Coordinator Continuing Professional Development Unit Checklist**

The Service Coordinator Continuing Professional Development Unit Checklist that accompanies this Program Updates will be used to approve/deny all trainings that are submitted by the field requesting Service Coordinator or Service Coordinator supervisor training credit. The checklist utilizes the duties of the Service Coordinator that can be found in the federal regulations and HMG EI rule to ensure that all trainings relate directly to the role and responsibility of a Service Coordinator. The checklist also considers whether or not the training aligns with the Mission and Key Principles of Early Intervention.

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

### **Updated Principles of Service Coordination Training**

Be among the first to experience the newly revised DODD Service Coordination training!

The Principles of Service Coordination, OhioTRAIN Course # 1047684

When: Wednesday, July 13, 2016, 9:00am to 4:30pm

Where: Columbus Developmental Center, 1601 W. Broad St, Columbus, OH 43222

Please join us for a comprehensive training on the important role and responsibilities of the Service Coordinator. You will learn the answers to the following questions:

- What are the building blocks of Service Coordination?
- What are the ten mandated responsibilities of the Service Coordinator?
- How does the Service Coordinator facilitate the activities in the 45-day timeline?
- What is the Service Coordinator's role in ensuring Timely Receipt of Services?
- How does the Service Coordinator monitor ongoing IFSP implementation?
- What part does the Service Coordinator play in the Transition process?

**Please register by noon on Mon, July 11. We do not yet have the minimum number of registrants for this session and will have to cancel if the minimum number is not met by Monday, July 11 at noon.** Click [here](#) to access OhioTRAIN for registration.

For questions, please contact Lori Myers, EI Training Coordinator: [lori.e.myers@dodd.ohio.gov](mailto:lori.e.myers@dodd.ohio.gov)

## **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)
- 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.