

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

We received several questions about the transition of lead agency to DODD when we asked a few weeks ago. We are continuing to review the questions and draft answers. These answers should be available in our next bi-weekly communication. If you have a question you did not ask last time, please feel free to submit it to me.

I always invite your feedback. Do not hesitate to contact me at [nathan.dedino@dodd.ohio.gov](mailto:nathan.dedino@dodd.ohio.gov). I look forward to hearing from you.

## ***PROGRAM UPDATES***

### **SFY18 Service Coordination Grant**

With the change of lead agency, DODD will be assuming responsibility for the SFY18 Service Coordination grant. We are not anticipating major changes to the grant. However, we will be looking to streamline and simplify the process wherever possible. It is our goal to build and roll out a simplified Early Intervention grant management system and no longer use GMIS. We also expect that the grant will be released in April, rather than January. This later release will also ensure that more recent data are used in calculating county's allocations.

### **Data and Monitoring Road Show**

The EI Data and Monitoring team has wrapped up their series of data and monitoring trainings. Between the pilot and the six training sessions, 80 of the 88 counties had at least one person attend the Road Show. We really enjoyed getting out and meeting so many of you face to face, and we received much appreciated feedback and suggestions. In the coming weeks, we will be reviewing all of the evaluations and other questions and comments. Once our review is complete, we will be sending out a list of FAQs and answering individual questions. Additionally, we are going to begin planning our next steps, including what additional trainings and resources would most benefit the field. Thank you all so much for your participation in this training!

### **SFY17 Baseline Analyses**

As in past years, each county will be included in one of the three baseline analyses for SFY17 based on its group number. Group 1 counties will be included in the first analysis of SFY17, 45 Day, for which communication is scheduled to begin in January 2017. Group 2 counties will be involved in the Transition Planning Conferences (TPC) and Transitions Steps and Services

analyses and will begin receiving communication in April 2017. Finally, Group 3 counties will be analyzed for TRS, and are scheduled to receive their initial communication at the end of July 2017.

The following is a list of counties by group:

<b>Group 1</b>	<b>Group 2</b>	<b>Group 3</b>
<b>45 Day</b>	<b>Transition</b>	<b>TRS</b>
Belmont	Allen	Adams
Carroll	Ashtabula	Ashland
Clark	Brown	Athens
Clermont	Butler	Auglaize
Clinton	Champaign	Coshocton
Franklin	Columbiana	Cuyahoga
Gallia	Crawford	Defiance
Geauga	Darke	Erie
Greene	Delaware	Fayette
Henry	Fairfield	Hamilton
Hocking	Fulton	Harrison
Holmes	Guernsey	Highland
Jefferson	Hancock	Knox
Lawrence	Hardin	Lake
Logan	Huron	Licking
Lorain	Jackson	Madison
Lucas	Meigs	Mahoning
Medina	Mercer	Marion
Monroe	Montgomery	Miami
Noble	Morgan	Morrow
Ottawa	Muskingum	Pickaway
Portage	Paulding	Preble
Putnam	Perry	Richland
Sandusky	Pike	Shelby
Seneca	Ross	Summit
Tuscarawas	Scioto	Warren
Van Wert	Stark	Wood
Vinton	Trumbull	Wyandot
Washington	Union	
Wayne	Williams	

## **Annual Performance Report Posted for Public Comment**

A draft of Ohio's Federal Fiscal Year 2015 Annual Performance Report (APR) was posted on November 28 for public comment on the Help Me Grow website in the "Help Me Grow News and Notes" section:

<http://www.helpmegrow.ohio.gov/-/media/HelpMeGrow/ASSETS/Files/Professionals-Gallery/HMG-Early-Intervention/FFY15-Ohio-Annual-Performance-Report.pdf?la=en>.

Public comment will be accepted until December 28 and the APR will remain posted until January 27. If you have a question or comment about the APR, please e-mail Nathan DeDino at [Nathan.DeDino@dodd.ohio.gov](mailto:Nathan.DeDino@dodd.ohio.gov).

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

### **Braille Letters from Santa**

The National Federation of the Blind Jernigan Institute will respond in Braille to letters to Santa from children under age ten. The Institute must receive information by December 16. You can learn more here:

<https://nfb.org/santa-letters>

### **Milestones in Action**

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has a free library of images and videos that track developmental milestones from two months of age through five years of age. Parents, caregivers, and professionals can click on an age and see photo and video examples of important developmental milestones. You can access the library here:

<http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/actearly/milestones/milestones-in-action.html>

### **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:

- Coaching in Early Intervention self-paced webinar (1063890)
- Early Intervention Mission and Key Principles self-paced webinar (1061264)
- Family-Centered Practices self-paced webinar (1064739)
- IFSP Form self-paced webinar (1028661)

- The IFSP: It's All about the Process self-paced webinar (1066899)
- Introduction to Early Intervention self-paced webinar (1061260)
- Natural Learning Environments self-paced webinar (1063888)
- Principles of Service Coordination in-person training (1047684)
- Using a Primary Service Provider Approach to Teaming self-paced webinar (1064737)

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. NB: Credentialing hours are not available for these trainings since there is no way currently to verify attendance.
- 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.

## November 1, 2016 Child Count of Children Served by County

Overall statewide November 1, 2016 child count: 10,150

County	Nov 1 Child Count	County	Nov 1 Child Count
Adams	31	Licking	127
Allen	123	Logan	51
Ashland	34	Lorain	241
Ashtabula	55	Lucas	498
Athens	31	Madison	31
Auglaize	39	Mahoning	91
Belmont	50	Marion	48
Brown	33	Medina	188
Butler	427	Meigs	13
Carroll	18	Mercer	54
Champaign	36	Miami	121
Clark	120	Monroe	22
Clermont	224	Montgomery	470
Clinton	72	Morgan	14
Columbiana	40	Morrow	24
Coshocton	43	Muskingum	68
Crawford	47	Noble	23
Cuyahoga	1086	Ottawa	32
Darke	61	Paulding	18
Defiance	33	Perry	20
Delaware	326	Pickaway	55
Erie	81	Pike	29
Fairfield	142	Portage	135
Fayette	42	Preble	20
Franklin	1080	Putnam	44
Fulton	43	Richland	112
Gallia	22	Ross	36
Geauga	70	Sandusky	43
Greene	273	Scioto	48
Guernsey	50	Seneca	54
Hamilton	578	Shelby	53
Hancock	98	Stark	248
Hardin	15	Summit	416
Harrison	6	Trumbull	90
Henry	35	Tuscarawas	63
Highland	26	Union	46
Hocking	20	Van Wert	35
Holmes	39	Vinton	4
Huron	108	Warren	195
Jackson	20	Washington	46
Jefferson	39	Wayne	91
Knox	45	Williams	39
Lake	166	Wood	103
Lawrence	55	Wyandot	9

## November 1 – November 30, 2016 EI Program Referrals

Overall statewide November 2016 EI program referrals: 2,008

County	Nov EI Referrals	County	Nov EI Referrals
Adams	9	Licking	30
Allen	29	Logan	13
Ashland	3	Lorain	63
Ashtabula	14	Lucas	104
Athens	9	Madison	5
Auglaize	11	Mahoning	42
Belmont	7	Marion	8
Brown	12	Medina	35
Butler	81	Meigs	2
Carroll	3	Mercer	8
Champaign	8	Miami	17
Clark	28	Monroe	1
Clermont	34	Montgomery	95
Clinton	4	Morgan	7
Columbiana	8	Morrow	7
Coshocton	5	Muskingum	28
Crawford	10	Noble	5
Cuyahoga	220	Ottawa	3
Darke	10	Paulding	1
Defiance	5	Perry	3
Delaware	29	Pickaway	11
Erie	12	Pike	2
Fairfield	31	Portage	24
Fayette	4	Preble	8
Franklin	236	Putnam	6
Fulton	8	Richland	18
Gallia	3	Ross	10
Geauga	8	Sandusky	15
Greene	36	Scioto	12
Guernsey	6	Seneca	12
Hamilton	115	Shelby	12
Hancock	14	Stark	38
Hardin	9	Summit	93
Harrison	1	Trumbull	23
Henry	10	Tuscarawas	12
Highland	8	Union	12
Hocking	7	Van Wert	9
Holmes	4	Vinton	1
Huron	10	Warren	28
Jackson	0	Washington	13
Jefferson	6	Wayne	21
Knox	14	Williams	11
Lake	30	Wood	19
Lawrence	8	Wyandot	2

NB: SFY 17 EI program referral numbers will not be finalized until after August 1, 2017 and are subject to change.