To: All Early Intervention contract managers and FCFC coordinators

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MESSAGE FROM THE PART C COORDINATOR

The Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) completed its site visit around system of payments implementation in Ohio last week. OSEP also provided DODD with feedback about its April submission of Ohio's State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP). The OSEP team was very impressed in both areas about the active involvement of diverse stakeholders in the Ohio EI system's rule creation, trainings, guidance documents, forms, and more. The entire DODD EI team deeply values your insights and ideas. Thank you for your continued active involvement in building a strong EI system in Ohio!

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

PROGRAM UPDATES

EI Local Outreach Funds

All FCFC coordinators and EI contract managers should have received an e-mail on September 22 that outlined details about the funds DODD is making available for local outreach for EI. The first quarter's payments to counties have been processed. We would like to reiterate that these are state, not federal, funds and you will *not* report on these funds in EIGS. A report template accompanied last week's e-mail, and counties will use this template to report twice a year on the EI local outreach activities these funds supported.

County Level EI Data

DODD has put several years of county-level EI referral and child count data on the EI website here:

http://ohioearlyintervention.org/data-and-monitoring-resources

These data are updated monthly. Since we are still correcting errors with August referrals, we do not anticipate having August numbers posted until early October. September referral numbers should be posted in early November. If you have questions about your data, please do not hesitate to contact us.

The SFY17 one page data overview for the EI program accompanies this bi-weekly.

EI Referral Transfer from Early Track to EIDS

DODD IT developers have continued to work to resolve the issues with the transfer of EI referrals from Early Track to EIDS. DODD is in the final stages of testing a potential fix that may be deployed 9/29 or 10/2. We will continue to provide updates via the EIDS message box. We appreciate your patience as DODD works to resolve these problems.

Early Track/EIDS Exits

As of this week, DODD is caught up on copying exits into Early Track that occurred and were entered 8/29 or later in EIDS. This will help ensure accurate data entry for transfers or children who are re-referred. Exits from the previous day will be copied over each business day going forward. As such, you no longer need to contact EIDS regarding transfers, and can simply contact Central Intake to do so. If for some reason the exit information is missing for a child in Early Track, e-mail EIDS@dodd.ohio.gov and we will complete the data entry in Early Track.

Creating an EIDS Account

For new EIDS users, part of the process of gaining access to EIDS involves creating a DODD portal account. For users who currently have a DODD portal account for another application, it involves requesting that EIDS be added to their current account. *Once you have received confirmation about your DODD portal account, please forward your confirmation e-mail to EIDS@dodd.ohio.gov*. There is one final step that we need to complete within the EIDS application to finalize your account access.

If you have any questions about how to set up your, please contact us at EIDS@dodd.ohio.gov at any time. Since not all EIDS users have signed up to receive the bi-weekly Program Updates, please be sure to pass this information along to relevant staff.

SFY 2017 TRS Baseline

The SFY17 TRS baseline analysis process is underway. Counties had until August 15 to review data and submit any necessary deletion requests or other inquiries. Revised missing data inquiries and child record verification requests were sent to applicable counties on September 19 and are now due back October 2, reflecting the revised timeline. In the event of unexpected glitches with the transition from Early Track to EIDS, EI Monitoring staff will be as flexible as possible with the affected counties. If you have any questions about the TRS baseline, please contact Melissa Courts at melissa.courts@dodd.ohio.gov.

RESOURCES AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Deaf Learners with Autism Workshop

On October 27, at the Ohio School for the Deaf, The Outreach Center for Deafness and Blindness and Ohio School for the Deaf will be hosting a Deaf Learners with Autism Workshop presented by Raschelle Neild, Ph.D. from Gallaudet University. This workshop that provides an opportunity to learn and understand research-based and proven techniques and strategies to best meet the needs

and support the learning of deaf or hard of hearing students on the autism spectrum. You can access more information and register here:

https://deafandblindoutreach.org/deaf-learners-with-autism-workshop

New Battelle Training Session—October 13

Registration is now available for training on the Battelle Developmental Inventory-2 with Dr. Robert Gallen. Participants will learn the following:

- How to administer the BDI-2
- The purpose of the BDI-2 in Early Intervention
- How to interpret the results of the BDI-2, and
- How to use the BDI-2 in everyday practice

October 13, 9:00am-4:30pm

Southwest Ohio Developmental Center
4399 E. Bauman Lane
Batavia, Ohio 45103

Please register on OhioTRAIN (Course ID #1009401).

Autumn Bayley Trainings

Two sessions have been added to the fall calendar for training on the Bayley III evaluation tool.

October 25, 9:00-4:30 – Franklin County

November 29, 9:00-4:30 – Montgomery County

Participants will engage in the following activities:
- Learn how to administer the Bayley III Scales of Infant and Toddler Development,
- Discuss the purpose of this evaluation tool in Early Intervention, and
- Learn how to interpret the results of the Bayley III.

Please register on OhioTRAIN (Course #1009447).

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 eight 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. You can access the modules here: 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