

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

With the Thanksgiving holiday two weeks ago, we did not have an update on November 24. I apologize for any resulting confusion. Please know how thankful all of us at DODD are to you for the important work you are doing everyday for families receiving EI services.

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

Supporting Ohio's Service Coordinator Process:

The EI Program Consultants have completed about 60 observations and leadership meetings as part of the Supporting Ohio's Service Coordinators Process. The consultants have observed Ohio's service coordinators explaining early intervention to families, explaining child outcomes, parent rights, facilitating IFSP meetings, and navigating multiple systems in order to ensure that Ohio families are connected with needed community resources and ensuring access to any needed EI service.

DODD would like to thank all of the Ohio EI service coordinators, families, and county leadership who have participated in this process so far. We are learning a great deal that will help inform the supports we will be providing to local programs. DODD is planning to summarize and communicate the results of this work via statewide webinar early March 2018.

For counties who have not yet completed the process, please be sure to respond to your program consultant when they reach out to you to schedule the observation and leadership meeting. Thank you!

Service Coordinator Community of Practice

We will begin the second service coordinator community of practice cohort on February 13, from 12:00pm-1:00pm for interested new service coordinators and their supervisors. This is the only meeting that the service coordinator supervisor will be asked to participate in. The meeting will take place virtually via Go-to-Meeting. During the initial meeting, we will go through the purpose of the community of practice, discuss format, and our future discussion topics.

This community of practice is open to *new* service coordinators (that is, those who have been credentialed less than one year). Diane Fox and two advanced service coordinators will facilitate the community of practice.

To register, e-mail Diane at diane.fox@dodd.ohio.gov and include “NEW SC COP” in the subject line of your e-mail. Please also provide the name, email, and phone number of *both* the service coordinator and the service coordinator’s supervisor. Once Diane receives your email-you will receive a short survey to complete and a confirmation of your enrollment in the community of practice.

Training Coordinator Update

Lori Myers is currently out on extended leave. While Lori is out, please connect with the following DODD staff with your training questions:

- For questions related to service coordinator credentials, please contact Kelli Lanzot at kelli.lanzot@dodd.ohio.gov
- For questions about developmental specialist certification, please contact Tiffany Madden at tiffany.madden@dodd.ohio.gov
- For questions related to accessing to trainings or training certifications, please contact to Diane Fox at diane.fox@dodd.ohio.gov

FFY16 APR

A draft of Ohio’s FFY16 APR was posted to the EI website on November 29 and we welcome public comment. Please submit any public comment to Nathan DeDino at nathan.dedino@dodd.ohio.gov no later than December 30, 2017. This draft will remain posted until January 29, 2018 and the Department of Developmental Disabilities will submit this APR to OSEP no later than February 1, 2018.

SFY17/FFY16 County COS Data

Contract Managers and FCFC coordinators should have received a file with their county’s FFY16/SFY17 Child Outcomes data in mid-November. Percentages based on these data will be included in the forthcoming county APR reports. If you have any questions about your county’s data, or if you did not receive the COS file, contact Taylor Hammond at Taylor.Hammond@dodd.ohio.gov at any time.

SFY18 Baseline Schedule

As in past years, each county will be included in one of the three baseline analyses for SFY18 based on its group number. Group 2 counties will be included in the first analysis of SFY18, TRS, for which communication is scheduled to begin in January 2018. Group 1 counties will be involved in the Transition Planning Conferences (TPC) and Transitions Steps and Services analyses and will begin receiving communication in April 2018. Finally, Group 3 counties will be analyzed for 45-Day, and are scheduled to receive their initial communication at the end of July 2018.

The following is a list of counties by group:

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3
Transition	TRS	45-Day
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	

EIDS FAQs Update

DODD posted an updated version of the EIDS FAQs in the EIDS message box on December 8. Please review the updated document for the most recent status of any known EIDS issues.

EIDS Updates

As we begin to make needed changes to the Early Intervention Data System, we are seeking your feedback to help us identify missing parent languages and child assessment dropdown options. If you are serving a family who speaks a primary language that is not currently in the EIDS, please let us know by filling out the survey that follows this announcement. Similarly, if your county uses a child assessment that is not listed as a current drop down option, please let us know in the same survey. We welcome any suggested additions that you may have. Suggestions will be accepted through December 31, 2017.

The survey can be found at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/EIDSadditions>. Contact Cydney Hoffman at cydney.hoffman@dodd.ohio.gov with any questions.

Updated EIDS materials on Website

DODD has posted updated resources regarding EIDS on the EI website. See the “Data System” tile of the Data and Monitoring page for an updated version of the self-study, as well as a document that explains how to create or modify user accounts and a document that provides hints for troubleshooting issues in EIDS.

Infant Mortality

The Accenture consulting firm has been selected for a new project applying data analytics to addressing infant mortality. Under the direction of ODH, and in coordination with the Departments of Medicaid, Job and Family Services, and Mental Health and Addiction Services, Accenture will help build upon existing knowledge regarding causal factors of infant mortality, integrate relevant data from state and other sources to predict and profile those at-risk for infant mortality, and identify high-risk individuals for infant mortality enrolled in state programs like Ohio Medicaid who can be targeted with interventions.

The firm also will help identify high-risk individuals not enrolled in state programs who may benefit from existing or new interventions to reduce infant mortality, propose targeted interventions and measurable indicators aimed at addressing causal factors that increase the risk of infant mortality, and focus existing public health programs on the highest-risk individuals for greater impact and efficiency in reducing infant mortality. For more information about Ohio’s comprehensive approach to addressing infant mortality, please visit www.preventinfantmortality.ohio.gov.

RESOURCES AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Battelle and Bayley Trainings

We are working with the tool trainers to confirm future training dates. The next BDI training is March 5 in Columbus. Registration will open soon.

Taking a Look

The vision “Taking a Look” training (Course #1023291) is currently not available. We are working with OhioTrain to resolve this issue. We have informed the professional registry at OCCRRA and will issue service coordinator credentials for service coordinators who meet all other credential requirements. DODD will communicate through the Program Updates when this training again becomes available.

Upcoming Training Dates!

In the next biweekly communication, we plan to release future training dates and details about several trainings:

- Debbie Ashley will lead a two-part facilitated webinar, “How to Become a Family Centered Practitioner”
- Dr. Robert Gallen will facilitate a three part series:
 - How to use motivational interviewing techniques to have difficult conversations,
 - How to use motivational interviewing strategies for the COS conversations, and
 - Face-to-face sessions where participants can role play using these strategies and receive feedback and coaching from Dr. Gallen.
- Jennifer Remeis from Ohio School for the Blind will facilitate an online learning opportunity on assessing infant and toddler’s vision. She will review typical and atypical infant and toddler vision development. This session is open to all Ohio EI evaluators and assessors.

Parenting at Mealtime and Playtime Training

ODH, the Early Childhood Obesity Prevention Program, and the Ohio Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics are offering this new training. The training delivers nutrition and play guidance with a focus on using healthy parent-child interaction. The training will provide an innovative, sustainable approach to building healthy eating and activity habits among birth to five year-olds.

You can learn more and register on OhioTrain under Course ID#1073826.

New Digital Resource Launched for Preschool Learning

Ohio’s parents and educators have a new resource to help young learners ages 3-5 prepare for school and their futures with the INFOhio Early Learning Portal. The easy-to-navigate site contains more than 50 websites and apps chosen and evaluated by educators and librarians with expertise in early learning and literacy.

The INFOhio Early Learning Portal helps preschool children—

- Learn letters, numbers and basic knowledge;
- Interact with other children and adults;
- Engage in meaningful play; and
- Develop focus and problem-solving skills.

Nearly all resources in the portal are available for free, with a few available for a minimal fee. You can learn more and access the portal here:

<https://www.infohio.org/early-learning>

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.