

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

In our last communication, we highlighted a sampling of the many things accomplished in the EI system in 2017. In this first communication of 2018, I am excited to be able to highlight some of the projects on which we are working with you for 2018:

- Phase II of Supporting Ohio's Service Coordinators
- New training opportunities
- Additional content on the Family section of the EI website
- Implementation of revised rules for Early Intervention
- Enhancements to EIDS

Thank you for your continued support and valued feedback this coming year as we work on these and other initiatives!

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 Baseline Analyses**

The SFY 2018 baseline process will start with Group 2 this month. We will be looking at TRS services which were due to start between July 1, 2017 and September 30, 2017. Additional information will be sent out next week.

### **February 1 LEA Notification**

The February 1 Quarterly LEA Reports are used for our annual compliance analysis. DODD is responsible for issuing findings of noncompliance in this area where appropriate. The February 1 Quarterly LEA Report may be run no earlier than January 22, 2018 and must be sent to the appropriate LEAs no later than February 1, 2018. You must also submit a copy of the report to DODD no later than Friday, February 2. You are strongly encouraged to maintain a copy of the report in the event that it is needed at a later date for monitoring purposes. An email explaining the LEA reporting requirement was sent to all EI contract managers and FCFC coordinators yesterday.

If you are not sure which LEA should be selected for a specific child (e.g., foster care situation), we encourage you to contact the relevant Educational Service Center (ESC) for clarification. Contact information for all of the ESCs and Public School Districts, along with a map of districts, is available here:

<https://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Data/Ohio-Educational-Directory-System-OEDS/OhioEducational-Directory-Data>.

Please remember that parent's rights apply to any shared information if personally identifying details are disclosed.

If you have any questions about the LEA reports, please contact Melissa Courts at [melissa.courts@dodd.ohio.gov](mailto:melissa.courts@dodd.ohio.gov).

### **System of Payments Rule Monitoring**

In early February, all EI contract managers will receive a record request to verify counties' compliance with the system of payments rule that went into effect August 1. As part of this verification request, counties will need to submit completed copies of the EI 1701 to DODD monitoring staff. Additional details will be provided in February, including a list of specific child records that will be part of the verification process.

### **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. *We still have a few spaces left!* 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](mailto: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.

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

### **Taking a Look Online Course**

The Taking a Look online course (#1023291) is now back online at OhioTRAIN. We apologize for the inconvenience.

### **Upcoming Training Dates!**

We have a number of exciting trainings planned this year. Below follows just a sample:

- Debbie Ashley will lead a two-part facilitated webinar, “How to Become a Family Centered Practitioner” (March 21 and May 21 – facilitated webinar)
- Dr. Robert Gallen will facilitate a three part series:
  - How to use motivational interviewing techniques to have difficult conversations (March 21 – facilitated webinar)
  - How to use motivational interviewing strategies for the COS conversations (April 4 – facilitated webinar)
  - Face-to-face sessions where participants can role play using these strategies and receive feedback and coaching from Dr. Gallen (May 2 and 3 – in-person)
- 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. (January 30, 8:30am-10:00am).
  - Registration Link: <http://www.planetreg.com/E13124034133361>.

We will post additional details on the EI website as they become available.

### **Autism Spectrum Disorder: A Basic Introduction for Families**

Many of you may be familiar with the previous “Ohio's Parent Guide to Autism Spectrum Disorder.” OCALI is no longer printing and distributing hard copies of that guide, but in its place, has released a newer, smaller booklet, targeting families whose child was recently diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

You can view the electronic version of the new booklet, “Autism Spectrum Disorder: A Basic Introduction for Families,” here:

[https://www.ocali.org/up\\_doc/ASD-Parent-Guide-2017-web.pdf](https://www.ocali.org/up_doc/ASD-Parent-Guide-2017-web.pdf)

### **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.