

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

The February meeting of the EI Advisory Council and Stakeholder Group was canceled last week due to weather. We have re-scheduled the meeting to March 28. The meetings are open to the public and the schedule (including last minute cancelations) is posted on the EI website. We always look forward to hearing and learning from you at the meetings or by whatever way works best for you!

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 TRS Baseline Analyses (Group 2)**

The SFY 2018 TRS baseline process is underway. The data cleaning period for involved counties was in progress until January 31 and data extraction occurred earlier today. County inquiries, including any needed missing data or verification requests, are scheduled to be sent March 2.

### **February 1 LEA Notification**

The February 1 Quarterly LEA Report analysis is currently in progress. Memos are anticipated to be sent out by early March.

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

As referenced in Program Updates #1803, all EI contract managers will be receiving 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. Melissa Courts will be sending out the inquiries next week, along with more specific details regarding the verification process.

### **Quarterly COS Data**

As described in EI Program Updates #1704, DODD will be sending quarterly Child Outcome Summary (COS) files until COS reports are available in EIDS. Files including the most recent quarter of data available, for children who exited EI between October 1, 2017 and December 31,

2017, were sent to counties February 8. If you have any questions, please contact Taylor Hammond at [taylor.hammond@dodd.ohio.gov](mailto:taylor.hammond@dodd.ohio.gov).

### **SFY17 County Annual Performance Reports and Family Questionnaire Reports**

County Annual Performance Reports and Family Questionnaire Reports have been posted to the EI website. You can access all reports at the following link, and individual county reports by clicking on the map:

<https://ohioearlyintervention.org/county-data>

Family Questionnaire comment reports will be sent to all counties in the coming weeks. The comment reports will not be posted on the website.

### **Continuing Professional Development Units**

Developmental specialists and EI supervisors are certified through Provider Certification at DODD. When applying for continuing professional development units, DODD form #1141 Application for Continuing Professional Development Units must be submitted by either the trainer or the participant. The “Early Intervention” category on this form refers to developmental specialist and EI supervisor hours. Please note that there is a separate process for service coordination professional developmental hours. For additional information, please contact Provider Certification at [provider.certification@dodd.ohio.gov](mailto:provider.certification@dodd.ohio.gov).

You can access form #1141 here:

<http://dodd.ohio.gov/Forms/Documents/Application%20for%20Training%20Approval%2011062015.pdf>

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

### **Motivational Interviewing: Tough Conversations in Early Intervention**

Please join us for an informative and practical training. Dr. Robert Gallen will be leading “Motivational Interviewing: Tough Conversations in Early Intervention,” as a facilitated webinar. This training will be held March 21, from 10:30am-12:00pm.

Registration is available on OhioTRAIN, Course # 1074987. You will be directed to complete a second registration step on GoToWebinar:

<https://oh.train.org/DesktopShell.aspx?tabId=7>

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

## **Doughnuts with Di**

If you missed the January “Doughnuts with Di” session about vision development for infants and toddlers, you can access a recording online here:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLZ1qXvA8kYSkPbxdo0TRdQz0Yujt988K>

Be sure to mark your calendar for the next session on February 27, from 8:30-10:00am. Our content experts will be Karen Kincaid, DS, and Tiffany Madden, SLP, CCC and Certified Fidelity Coach. We will discuss how team members use information from multiple sources (medical records, evaluation, observation, parent report and other available information) to determine whether or not there is a need for services and to inform the development of functional IFSP outcomes and strategies.

Registration Link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/910559843050220802>

Webinar ID: 744-864-235

## **Early Childhood Mental Health Conference “Intentional Transformation Early Childhood Success: Master Plan for Change”**

The theme of the conference was selected to align the work that has been done by the early childhood systems partners to leverage our understanding of each other’s role and capacity to further increase the social emotional development, kindergarten and school readiness of Ohio’s youngest children. The conference will be held April 23-25 in Columbus. You can learn more and register here:

<https://2018ecmhconference.brownpapertickets.com/>

## **Division for Early Child Recommended Practices: Moving from Awareness to Implementation**

The Ohio Division for Early Childhood (DEC) is sponsoring a conference on March 9 on implementing the DEC recommended practices. It will focus on acquiring both practical applications using evidence-based resources and tools to help improve practice. The conference is open to all families, students, professionals and administrators who are interested. Registration is based on a first-come basis.

You can learn more and register here:

<http://www.interveningearly.org/school-events/dec-conference/>

## **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.