

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

We are so excited by the overwhelming response to the “Doughnuts with Di” series. As a great lover of doughnuts, I have been particularly happy to hear that some participants have fully embraced both the doughnut part and the learning part of the series. Unfortunately, Go-to-Webinar has not yet evolved to enabling DODD to provide doughnuts through the internet. However, many of our always resourceful local partners are ensuring that doughnuts are available for their teams as they participate in the various sessions. If you would like to share doughnut photos of your team listening in on one of the sessions, please e-mail me. We hope to share some of these photos on the EI website in the coming weeks.

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

SFY19 Service Coordination Grant

Several stakeholders have contacted us in recent weeks about the SFY19 service coordination grant allocation formula. The allocation formula is based on a combination of numbers of children served and initial EI program referrals. Due to issues related to the transitions with central intake last August, some are concerned about the potential effects on a county’s allocation for SFY19. We will be discussing this issue with stakeholders at the March 28 EI Advisory Council and Stakeholder Group meeting. Please feel free to attend or express your concerns and ideas directly to me or your representatives in the group. You can see who is part of the stakeholder group on the EI website here:

<https://ohioearlyintervention.org/stakeholder-advisory-group>

SFY18 TRS Baseline Analyses (Group 2)

County inquiries, including any needed missing data or verification requests, were sent out earlier today and are due back March 19. Verification and final analyses will be completed after that time, and results will be sent in late April.

February 1 LEA Notification

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

System of Payments Rule Monitoring

Verification requests related to compliance with the SOP rule were sent February 21. Requested documentation is due back by Wednesday, March 7, at which time DODD will begin reviewing records. Several counties that did not have applicable records received an email February 23 explaining next steps. If you have any questions, contact Melissa Courts at melissa.courts@dodd.ohio.gov.

SFY17 County Family Questionnaire Reports

As mentioned in EI Program Updates #1805, County Family Questionnaire Data Reports are available on the EI website. These reports, as well as the Family Questionnaire Comment reports, were sent to Contract Managers and FCFC Coordinators February 20. If you have any questions, contact Taylor Hammond at taylor.hammond@dodd.ohio.gov.

RESOURCES AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Updated EI Professional Development Resources

The Professional Development tile of the EI website has been extensively updated. You can now easily access information about Trainings, the Loop Ohio Community of Practice, Resources, and the TA Team. The Training page also now includes a search feature that allows you to filter the list of trainings by Continuing Education Option, Skill Level, Topic and Format.

You can access the updated page on the EI website here:

<https://ohioearlyintervention.org/professional-development-and-training>

Bayley Training

To help determine future training needs, we are asking staff to complete a short survey about interest in training on the Bayley Scales of Infant-Toddler Development. Please click the link to take the survey. Thank you!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YMMKMCJ>

World Hearing Day: March 3

World Hearing Day is held on March 3 each year to raise awareness on how to prevent deafness and hearing loss and promote ear and hearing care across the world. Each year, the World Health Organization (WHO) decides the theme and develops a brochure on the topic based on the best

available evidence as well as advocacy materials such as posters, banners, infographics and presentations, among others. These materials are shared with partners in government and civil society around the world. At its headquarters in Geneva, WHO organizes an annual World Hearing Day seminar. WHO invites all stakeholders to join this global initiative.

With the theme “Hear the future,” World Hearing Day 2018 will draw attention to the anticipated increase in the number of people with hearing loss around the world in the coming decades. It will focus on preventive strategies to stem the rise and outline steps to ensure access to the necessary rehabilitation services and communication tools and products for people with hearing loss.

If you would like to receive updates and information about the World Hearing Day, you can register by sending an email to whopbd@who.int.

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.

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>

As recordings of additional sessions become available, we will share the links.

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/>

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.

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