

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

Last Friday, DODD submitted Ohio's State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP) to the federal Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP). This extensive report documents the many efforts that all of you in partnership with DODD are taking to improve children's acquisition and use of knowledge and skills specifically and the broader EI system more generally.

When in the midst of great system change, it is sometimes easy to lose sight of how far you have come. This year's SSIP submission is an opportunity to review the progress we have all made together in the past year: from diverse new training opportunities with national experts to the implementation of a new system of payments (SOP) rule. I want to thank all of you and the DODD EI team for your tireless work to improve Ohio's EI system. I would also like to thank Taylor Hammond, our EI researcher, who was the lead writer of the SSIP and who helped keep us all on track with the plan this year.

If you would like to read this year's SSIP, you can access it on the EI website under Federal Reporting. A summary will also be available 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

DODD discussed the allocation formula for the SFY19 (start date July 1, 2018) service coordination grant with the EI Advisory Council and Stakeholder Group at its March 28 meeting. Stakeholders' consensus was to keep individual county allocations the same in SFY19 as SFY18 instead of using the customary allocation formula to update funding levels.

Since Congress only recently finalized funding levels for the current federal fiscal year, we are still waiting on Ohio's funding allocation from OSEP. If the allocation from OSEP to Ohio is the same in the upcoming year, DODD plans to maintain SFY18 funding levels for the SFY19 service coordination grant.

Hearing Provider Reminders

DODD has contracts with six providers throughout the state who have specialized knowledge about hearing loss. Service coordinators should involve the hearing providers in the assessment process when they have a child who is deaf or hard of hearing on their caseloads. Additionally, a hearing screening and an evaluation for EI eligibility are not required if the service coordinator is able to obtain documentation of the child's diagnosis of hearing loss.

When the IFSP team has determined that a hearing provider should be supporting the family through a service on Section VI of the IFSP, please keep the following in mind:

- Funding *is* HMG Part C
 - Funding is *not* RIHP Part C, CBDD, Title XX and CBDD, or Local Community Funding
- Service type under this contract *is* Family training, counseling and home visits
 - Service type under this contract is *not* Special Instruction, Audiology Services, Early Intervention Hearing Services, EIHS, or Signed Language & Cued Language
- Hearing providers' service delivery, like all providers, should match what is on the Section VI grid of the IFSP

You can access the map of hearing providers here:

<https://ohioearlyintervention.org/local-state-national-resources/ohio-hearing-vision>

If you have additional questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to Susan Wendt (susan.wendt@dodd.ohio.gov). Additional details are available in Program Updates #1618 and #1707.

SFY18 TRS Baseline Analyses (Group 2)

County inquiries, including any needed missing data or verification requests, were due back March 19. Verification and final analyses are in progress, and results will be sent in late April.

2018 County Child Count and Settings Reports

Ohio recently submitted SFY18/FFY17 Child Count and Settings data to OSEP. In response to requests to have more timely access to data, we have created one page reports for each county to share these data now rather than waiting until we submit the FFY17 Annual Performance Report (APR) due in February 2019. These one page reports were sent to Contract Managers and FCFC Coordinators earlier this week.

The Child Count and Settings data include all children who had an active IFSP on December 1, 2017. Primary service location for each IFSP is calculated by determining the total number of planned minutes of services per setting, as documented on the IFSP in EIDS. Thus, the Settings

percentage reflects the percentage of children with the majority of planned service time occurring in home or community settings.

Please note that OSEP will hold a reopen period beginning in June where states may be requested to make clarifications to these data. Though DODD does not anticipate needing to make any changes, these data should not be considered final until the reopen period closes in mid-July.

RESOURCES AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Resource-Based Service Coordination

Please join us Tuesday, May 1 from 1:00-4:00pm for a webinar on Resource-Based Service Coordination. Facilitated by Drs. M’Lisa Sheldon and Dathan Rush, this webinar explores the Service Coordinator’s role in helping families with resource-based outcomes. Service Coordinators will learn strategies for family-capacity building as they collaborate to solve problems. Specific scenarios will be addressed such as: housing, transportation, food, child care, education, and assistance with bill-paying.

To register, please click on the following link:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7030657068145880835>

For any questions, please contact Lori Myers at lori.e.myers@dodd.ohio.gov.

Documentation Webinar

We are pleased to announce the debut of a new facilitated webinar on Documentation in Early Intervention. The goal of this training is to clarify documentation requirements at all steps of the EI process. Participants will learn the minimum requirements for specific forms and how to meet compliance requirements through documentation. The training will be facilitated by the EI Program Consultants. We are applying for DODD EI-DS and DODD EI-SC credit.

We are offering two pilot sessions, both on May 17, 2018. Please use the following links to register:

AM session: 9:00-11:00 a.m. <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5565865688300723459>

PM session: 1:00-3:00 p.m. <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3603746506604245251>

If you have any questions, please contact Lori Myers at lori.e.myers@dodd.ohio.gov.

Bayley Scales of Infant and Toddler Development

The next Bayley training will be held June 27 from 9:00am-4:30pm at Columbus Developmental Center. Registration is open on OhioTRAIN, Course # 1009447.

For SFY19, we plan to offer two sessions of Bayley training: one in late fall 2018 and the other in late spring 2019.

If you have any questions, please contact Lori Myers at lori.e.myers@dodd.ohio.gov.

Early Childhood Mental Health Conference “Intentional Transformation Early Childhood Success: Master Plan for Change”--UPDATE

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/>

The above link now has been updated with more information about the conference sessions.

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.