

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

As SFY18 comes to an end, we know that there are many transitions: a change in central intake vendor, changes in local service coordination agencies, staff retirements, EIDS changes, and more. Please do not hesitate to reach out to DODD staff if you have any questions or need any supports to start SFY19 as strong as possible.

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

Central Intake and Outreach Resources

A new section devoted to central intake and outreach resources and materials has been added to the EI website. You can access it here:

<https://ohioearlyintervention.org/local-state-national-resources/central-intake-and-outreach>

This new section will house resources and materials related both to Bright Beginnings and the EI local outreach funds DODD distributes.

As discussed in Program Updates #1813, beginning July 1, central intake will have the ability to upload electronic versions of referral documents (e.g., PCSA forms, medical records) in the Early Intervention Data System (EIDS). These documents will be uploaded starting with system referrals dated on or after July 1.

EI Local Outreach Funds

Materials related to the EI local outreach funds DODD distributes were posted to the EI website in the Central Intake and Outreach section last week. Counties must respond by July 13.

Over the course of the past several weeks, we have received several questions about remaining SFY18 funds DODD distributed for local outreach. All funds DODD provided for outreach must be spent on outreach for the Ohio EI program. Whether you must spend SFY18 funds during SFY18 depends on your local procedures. DODD will not be seeking a return of SFY18 funds if they are not expended by June 30, 2018. However, they must be spent on EI local outreach going forward.

SFY18 Transition Analyses (Group 1)

Activities related to the SFY18 Transition Steps and Services and Transition Planning Conference (TPC) baseline analyses are underway. County inquiries, including Steps and Services Self-Assessments for all participating counties, and missing data or verification requests for applicable counties, were sent May 29 and are due back to DODD on June 22. Verification and final analyses have begun, and results memos will be sent in early August.

RESOURCES AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Doughnuts with Di Screencasts Available

Since the Doughnuts with Di training series for assessors began in January 2018, we have had five informative webinars facilitated by Ohio content experts. Topics have included Vision, Functional Assessment, Ecomapping, Hearing, and Autism.

The presentations are available as screencasts on YouTube. A screencast includes a video of the Power Point slides accompanied by an audio recording of the training. You can access the screencasts in two ways:

- Navigate to YouTube and enter “Doughnuts with Di” in the search box. This will generate a list of all available presentations.
- From the Ohio EI website, click the Providers Tab, then the Professional Development tile, and then the Trainings tile. Scroll to the session of interest, and click the link below the Course Description for the screencast.

The next Doughnuts with Di will be held June 26 on the topic of Nutrition. The content expert is Kim DeDino, MS, RD, CSP, LD. You can register on the EI website here:

<https://ohioearlyintervention.org/trainings>

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

Summer Food Service Program

All children ages one through 18 are eligible to receive free meals during the summer months at participating program sites. Individuals ages 19 through 21 who have been identified as having mental or physical disabilities and are following Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) through their current enrollment in educational programs also are eligible for free summer meals.

For more information or to find a location near, you call 1-866-3-HUNGRY (486479) or visit the following link:

<http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Other-Resources/Food-and-Nutrition/Summer-Food-Service-Program>

Special Doughnuts with Di: The Opioid Crisis and Early Intervention

Please join Dr. Robert Gallen for a discussion of the Opioid Crisis and how it impacts infants and toddlers. Dr. Gallen will discuss current research and how we can use this information in our interventions with families. This session will be held August 23 from 10:00-11:30am.

You can register via the Trainings page on the EI website. Scroll to Doughnuts with Di: The Opioid Crisis and EI and click the Register button. If you have any questions, please contact Lori Myers at lori.e.myers@dodd.ohio.gov.