

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

The bi-weekly Program Updates will be taking a much needed vacation in two weeks. Our next scheduled Program Updates will be distributed August 17. If you find that you miss hearing from us, you can always catch up with archived updates on the EI website!

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

New Process for Requesting Service Coordinator and Service Coordinator Supervisor CPDUs

Effective August 1, we will require Service Coordinators and Service Coordinator Supervisors to complete the Application for Early Intervention Service Coordination and Supervisor Training Credit when submitting trainings for approval for continuing professional development units (CPDUs). Please submit completed application forms to Lori Myers at lori.e.myers@dodd.ohio.gov.

The application is found on the EI website in the Credentialing tile, Service Coordinator tab. Scroll to the bottom of the page for the link or click here:

https://ohioearlyintervention.org/up_doc/ApplforSCandSupCPD.pdf

Ohio Professional Registry Personnel Changes

The Ohio Professional Registry at the Ohio Child Care Resource and Referral Association (OCCRRA) is pleased to introduce two new Senior Associates who will be reviewing credential applications and assisting in the application process. Amy Collins and Becca Richard have recently moved into the role of credentialing and accepted new positions as Senior Associates at The Ohio Professional Registry. They will be in the charge of issuing all credentials within the registry. Amy has been with OCCRRA since March 2012 and Becca has been with OCCRRA since April 2015, both primarily working with document verification. They are very excited for this new role they will be taking on.

If there are any questions regarding credentials, please email credential@ocrra.org.

Identification of a Parent in EI Guidance

DODD has created a more user-friendly version of the flow chart that service coordinators should use to identify who is a “parent” in Early Intervention. In addition, the guidance document accompanying the flow chart (“Parents and Parental Consent in Early Intervention”) has been slightly revised to reflect the need to first examine a judicial order when determining who the parent is when a child’s biological or adoptive parent is incarcerated. You can access both of these materials here:

<https://ohioearlyintervention.org/guidance-documents-and-memos/guidance-documents>

Referrals from ODH for Children Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing

The ODH Infant Hearing Program has contracted with the Ohio Coalition for the Education of Children with Disabilities (OCECD) to contact families with children who have been diagnosed as deaf or hard of hearing. OCECD will give a brief overview of EI and to determine if the family is interested in making a referral to EI. If the family is interested in the EI referral, OCECD will complete the EI 8045 form and submit to central intake, resulting in an EI program referral. As a reminder, Program Updates #1715 details steps service coordinators can take to obtain documentation of a hearing loss diagnosis directly from ODH.

August 1 LEA (all counties)

The August 1 LEA quarterly report requirement is approaching. The report may be run in EIDS no earlier than July 22, 2018 and must be sent to the appropriate LEAs no later than August 1, 2018. Please do *not* submit copies to DODD, but you are encouraged to maintain copies on file.

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>

Please remember that parent’s rights apply to any shared information if personally identifying details are disclosed. Only the appropriate pages of the LEA Report should be sent to each LEA.

If you have any questions about the LEA reporting process, please contact Melissa Courts at melissa.courts@dodd.ohio.gov.

SFY18 45-Day Analysis (Group 3)

Activities related to the SFY18 45-Day baseline analysis are scheduled to begin next week. Counties will receive an initial email regarding their inclusion in the analysis. For counties included in the 45-Day analysis, the data cleaning period will run from August 1 to August 15.

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 were due back to DODD June 22. Verification and final analyses have begun, and results memos will be sent in early August.

County Contacts

With the many transitions in local leadership at the beginning of the new fiscal year, we ask that you check the Contract Manager and FCFC Contacts listed for your county on the EI website:

<https://ohioearlyintervention.org/ei-county-contacts>

If any of the information needs to be updated for your county, please contact Shakila Dixon at shakila.dixon@dodd.ohio.gov.

RESOURCES AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Ohio Department of Job and Family Services Child Care Advisory Council Vacancies

The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) Child Care Advisory Council is accepting applications to fill the following vacancies:

- Child Care Center representative
- Parent, guardian or custodian representative – must have a child receiving child care in an ODJFS regulated or Head Start program
- In-Home Aides, Type A Home, licensed Type B Home or Head Start representative
- Community representative of the teaching, child development and health professions or others interested in the welfare of children

The council meets in Columbus quarterly on the fourth Thursday of January, April, July and October. Information about the Council can be found on the child care website:

<http://jfs.ohio.gov/cdc/advisorycouncil.stm>

To apply for any of these vacancies, submit a brief biography and resume to the Council Co-Chairs Tracey Chestnut (Tracey.Chestnut@jfs.ohio.gov) and Becky Ciminillo (bciminillo@ymcacolumbus.org) no later than July 31, 2018.

Be sure to indicate in the body of the email which vacancy you are applying for. Once a decision has been made, all applicants will receive a follow up notification.