

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

Best wishes for a happy, healthy, and safe Thanksgiving! All of us at DODD continue to be grateful for the work and dedication of our many EI partners. Ohio is fortunate to have so many and such diverse EI stakeholders, all focused on strengthening our EI system. We have been reminded yet again of your tireless work—and the difference it makes in the lives of families—as we review the family survey responses. In the spirit of giving thanks, I wanted to share several comments from parents:

- We greatly appreciate this program and are thankful that it exists. We are better parents because of it. Thank you.
- Help Me Grow Early Intervention has made a tremendous impact on my son's development. I am very thankful for this service.
- [The] team of specialists have gone above and beyond at every turn. Our journey has been a bumpy one but they certainly helped carry our burdens. We are so very thankful for them!
- As parents it's natural to be confused regarding your child's progress, but we are so thankful to the Help Me Grow family for always being there and putting in so much time and effort and care for our child. Words aren't enough for the gratitude we feel. So, thank you.

We received many more comments like these. Thank you for the work you do every day for families. I hope you get a chance to take a rest this Thursday, enjoy a delicious meal, and make happy memories with loved ones. Gobble, gobble!

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 EI Rules and Forms

Thank you to everyone who provided feedback during the clearance process about the proposed EI rules and forms. We have reviewed that feedback, replied to those who made comment, and made a number of updates to the rules and forms. These updated rules and forms have been filed with the Governor's Common Sense Initiative, a necessary step before filing with the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review (JCARR). The most recent version of rules and forms are now on the EI website. You can access them here:

<https://ohioearlyintervention.org/proposed-state-rules>

Once the rules are filed with JCARR, please feel free to submit public comment.

Early Intervention Data System Role Request Form

DODD has created a new form to replace the Early Track User Agreement for Early Intervention Data System (EIDS) users to request that roles be added to a new or existing EIDS account. You can access the EIDS role request form in EIDS on the “ET Info” tab or on the EI website:

<https://ohioearlyintervention.org/forms/eids>

All System Administrators will continue to be required to submit their signed EIDS Role Request Form to eids@dodd.ohio.gov. Additionally, this form can be used by each participating agency to keep a record of all parties obtaining access to early intervention records collected in EIDS, as required by 34 CFR 303.406.

FFY17 APR Posted for Public Comment

A draft of Ohio’s FFY17 Part C APR is posted on the EI website for review. You can access the draft here:

https://ohioearlyintervention.org/up_doc/FFY17-APR-Draft.pdf

DODD will be accepting public comment until December 9 and the draft will be posted until January 7. If you would like to make any public comments, please send them to Nathan DeDino at nathan.dedino@dodd.ohio.gov by December 9.

System of Payments Monitoring (all counties)

As discussed in Program Updates #1813, DODD is again monitoring counties’ implementation of the system of payments (SOP) rule. Similar to the SOP monitoring process earlier this year, we are requiring all counties to submit a sample of 1701 forms associated with initial and/or annual IFSPs completed in September. DODD has received documentation from all applicable counties and is in the process of reviewing and verifying records. Those counties that did not have any applicable records from September will receive a records request once records have been identified. DODD will send feedback to counties when the verification process has been completed.

RESOURCES AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Trauma-Informed Care Rescheduled in Clermont County

DODD is collaborating with the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OMHAS) to present training on Trauma-Informed Care. The session in Clermont Co. has been rescheduled for January 9 from 9:00am–4:00pm. It will be held at Child Focus, Inc., 4629 Aicholtz Road, Cincinnati, Ohio, 45244.

Other sessions include the following:

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| March 21 | Ross county |
| April 10 | Champaign county |
| April 11 | Franklin county |
| May 15 | Fulton county |

Register on Ohio Train (Course ID #1072002). If you have questions, please contact Lori Myers at lori.e.myers@dodd.ohio.gov.

The Opioid Crisis and Early Intervention Course in DODD MyLearning

“The Opioid Crisis and Early Intervention,” presented by Dr. Robert Gallen this past August is now available via DODD’s learning management system, MyLearning, as a recorded webinar. You can receive credit by completing and passing the final assessment.

- Access the module by navigating to MyLearning and creating an account (if you do not already have one). Once you have created your account, click the Early Intervention tile. Then, click the title of the course.
- This recorded webinar discusses the scope of the opioid problem by understanding what opioids are; what effects they have on the body; and their impact on parents, infants, and the infant-parent relationship.
- This course has five video sections and is followed by a final quiz that is graded. To receive credit for the course, learners must complete the sections and pass the final quiz with a score of 80% or greater.
- For the best experience, learners should finish the module in one sitting.

For technical issues with this and other DODD MyLearning courses, contact the ITS Help Desk at 1-800-617-6733 or ITSCallCenter@dodd.ohio.gov.

Unlock Your Strength, Live Your Potential

This Family Engagement Series is designed to unlock families’ strength, build a foundation, and learn skills and strategies to manage family stressors. These hands-on sessions will teach families practical ways to manage pressure, patience, and learn creative ways to modify existing methods of coping and caring for loved ones. The Family Engagement Series will be an opportunity for families to get personal and work together to solve common — and uncommon — family stressors. Moderators will work with each group’s real-life obstacles to find solutions that work for your entire family. Families’ presence is important because we cannot have these conversations without you.

Registration is available at the following links by region of the state.

Southwest:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/southwest-ohio-family-engagement-series-tickets-51561878968>

Southeast:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/southeast-ohio-family-engagement-series-tickets-51561595119>

Northeast:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/northeast-ohio-family-engagement-series-tickets-51257286925>

Northwest:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/northwest-ohio-family-engagement-series-tickets-51561269144>

Central:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/central-ohio-family-engagement-series-tickets-51560680383>

When registering for the Family Engagement Series you must commit to attending four sessions. Please select one session (AM or PM) from each day (Day 1, Day 2, Day 3, Day 4). More than one family member is welcome to attend the series, but should be registered and committed to attending the same sessions.

If you have any questions about the series or the registration process, please contact Steve Beha at steven.beha@dodd.ohio.gov or 614-466-4085.

Sensitive Santa Event - Polaris Mall (Columbus)

Sensitive Santa is an event for families with children with all spectrums of special needs, providing a more controlled and welcoming environment to visit The Santa Photo Experience. Simple adjustments are made to reduce sensory stimuli (muted lights, music and waiting to visit Santa at activity tables) to create a calming environment. This event will take place prior to store openings on Sunday, December 2 and December 9 from 9:00am-11:00am. The event is free, and Santa photo packages will be available for purchase. Sensitive Santa is held in partnership with Autism Speaks.