

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

We know that recent national events can induce stress and anxiety among both the families we serve and those serving them. In this Program Updates, we are providing links to some resources you may find useful. Thank you again for all you do to support and serve during challenging times.

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

SFY20 Transition and TRS Baseline

Transition and Timely Receipt of Services (TRS) baseline analyses were originally scheduled to begin in April, but were postponed due to the COVID-19 emergency. We are now resuming these analyses and have made adjustments to the baseline calendar to allow more time for counties to review data and respond to requests. On May 29, DODD sent an email to all counties regarding their inclusion in these analyses. Counties included in the Transition or TRS analysis have until June 26 to request any deletions or other data fixes. On June 1, DODD sent a data cleaning handout to applicable counties.

When reviewing data, please note that the “System Reason – COVID-19 NCR” should only be used when there was a *system* non-compliance reason (NCR) related to the COVID pandemic that resulted in late or missing requirements. The applicable *family* NCR should be documented for any delay due to a family reason, *even if the family reason is related to the COVID pandemic*.

Please end any questions regarding the baseline process to Melissa.Courts@dodd.ohio.gov and any deletion requests or data questions to EIDS@dodd.ohio.gov.

Family Questionnaire

Due to the logistics involved with receiving and handling mail during the COVID-19 pandemic, DODD will not be distributing a paper version of the EI Family Questionnaire this year. Instead, DODD will provide links to complete the questionnaire online via Survey Monkey. If a family is unable to complete an online version of the survey, DODD will work with the relevant service coordination agency to provide the survey in another way.

A one-page information sheet about the Family Questionnaire, how to complete it, when to expect it, and how data are used will continue to be mailed to all applicable families like last year. This information sheet will include a link and QR code to complete the questionnaire and will also include the child's ETID. In addition to the questions asked of families in previous years, DODD will be adding a question this year related to receiving services during the pandemic.

Because the questionnaire responses will be collected almost exclusively online, we will again need assistance from local programs in ensuring the families are informed about the Family Questionnaire and how to access the survey links. We plan to utilize a similar timeframe to previous years to collect these data, so the questionnaire links will be open from approximately early July through early October. We will be in touch with local EI programs in the coming weeks with further details.

EI Service Coordination Credential Renewal

The Ohio Child Care Resource and Referral Association (OCCRRA) has indicated that there are many EI service coordination credentials due to expire in the next 90 days. We would like to remind EI service coordinators and supervisors of renewal requirements as well as provide general reminders for application submission. EI service coordination staff credentialed prior to July 2019 will most likely apply for the 5-year transitional EI service coordination or transitional service coordination supervisor credential.

To renew with the 5-year Transition application:

- Sign-in to your registry profile with a desktop or laptop computer, using Chrome or Firefox browsers. *Other browsers will not display the application.*
- Upload Professional Development requirements (training certificates) to the Professional Development section of your profile for verification
- Click on the Applications section of your profile, *scroll down*, and then *click Action of your currently issued credential you wish to renew into the 5-year Transition*
- Click Renew, then complete by selecting the exact training title which corresponds to the requirement, and submit the application

Notes

- If you have a Supervisor 5-year Transition credential, you do not need to renew an expiring Service Coordinator credential. The Supervisor 5-year Transition credential allows you to provide service coordination services to families.
- Make sure you have completed *Individualized Family Service Plan Overview* to meet the requirement. The *IFSP It's All About the Process* training does not count toward the credential requirement.
- The Renew link which will take you to the Transition application is accessible *as soon as 90 days before the date of expiration.*

Training requirements for 5-year Transition: https://ohioearlyintervention.org/storage/ocali-ims-sites/ocali-ims-oei/documents/5123-10-04SCCredentialsTABLE_7.1.19.pdf

FAQs:

<https://ims.ocali.io/storage/ocali-ims-sites/ocali-ims-oei/documents/FAQs-CREDENTIALING-1-16-20.pdf>

For questions related to renewal requirements, please contact Tiffany Madden at Tiffany.Madden@dodd.ohio.gov

For questions related to submission of the application, please contact OCCRRA Credential Team at credential@ocrra.org

COVID-19 EI Guidance

As a reminder, all EI guidance specific to the COVID-19 pandemic is on the EI website. You can access it directly from the homepage at <https://ohioearlyintervention.org/>. Please do not hesitate to contact your EI program consultant if you have any questions.

RESOURCES AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Supports for Families Regarding Racism and Violence

A number of resources are available to support families dealing with issues related to race and violence during these challenging times. Below follow three resources you may find helpful in your work:

<https://www.zerotothree.org/resources/1598-racism-and-violence-using-your-power-as-a-parent-to-support-children-aged-two-to-five>

<https://www.npr.org/2019/04/24/716700866/talking-race-with-young-children>

<https://www.npr.org/podcasts/510342/life-kit-parenting-difficult>

Partnering with Families and Communities during COVID-19

Please join Dr. Joshua Sparrow for a new webinar, “Using Culturally Responsive, Trauma-Informed Practices to Partner with Families and Communities during COVID-19.” The webinar is June 17 at 7:00pm. You can learn more about how to register here:

www.facebook.com/oaeyc

Input Needed for Families Page of Website

We are in the process of updating the [Families page](#) of the EI website. If you have suggestions for resources to be included on this page, please send them to Lori Myers, lori.e.myers@dodd.ohio.gov.

Doughnuts with Di Webinars in June 2020

Registration is open for two “Doughnuts with Di” webinars in June:

June 23, 8:30-10:00am NAS and Developmental Stages, 6-12 months

This is Part 2 in a series of webinars on the effects of neonatal abstinence syndrome (NAS) on infant and toddler development. It is not required to have attended Part 1. Dr. Kathy Wedig and colleagues from the NAS Clinic at Cincinnati Children’s Hospital will discuss strategies for working with infants aged 6-12 months with NAS and their families. Please register here:

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/2022211196689527822>

June 30, 8:30-10:00am Autism

Maggie Gons from the Ohio Center for Autism and Low Incidence (OCALI) will discuss the prevalence of autism in infants and toddlers; signs and symptoms; and family supports, resources, and training/supports for providers. She will also discuss the Play and Language for Autistic Youngsters (PLAY) Project and Pivotal Response Training strategies. Please register here:

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/6699507273981632779>

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

**SAVE the DATE:
FASD Webinar Training**

June 12, 2020 11am-12:30pm



Children and Adolescents prenatally exposed face many challenges for a lifetime. Strategies discussed to address behaviors. The impact Covid19 has had on the individual/family.

**Presenters: Kathy Bevaque (Triumph Trainer)
and Angelique Yost (Parent of FASD)**

Natural Resources
2045 Morse Road #E

Registration Link: MH-SOT-FASD@mha.ohio.gov

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Join us as we discuss FASD and interventions to assist clinicians, individuals and families. The event is free and open to the public. Application for CEUs will be submitted.

