

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

Last week, the federal Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) issued its annual determination on states' implementation of Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). For the fourth year in a row, Ohio received a determination of "meets requirements," the highest rating. Determinations are based on the results of state reporting on compliance indicators and child outcome indicators. The hard work you do every day to ensure that mandated timelines are met and parents have the tools to support their child's development is reflected in this determination. Please know how grateful all of us at DODD are. If you would like to learn more about the data that make up our determination, be sure to check out the FFY18 Annual Performance Report (APR) in the [Federal Reporting and Postings section](#) of 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

August 1 Local Educational Agency Reporting

The August 1 Local Educational Agency (LEA) quarterly report requirement is approaching. The report may be run in EIDS no earlier than July 22 and must be sent to the appropriate LEAs no later than August 1. Please do not submit copies to DODD, but you are encouraged to maintain copies on file. Remember that parent 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. Unlike in April, DODD will not be sending Excel versions of the report to counties this quarter, so please ensure you have the ability to separate the PDF by school district electronically or by printing the document. If you have any questions about the LEA reporting process, please contact Melissa Courts at melissa.courts@dodd.ohio.gov.

SFY20 Transition and TRS Baseline

Transition and Timely Receipt of Services (TRS) baseline analyses are underway. Counties included in the analyses had until June 26 to request any deletions or any other data fixes and will have until July 13 to complete any needed re-entry of data. DODD will extract data for analyses July 13. Data inquiries are scheduled to be sent to applicable counties July 31.

When reviewing data, please note that the "System Reason – COVID-19 NCR" should be used only when there was a *system* reason 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.*

Send any questions regarding the baseline process to melissa.courts@dodd.ohio.gov and any deletion requests or data questions to EIDS@dodd.ohio.gov.

EI Outreach Reports

The final EI outreach report for SFY20 activities is due July 31. This report covers activities from December 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. You can access the Local EI Outreach Reporting Template on the EI website here:

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

Please submit your report to Melissa Courts at melissa.courts@dodd.ohio.gov. Final payments will be released after we have received the reports.

OH|ID Changes Delayed

As referenced in EI Program Updates #2015, Innovate Ohio is making updates to OH|ID, including the introduction of new features, to improve the user experience. These changes were scheduled to be implemented June 29, but Innovate Ohio has announced a delay to the release and the changes are now expected to be deployed in late July. You can view a site tour and a document that outlines the enhancements here:

<https://dodd.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/dodd/about-us/resources/resource-ohid-dashboard-june-29>

RESOURCES AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

New Doughnuts with Di Webinar: Virtual Reality - The Real World of Evaluation and Assessment

Please join us on July 21 from 1:00-2:30pm for a fun and practical "talk show" style webinar. A panel of EI leaders will discuss the challenges of virtual evaluations and assessments and share strategies to successfully engage families. Discussion will include these topics: obtaining and documenting consent, preparing the family, conducting the evaluation and assessment, the benefits of technology, and building confidence in using technology. Bring your questions for our panel!

To register, click here:

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/6674514275549334541>

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

New Resources for EI Service Delivery Using Technology

The state of Virginia has created two new resources that EI practitioners may find useful when providing EI services using technology. The first document lays out common challenges with corresponding tips and solutions. The second document is a checklist to help prepare for a visit using technology. You can access the documents here:

https://veipd.org/main/downloads/covid_updates/challenges_and_solutions_for_telehealth.pdf
https://veipd.org/main/downloads/covid_updates/telehealth_prep_checklist_final_new.pdf

American Academy of Pediatrics Statement

Last year, the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) issued a statement on the impact of racism on child and adolescent health. You can access this statement and accompanying research here:

<https://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/144/2/e20191765>