

To: All Early Intervention contract managers and FCFC coordinators
From: Nathan DeDino
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Subject: Early Intervention Program Updates, #2024

MESSAGE FROM THE PART C COORDINATOR

We are pleased to share the SFY20 annual EI infographic with this biweekly. It has also [been posted on the EI website](#), along with prior year infographics. This one page document provides a helpful summary of the work occurring throughout the state in EI and answers many of the questions we commonly receive about EI program statistics.

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

2020 EI Family Questionnaire

The deadline for 2020 EI questionnaire has been extended, and the links will now remain open through October 1. DODD appreciates the communication counties have had with families regarding the Family Questionnaire thus far and asks that service coordinators continue to encourage families to respond.

Updated Tele-EI Survey

DODD is conducting an updated version of the May survey of contract managers/FCFC coordinators related to providing EI services and evaluations via technology. The previous responses to this survey earlier this year helped DODD identify technical assistance and other needs related to this topic. Given the number of changes over the past four months, including guidance related to in-person home visits, we have found that we need updated information. The survey was sent to contract managers and FCFC coordinator earlier this week, and we are extending the deadline to complete the survey to October 8. Thank you again for compiling this information so we can determine how best to support local EI systems and the families they serve.

SFY20 Transition and TRS Baseline

The SFY20 Transition and Timely Receipt of Services (TRS) baseline analyses have been completed. Results memos were sent September 14.

Please send any questions regarding the baseline process to Melissa.Courts@dodd.ohio.gov.

SFY20 County Data files

A summary of each county's State Fiscal Year 2020 (July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020) EI data was sent to all Contract Managers and FCFC Coordinators on September 15. The summary includes data regarding referrals, children served, eligibility reasons, services on initial IFSPs, and exits in the county.

Contact Taylor Hammond at Taylor.Hammond@dodd.ohio.gov if you have any questions.

SFY20 County COS files

DODD sent EI Contract Managers and FCFC coordinators a file with their county's SFY20 COS data along with a summary report regarding this data, which included COS categories and percentages, entry COS scores, and exit COS scores compared to the statewide data on September 11. Email Taylor.Hammond@dodd.ohio.gov with any questions. As a reminder, COS scores can be accessed in EIDS any time using the Child Outcome Extract and Child Outcome Monitoring reports.

Early Intervention Data System Accounts

Many EIDS users' DODD portal/EIDS accounts will be expiring in the coming month. If you receive an email indicating your account will be expiring, please be sure to take the needed steps to renew it, including submitting a security affidavit to the DODD Help Desk, so you can continue to access EIDS. A link to the instructions for renewing your account will be included in the email, which are also available on the EI website:

<https://ohioearlyintervention.org/storage/ocali-ims-sites/ocali-ims-oei/documents/InstructionsforRenewinganEIDSAccount8-15-19.pdf>

Accounts only need to be renewed if an email is received indicating the account will expire. Contact eids@dodd.ohio.gov with any questions.

Credential Extension

Under Ohio House Bill 197, state-issued credentials and licenses that were due to expire after March 9, 2020 have been extended automatically to November 30, 2020. This includes all EI service coordinator, service coordinator supervisor, and developmental specialist credentials.

Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS) Referral Follow-up

As discussed in Program Updates #2023, the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) is now regularly sending referrals for children with a confirmed diagnosis of NAS to DODD. ODH has asked that the referral follow up form (EI-14) be e-mailed to bcmh.occsn@odh.ohio.gov. As discussed in Program Updates #2001, please continue *not* to send the referral follow-up form when ODH has referred a child due to elevated blood lead levels.

RESOURCES AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

New Webinar: Foundations of Transition

A Transition Webinar will be held December 1 from 8:30-10:00am. This webinar will cover new Transition Documents available on the EI Website. The registration process will include questions to gauge how familiar you are with the 2019 EI rules related to Transition, new forms, and content around Transition. The targeted audience is EI Service Coordinators, EISC Supervisors and Contract Managers. Please register here:

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/4160126897842394384>

Principles of Service Coordination Module Three

Principles of Service Coordination: Child Outcomes Summary for Autumn 2020 will begin October 15. In order to participate, you must have successfully completed Principles of Service Coordination Modules One and Two and submitted your transcript to the instructor of this course, Shelly Palumbo (shelly.palumbo@dodd.ohio.gov) showing completion. This course is only available to EI Service Coordinators who have received an enrollment code from the instructor.

A test-out option is available for EI Service Coordinators and Supervisors to take in lieu of participating in the Principles of Service Coordination Module Three. The test-out option is only available to EI Service Coordinators and Supervisors who held an active credential on July 1, 2019. Learners will have one attempt to pass the test. If a score of 80% or higher is not achieved, the learner must enroll and participate in the Principles of Service Coordination Module Three course.

This test is only available until October 14. If you have not completed and passed this test before it closes, you will be required to enroll and complete the Principles of Service Coordination Module Three: Child Outcome Summary (Autumn 2020) to receive credit.

The Module will include a live webinar, Module 3: Child Outcome Summary on October 21 from 10:00-11:30am. The course ends on November 16.

NAS Webinar Series Service Coordination Professional Development Update

Upon review of the full content for Dr. Wedig's NAS webinar series, we have determined that each webinar will be approved for early intervention service coordinators and service coordination supervisors. For those needing updated training certificates, please contact Shakila.dixon@dodd.ohio.gov.

- Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome and Developmental Stages Part 1: In Utero to Six months February 25, 2020
- Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome and Developmental Stages Part 2: 6-12 months June 23, 2020

- Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome and Developmental Stages Part 3: 12-18 months
September 15, 2020
- Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome and Developmental Stages Part 4: 18-24 months,
originally scheduled for Oct 27, 2020 but will be rescheduled
- Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome and Developmental Stages Part 5: 24-36 months, not yet
scheduled

EI Service Coordination Professional Development Approvals

DODD would like to provide some additional clarity and information around approvals of trainings for EI service coordination professional development. Typically, approvals for trainings for EI service coordination professional development are based upon a review of training objectives and a brief two to three sentence description of the training. In some situations, this may not be enough information for approval across disciplines and more information will be sought.

The training must relate to the state and federal requirements for EI service coordination for children birth through age two and their families. These requirements are outlined in Ohio Administrative Code 5123-10-02(N) and include topics like child outcome summary statements, IFSP process, principles of service coordination, transition, parent rights and procedural safeguards, and documentation.

Approved trainings should also relate to EI service coordinator skills and knowledge of topics such as the following:

- Team collaboration, facilitation, and consensus building
- Infant-toddler development (a general knowledge of typical/atypical development (under age three) as well as specific diagnoses)
- Disability risk factors
- Family-centered practices
- Family assessment/ecomapping
- Working in partnership with families
- Motivational interviewing
- Community partnerships and accessing community resources
- Effective communication strategies
- Conflict and crisis management and strategies
- Cultural and linguistic competencies related to topics such as implicit bias, social determinants of health, trauma responsive care, adverse childhood events (ACEs) and toxic stress, religious and social norms, and ethical practices
- Reflective practices
- Mandated reporting of child abuse and neglect
- Reflective supervision for EISC supervisors

Topics typically not approved include the following:

- Trainings that heavily emphasize intervention strategies and techniques

- Trainings that address the role of an evaluator/assessor
- Topics that are beyond the scope of an EI service coordination
- State/department updates
- Recordings of previous trainings

Save the Date!

Oct 22, 2020

A conversation about the **ECMH-EI Expansion Grant** for: Contract Managers, ECMH Providers, EI Directors and EI Supervisors

- Reflect on the progress, challenges and success of the ECMH EI Expansion grant. What is working? What is challenging? What ideas do you have to address those challenges?
- What are your thoughts on opportunities to enhance services during COVID-19 and beyond?
- Send in at least one “success” story related to the deliverables of this grant.
- Send in your questions and comments.
- Send your success story and questions to Diane.Fox@dodd.ohio.gov by October 15, 2020

No registration is required

Counties served by Guidestone and Hopewell

10:30 a.m. – 12 noon

[Join Microsoft Teams Meeting](#)

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Counties served by CRC, Catholic Charities and Child Focus

1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

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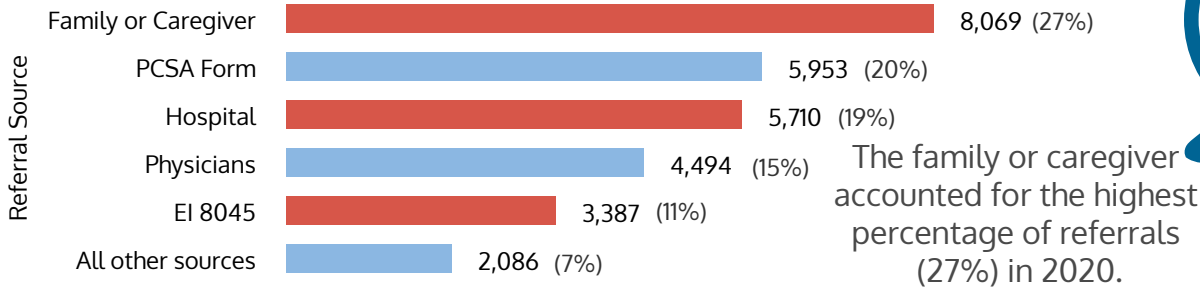
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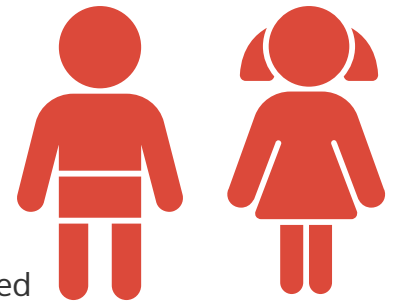
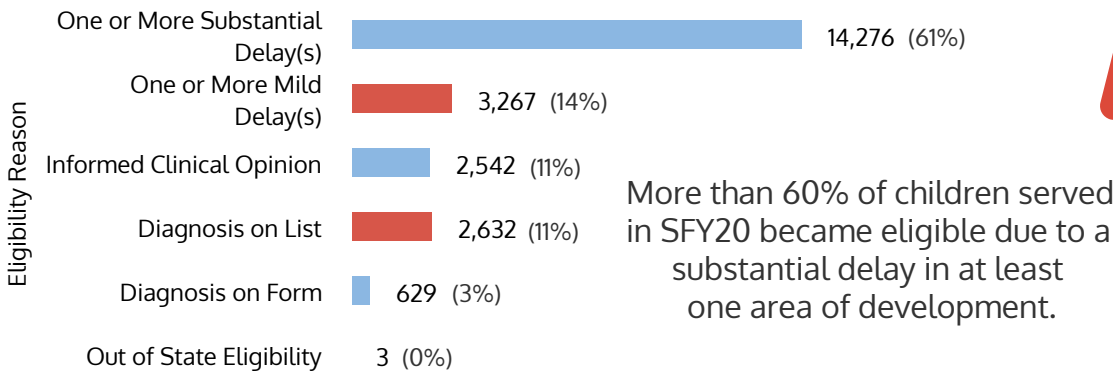
Early Intervention is a statewide system that provides coordinated early intervention (EI) services to families with children under the age of three with developmental delays or disabilities. The federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) establishes EI programs in all 50 states. In Ohio, the Department of Developmental Disabilities serves as the lead agency for the EI program. Terms included here are defined in rule and can be found at OhioEarlyIntervention.org.

Referrals



29,699
Unique referrals were made to Early Intervention in SFY20

Children Served



23,349

Total children served in SFY 2020

11,828

Average served at any given time

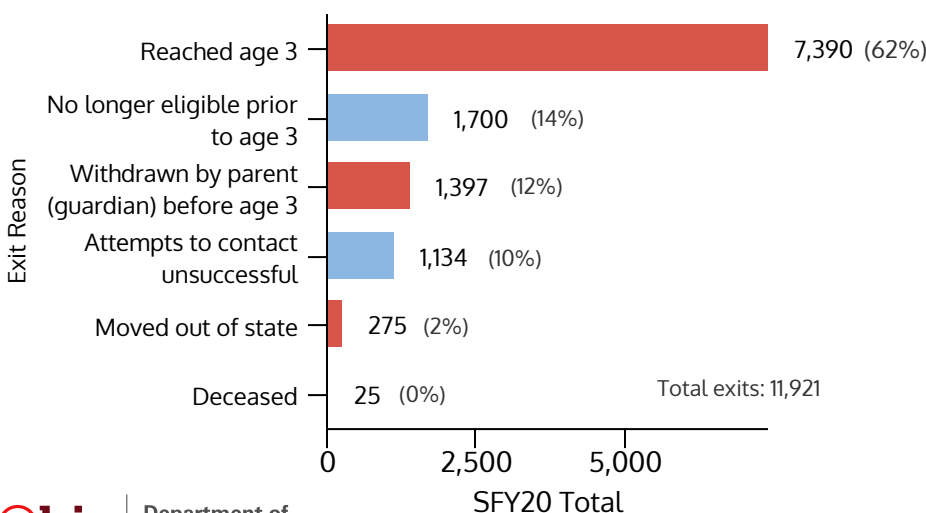
Services on Initial IFSPs

Special Instruction	7,115	59%
Speech Therapy	2,780	23%
Physical Therapy	1,618	13%
Occupational Therapy	1,467	12%



Special Instruction was listed on 59% of 12,066 initial IFSPs in SFY20.

Exiting/Length of Stay



Nearly two thirds (62%) of children exited EI in SFY20 due to reaching age 3 and 14% because they were no longer eligible prior to age 3.

Average Age (at initial NFS)



Of all children who exited, the average age at initial need for services (NFS) was 19.6 months and they were served in EI for 10.6 months, on average.

Average Time in EI

