

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

This biweekly is jam-packed with information! To start, we would like to call your particular attention to some tips for the application program interface that is used to transfer MyLearning training certificate information to the Ohio Professional Registry. Additionally, if you are an EI contract manager or FCFC coordinator who has not yet signed up for the communication toolkit webinar Bright Beginnings is presenting later this month, we encourage you to do so. Finally, do not forget that the February 1 LEA notification is coming up soon. Read on for additional helpful information!

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

February 1 Local Educational Agency (LEA) Notification

The February 1 Quarterly LEA Reports are used for the state's annual compliance analysis related to LEA notification. DODD is responsible for issuing findings of noncompliance in this area where appropriate. The February 1 Quarterly LEA Report may be run no earlier than January 22 and must be sent to the appropriate LEAs no later than February 1. You must also email a copy of the full report to DODD no later than Tuesday, February 2. Submit reports to melissa.courts@dodd.ohio.gov. You are strongly encouraged to maintain a copy of the report in the event that it is needed at a later date for monitoring purposes. DODD sent an email explaining the LEA reporting requirement to all EI contract managers and FCFC coordinators on January 7.

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

SFY21 Timely Receipt of Services (TRS) Baseline

Activities related to the SFY21 TRS baseline analysis are underway. Data for the analysis were extracted from EIDS December 16. Verification requests and missing data inquiries were sent to applicable counties January 8 and are due back to DODD no later than January 27. Results memos are scheduled to be sent March 19.

SFY21 45-Day Baseline

Activities related to the 45-Day Baseline analysis are underway. Initial emails notifying counties about their inclusion in the analysis were sent January 13. Applicable counties have until February 2 to make any needed edits to data, including requesting deletions. Data for the baseline analysis will be extracted February 16.

Email Addresses in EIDS

As of January 21, the parent email address will be a required field in EIDS. An option is available to select if the parent does not have or chooses not to share an email address. Like some of the other required child and caregiver demographic information, an E&A summary will not be able to be entered without this field being completed. Thank you for your cooperation in implementing this new requirement.

Mid-Year EI Service Coordination Grant Reporting

Mid-year EI service coordination grant reporting is due January 31, 2021. DODD sent a checklist of the requirements, including where to find related documents, on December 4 to all FCFC Coordinators and EI contract managers.

Ohio DD Council Seeks Public Comment on 2022-2026 Five Year State Plan

The Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council (Ohio DD Council) is seeking public comment on its Five-Year State Plan that will take effect from 2022-2026.

Based on survey results collected about the problems or needs of Ohioans with developmental disabilities, the Ohio DD Council drafted the 2022-2026 Five-Year State Plan. The State Plan lists the projects that the Council plans to fund to address the needs identified by people with disabilities, families and stakeholders across the state.

The DD Council is seeking public comment in the following areas:

- Children and Health
- Community Living
- Employment
- Leadership Development
- Outreach
- Public Awareness
- Public Policy

Here is how you can submit your comments:

- Review the draft Five-Year Plan by reading the [Executive Summary](#) of the projects; reading the entire [2022-2026 State Plan](#); or reviewing [specific project\(s\)](#) that interest you.
- You can [submit your comments](#) on all projects or the ones that are of interest to you.

The comment period will end on February 28, 2021.

RESOURCES AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

EISC/EISC Supervisor Credential Applications: Reminders

On August 3, 2020, DODD launched an Application Program Interface (API) with the Ohio Child Care Resource and Referral Association (OCCRRA). The API allows MyLearning course completions to automatically transfer to OCCRRA, so it is no longer required to upload certificates. If you uploaded a certificate for any course after August 3, you will see two entries for that course in your account. One entry will have the note, “unable to verify,” because certificates are no longer reviewed. These messages will not prevent you from submitting your credential application, but you may delete them if you choose. *Note: You will continue to need to upload training certificates for trainings taken outside of MyLearning.*

For the API to work, your first name, last name and email address *must match exactly* in the two systems. If they do not, the two systems cannot communicate with each other. Here are a few examples of mismatched information:

- Your name is Daniel. You use Dan in one system and Daniel in the other.
- Your name is Jamila; you use a capital “J” in one system and lower case “j” in the other
- Your last name is Murphy-Juarez. You entered it without the hyphen in one system and with the hyphen in the other system.
- You entered your work email in DODD’s system and your personal email in OCCRRA.

If you have not done so already, please check your profiles in the Ohio Professional Registry (OCCRRA) and DODD’s system to make sure the information matches. If they do not match, please update your information to ensure they match in the two systems.

To check your profile in MyLearning:

- Click the down arrow next to your name in the grey bar at the top. Select Profile to see your information.

To check your profile in the Ohio Professional Registry (OCCRRA):

- Click the down arrow next to your name at the top and select Profile. Then click “Account” in the blue tool bar.

For additional assistance with the credential application process, please access the OCCRRA guidance documents on the OCCRRA website here:

<https://ocrra.org/our-resources-page/>

EI Communication Toolkit

Bright Beginnings will be conducting a webinar on January 26 about the communication toolkit DODD released in the autumn. This 90 minute webinar will cover the toolkit’s messaging,

templates, and resources to raise awareness and build outreach efforts for EI services in your county. The webinar starts at 11:00am. You can register here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ei-toolkit-webinar-tickets-132986019765>

January Bayley Training: Registration Now Available

In Program Update #2025, we announced SFY21 training dates for the Bayley-IV.

Registration for the January 27 session is now available. The session runs from 8:30am to 4:00pm. To download the agenda, please access the course description on the EI website.

Register here:

https://pearson.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Mp49KBTqSJqjE-1NYmxxcw

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

New Training: Understanding the Behavior of Infants and Toddlers for Early Intervention Professionals

This training will be held January 28 from 8:30am-12:30pm. After attending this training, Early intervention professionals—

- Will be able to explain the basics of brain development for infants and toddlers and how this affects their behavior.
- Will understand parenting styles and evaluate the effects of these styles on young children.
- Will be able to evaluate the role caregivers have on the social and emotional wellness of infants and toddlers.
- Will identify specific behaviors (tantrums, biting, and separation anxiety) and how to best respond to them.
- Will be able to identify in home strategies to increase social and emotional wellness of infants and toddlers.

This training has been approved for 3.5 hours for County Board Superintendent, DODD Developmental Specialist, DODD Service Coordination and Supervisors of SC, Ohio Infant Family Practitioner Level II, Ohio Infant Mental Health Practitioner Level III.

To register, navigate to OCCRRA and search for ST #10103082:

https://registry.occrra.org/cart/training_list

After registration, the course facilitator will send the Zoom link and training materials.



How are you currently working with your families to track their child's development? Are you interested in receiving FREE materials to give to families to spark conversation?

If yes, the Act Early Ohio Initiative has just the opportunity for you! We are currently looking for 20 pediatric practices in Ohio to participate in our Act Early campaign.

"Learn the Signs. Act Early" is a program developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to encourage developmental surveillance and celebrate children's milestones. We will provide developmental tracking materials, books, growth charts, and fact sheets for your patients and practice. Materials can be incorporated into well-child visits.

[Click on this link](#) to hear from Dr. Pam Williams-Arya about how she uses these materials!

Contact the Act Early Ohio team at actearlyohio@cchmc.org to get more information.

