

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

We have received several questions about in-person home visits as COVID-19 cases have begun to decline in many parts of the state. At this time, there have been no updates to the multi-agency [in-person home visit guidance](#). Please refer to your agency policies on in-person home visits and consult with your local health department for more specific information about the pandemic in your local community.

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

Ohio Family and Children First Updates

DODD will miss OFCFC Executive Director Sarah LaTourette as she transitions to a new role at the Ohio Children's Alliance. During her two years at OFCFC, Sarah led multiple modernization efforts for Ohio's FCFC system. We welcome Brie Lusheck as the new OFCFC Executive Director. Many of us working in EI at DODD have already had the pleasure of working with Brie in her work as the Deputy Director of Children's Initiatives in Governor DeWine's office. In addition to the changes in Executive Director, OFCFC will be transitioning during the next several months from the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services to the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services to continue to build upon the partnerships and infrastructure of the public assistance and children services systems.

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. DODD sent verification requests and missing data inquiries to applicable counties on January 8; they were due back to DODD by 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. DODD sent initial emails notifying counties about their inclusion in the analysis on January 13. Applicable counties had until February 2 to make any needed edits to data, including requesting deletions. Data for the

baseline analysis were extracted February 16 and compliance inquiries will be sent to applicable counties by March 4.

Optional Exit COS Form

When DODD introduced new forms in 2019, an optional Exit COS form was included. This form includes the same COS information that is collected for the initial and annual COS. Some local EI programs have found using the Exit COS form one way to improve the accuracy of exit COS scores. You can access the form here:

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

RESOURCES AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Ohio Professional Registry Attendance Verification

If you have registered for one of the My Learning training sessions in the Ohio Professional Registry (OPR) and are awaiting attendance verification, please do not unregister for the training in the OPR. The registration record is needed for the attendance verification. Please also remember that your first name, last name and e-mail address in My Learning and in the OPR must match exactly for the attendance verification of the My Learning modules in the OPR. As always, if you have any questions, please e-mail credential@ocrra.org.

Eligibility Webinar Rescheduled

The webinar, “Doughnuts with Di: Eligibility,” has been rescheduled from March 2 to March 23. The time is 8:30-10:00am. You will not be automatically registered for the new date, so if you would like to attend, please register using this link:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3779306651383941903>

We apologize for the inconvenience and thank you for your understanding.