

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

July 26 marks the 31st anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). This landmark civil rights law works to ensure all people with disabilities have the same rights and opportunities as everyone else. Throughout July, share what the ADA means to you and use #ThanksToTheADA, #ADA31, and tagging DODD. You can learn more about the ADA and how to share information about it this month [here](#).

I always invite your feedback. Do not hesitate to contact me at [nathan.dedino@dodd.ohio.gov](mailto:nathan.dedino@dodd.ohio.gov). I look forward to hearing from you.

## ***PROGRAM UPDATES***

### **Contact Change**

Shakila Dixon left DODD at the beginning of July. We wish her well in her new adventures. Until we can fill her position, Moseneice Thomas will be handling requests for translation of documents. If you have an IFSP or other DODD EI forms that needs to be translated, please e-mail it to Moseneice at [moseneice.thomas@dodd.ohio.gov](mailto:moseneice.thomas@dodd.ohio.gov). We will continue to monitor Shakila's e-mail for the next several weeks, so please do not resubmit documents for translation that you sent to Shakila in June or July.

### **SFY21 EI Service Coordination Grant Agreement Final Program Report**

DODD e-mailed all FCFC coordinators and EI contract managers on July 1 about the final SFY21 program report. As a reminder, you must complete the local EI outreach spreadsheet and submit one story about a family you served in EI. Please e-mail these items to your EI program consultant no later than July 31.

### **August 1 LEA Reporting**

The quarterly Local Educational Agency (LEA) reporting requirement is coming up at the end of the month. The report is available in EIDS in both Excel and PDF formats. You may use either version, but please remember the following:

- The August 1 LEA report must be run no earlier than July 22 and no later than August 1. If the parent does not consent to share contact information with the LEA, "no" must be selected in EIDS in response to "Transition contact info shared with LEA:" on the most recent IFSP and the date the parent declined to share information must also be documented.

- It is expected that child information will be updated in a timely manner so that the LEA reports in EIDS are accurate.
- Only the sections of the report that are relevant to a particular LEA should be sent to that LEA, not the entire report.
- If you are not sure which LEA should be selected for a specific child, we encourage you to contact the relevant Educational Service Center (ESC) for clarification. Contact information for all of the ESCs and public school districts, along with a map of districts, is available here: <http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Data/Ohio-Educational-Directory-System-OEDS>

This quarterly report must be provided to the LEAs no later than August 1. The report does not need to be submitted to DODD, but we encourage you to keep a copy for your records. If you have any questions, please contact Melissa Courts at [melissa.courts@dodd.ohio.gov](mailto:melissa.courts@dodd.ohio.gov).

### **System of Payments Updates**

Effective July 1, DODD made several changes to SOP provider agreements. Of particular note for local EI systems, SOP providers can now bill for participation in IFSP meetings and quarterly EI team meetings. As a reminder, any potential EI provider should be invited to an IFSP meeting, and we encourage you to invite SOP providers in your county to the quarterly EI team meeting when a child they serve is being discussed. Please contact Traci Keesee at [polr@dodd.ohio.gov](mailto:polr@dodd.ohio.gov) if you have any questions about these changes.

### **2021 EI Family Questionnaire Distribution**

DODD will be distributing its annual Family Questionnaire in early August to families who were served in EI on June 1, 2021. DODD again plans to collect the majority of responses online and will be emailing the Family Questionnaire information sheet and a link to complete the questionnaire directly to primary caregivers who had an email address listed in EIDS at the time the June 1, 2021 child count data were extracted. If an email address was not listed in EIDS, DODD will mail the information sheets and a physical survey to the family.

In order to obtain as many responses as possible, we will again ask that EISCs reach out to families on their caseload who receive the survey encouraging them to respond. The recipient list will be finalized in the coming weeks and a list of recipients in each county will be distributed to Contract Managers and FCFC coordinators at that time.

## ***RESOURCES AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES***

### **Transition: Best Practices Webinar**

Join Karen Kincaid and Shelly Palumbo, EI Program Consultants, on July 30 from 9:00-10:30am for a webinar focused on how EI teams can support children/families during the transition process. The webinar will address best practices for supporting families throughout transition. The targeted audience is EI service coordinators, EISC supervisors, EI team supervisor, EI team members (DS,

OT, SLP, PT, Vision, Hearing, ECMH, Nutrition). CPDUs will be provided for EI service coordinators, service coordinator supervisors, and developmental specialists.

Please note this is the same webinar that was presented on June 29.

You can register here:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6989252785741338895>

If you are interested in more foundational information about transition, please access the link to the “Transition: Nuts and Bolts” webinar here:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/recording/3381854086805955843>

If you have any questions, please contact Lori Myers at [lori.e.myers@dodd.ohio.gov](mailto:lori.e.myers@dodd.ohio.gov).

### **EIDS Resources and Access/Data Entry Requirements Webinar**

Thank you to everyone who participated in the webinar about the EI Data System (EIDS) requirements outlined in Exhibit F of the SFY22 EI Service Coordination Agreement; EIDS resources; and data entry of Home Visiting Referrals, system of payments (SOP) information, and Transition Steps and Services. We are reviewing the questions and suggestions and responding as appropriate. If you have any questions about the requirements outlined in Exhibit F, contact [eids@dodd.ohio.gov](mailto:eids@dodd.ohio.gov) and your EI Program Consultant. You can access a recording of the webinar here:

<https://ohioearlyintervention.org/trainings/239>