

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

Tracy Millhon has been orienting and learning more about the program consultant role over the past few months and will begin supporting counties in the northwestern region of the state on September 12. Tracy is excited to begin this next stage of her work and has already started to reach out to counties in her region to engage them in conversations about their EI service coordination grant program narratives and technical assistance and training plans. A new EI program consultant map accompanies this communication.

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.

## ***DID YOU KNOW?***

*If you want to learn more about referral and child count numbers throughout the state and in surrounding counties, DODD provides this information at the beginning of every month. You can access it here:*

<https://ohioearlyintervention.org/data-and-monitoring-resources>

## ***PROGRAM UPDATES***

### **2022 Family Questionnaire**

As indicated in EI Program Updates #2217, all Family Questionnaires have been mailed or emailed to applicable families. DODD sent out a reminder email on September 7 to all families who received the survey link via email and have not yet completed it in Survey Monkey. We plan to extract preliminary data next week to determine approximate response rates and send those percentages to EI contract managers upon completion. We very much appreciate the continued efforts of counties to engage families in this process and encourage them to respond. If you have any questions, please contact Taylor Hammond ([taylor.hammond@dodd.ohio.gov](mailto:taylor.hammond@dodd.ohio.gov)).

### **Hospital-Based Child Find (HBCF) Referrals with a Confirmed Diagnosis on the List**

We are pleased to share some important updates around referrals from the hospital-based child find referral specialists located at Cincinnati Children's Hospital, Dayton Children's Hospital,

University Hospitals (Cleveland), MetroHealth Hospital (Cleveland), and Nationwide Children's Hospital (Columbus).

- Starting October 1, HBCF specialists will start submitting EI referrals utilizing a new cover sheet that may serve as documentation of a diagnosed condition on the list (Appendix C). Central Intake and Referral will review HBCF referrals for this information and, if the cover page has been accurately completed *and* confirms a diagnosed condition on the list, central intake will enter the applicable category on the Contact page in the EI Data System (EIDS).
- When a program receives a referral from HBCF, the EISC needs to go to the Contact Page and check the diagnosis slider. If a diagnosis on the list is confirmed on the slider, the child is eligible for EI until age three. The EISC still needs to enter the information on the Eligibility tab, but no additional documentation is needed.
- Not all HBCF referrals will have a confirmed diagnosis. Only a diagnosed condition on the list submitted with appropriate documentation will be confirmed on the slider. Other referrals from HBCF need to follow the eligibility process.
- If a diagnosis on the list is not confirmed on the Contact page, the EISC should still check Managed Documents for potential documentation. It is possible that the referral included additional documentation, even if the cover sheet was not included, or that documents have been submitted through another referral source.

### **Transition Success Stories**

DODD and the Ohio Association of County Boards (OACB) want to hear about your transition success stories! How have you built relationships with local educational agencies (LEAs) and other programs in your county to support families as they exit EI? Do you have an annual meeting or quarterly call? Do you collaborate on an event? Maybe you network over coffee and doughnuts. What has worked for you? Examples of success stories will be shared at the upcoming EI forum on October 19 and also included in a future edition of the Program Updates. Please send your stories to Melissa Courts at [melissa.courts@dodd.ohio.gov](mailto:melissa.courts@dodd.ohio.gov) by Friday, September 23.

### **Division for Early Childhood (DEC) Conference**

We know that many Ohio EI teams are attending the 2022 DEC conference in Chicago. Please join your DODD EI team on Thursday, September 29, from 8:00-8:45pm in room 4R at the Hilton for a meet and greet! Your DODD team looks forward to seeing you in Chicago!

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

### **EI-071 Infant and Toddler Development Course Update**

The Infant and Toddler Development training currently housed on DODD's MyLearning platform will soon be replaced with an updated version of the training. *For those currently enrolled in the training, be sure to complete all components by September 16.*

The updated Infant and Toddler Development course satisfies the requirement for obtaining the one-year developmental specialist certification and the one-year early intervention service

coordinator/service coordination supervisor credential. See the Credentials and Certifications tile on the EI website for more information.

Those who have completed the current version of the training are not required to take the updated course.

### **Reflective Supervision with Dr. Gallen**

This course offers practitioners specific supervision concepts, roles, and strategies to address the complex nature of their work with young children and their families. The reflective supervision model integrates clinical, administrative and leadership functions in which the supervisor promotes professional growth, monitors program quality, facilitates open communication and leads the agency and community.

This course satisfies the requirement for professional development in reflective supervision techniques for the five-year Early Intervention Service Coordination Supervisor credential. See the Credentials and Certifications tile on the EI website for more information.

Four sessions options are available. Sessions are held virtually from 9:00am- 4:30pm.

September 22, 2022

November 17, 2022

February 16, 2023

April 13, 2023

To register, access OhioTRAIN, and search for course # 1049291. If you have any questions, please contact Janene Kehl ([janene.kehl@odh.ohio.gov](mailto:janene.kehl@odh.ohio.gov)).

### **Newborn Behavioral Observations (NBO) Training**

The Newborn Behavioral Observations system (NBO) is an infant-focused, family-centered relationship-based tool, developed by the Brazelton Institute of Boston Children's Hospital. It is designed to sensitize parents to their baby's competencies and individuality, to foster positive parent-infant interactions and thus contribute to the development of a positive parent-infant relationship from the very beginning (Nugent, Keefer, Minear, Johnson & Blanchard, 2007). In conjunction with the Brazelton Institute, DODD is offering two different trainings.

#### *NBO Incorporating Use of the NBO with Families Living with Substance Use Disorder*

This training is for participants who have never taken the NBO training and would like to become certified. The training spans three days. All sessions are provided virtually from 10:00am-4:00pm by trainers from the Brazelton Institute. The training dates are October 17, October 26, and November 10.

You will learn to administer the tool through discussion, video, live example, and hands-on practice using an infant doll. Please bring a doll with you to the training. You will receive information about how to become a certified NBO practitioner at the training.

The training is open to service providers working in Ohio's Part C early intervention. You must meet the following criteria to participate:

- Trainee must be a member of an IFSP team serving infants, toddlers and their families
- Trainee must be a developmental specialist or therapist (interventionists/assessors)
- Trainee must commit to obtaining certification following training and using the information learned in the training when assessing and providing interventions via the IFSP

EI Program Consultants will provide registration information to local EI leadership. For more information, please contact your Program Consultant.

### *Use of the NBO in the Context of Working with Families Living with Substance Use Disorder (SUD)*

This workshop is open to participants who have previously taken the NBO training through Ohio DODD. Participants will identify key concepts to understanding SUD as a medical disease, apply the NBO frameworks for working with families and infants in recovery, and implement strength-based strategies to engage families and infants in recovery.

All sessions are provided virtually. Future training dates are as follows:

November 2, 2022: 8:00am-12:00pm

January 12, 2023: 12:00-4:00pm

April 4, 2023: 8:00am-12:00pm

Capacity is limited to 23 participants per session. Completion of this Microsoft form is required to attest you have completed the NBO course:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=xPz4UNiUB0-E6zbtV8fIotytmYCoUThKqBkA55dkLKBuQ0syUEpFSVpVSkIGNzdTQ1dEMENFQU1ESy4u&wdLOR=c4FFD466A-8163-44E4-B677-A9C659452334>

Brazelton Institute will subsequently contact you with registration details.

### **OCCRRA Early Intervention Service Coordination Dashboard Enhancements**

OCCRRA will be rebuilding the EI service coordination credential dashboards to add features that will enhance the type of reporting and data available. As a result, professional development and credential status can be more closely monitored by EI service coordination agency personnel.

On September 15, from 11:00am-12:00pm, Tiffany Blumhorst from OCCRRA will explain and demonstrate the new features and requirements of EISCs, EISC supervisors and each EISC agency. Contract managers and EI service coordination supervisors are encouraged to participate. A webinar recording will be made available for those unable to attend the live meeting.

The following topics will be covered during the webinar:

- Purpose of dashboard upgrades
- Benefits for EISCs and EISC supervisors
- Definition of key terms (Dashboard, Director, Administrator, OPR, etc.)
- Information needed for build/upgrades from each EISC Agency
- Information needed from each EISC/EISC supervisor

Please register for OCCRRA Dashboard Enhancement Meeting here:

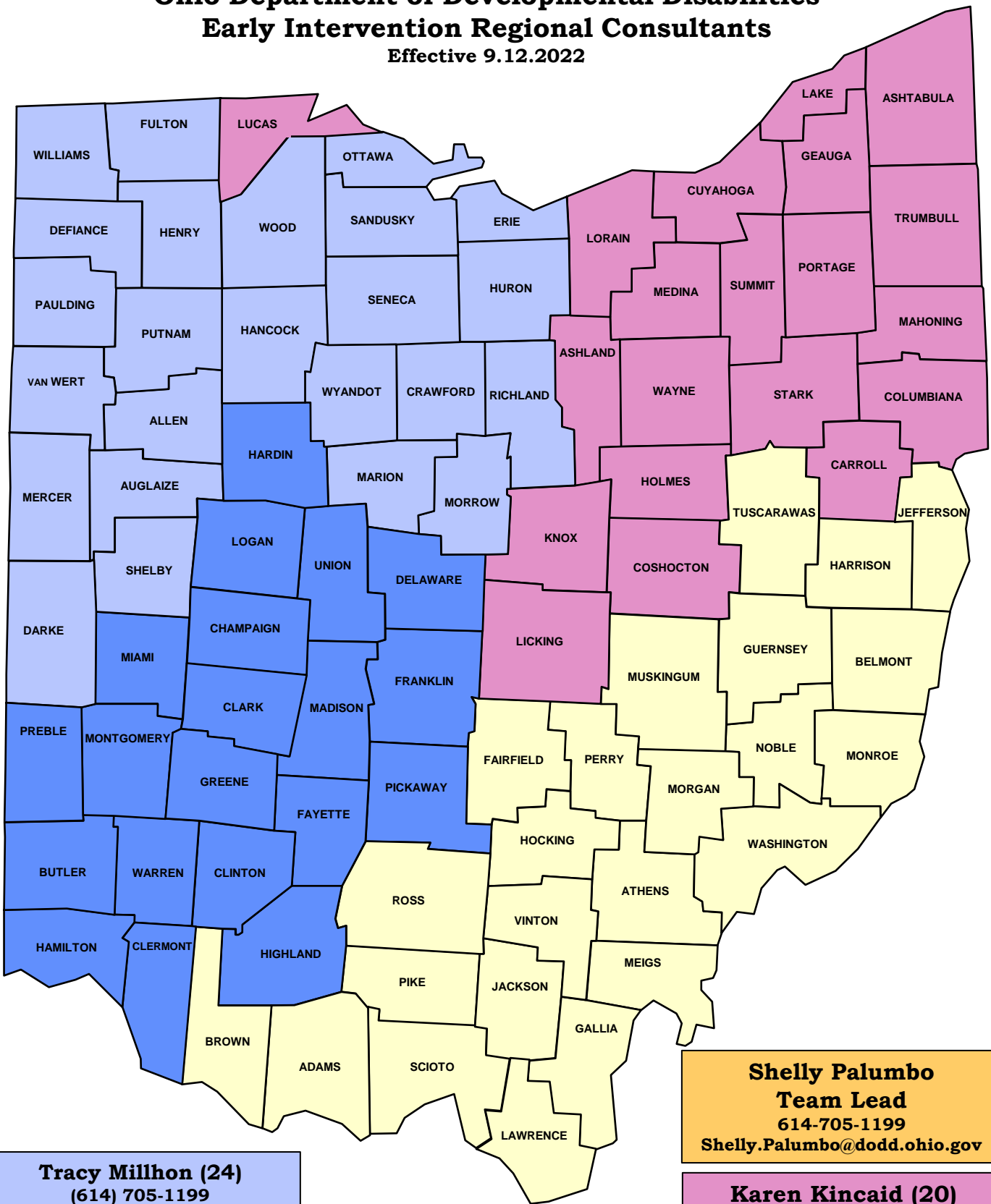
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6461461925150495503>

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

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