

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

A STABLE account is an investment account available to eligible people with disabilities. It is an investment account similar to a 529 college savings account or 401(k) retirement account and has many benefits, including tax-free savings for disability-related expenses and the ability to save and invest without losing needs-based benefits. You can learn more about this valuable resource by reviewing [DODD's STABLE toolkit](#).

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***

### **2023 Family Questionnaire**

The 2023 EI Family Questionnaire is underway. All questionnaires have now been sent to families, and DODD sent EI Contract Managers and FCFC Coordinators an email with their county's recipient list and information about the questionnaire on August 4. Additional information about the questionnaire was included in EI Program Updates #2315. DODD also held a webinar August 10 covering the Family Questionnaire process. The recording and slides are available on the EI website here:

<https://ohioearlyintervention.org/trainings/349>

Please contact Taylor Hammond at [taylor.hammond@dodd.ohio.gov](mailto:taylor.hammond@dodd.ohio.gov) with any questions.

### **SFY23 Transition Baseline**

The SFY23 Transition (Steps & Services and Transition Planning Conference) baseline analysis is complete. DODD sent results memos to Group 2 counties on August 4.

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

### **New Job Posting Resource**

Is your agency hiring? Let Help Me Grow (HMG) assist you with your candidate search! You can now submit and share your agency's job postings on the HMG website at [helpmegrow.org/jobs](http://helpmegrow.org/jobs).

Additional information was provided in a recent communication from HMG. You can sign up to receive these emails by going to <https://www.helpmegrow.org/Professionals.aspx>.

### ***Parents & Parenting with a Disability in Ohio Training Series***

Please see the flyer accompanying this Program Updates that contains updated dates and times for the Parents & Parenting with a Disability in Ohio series. This series of webinars are offered for one hour of CPDU each for early intervention service coordinator/supervisor, developmental specialist, and superintendent.

### **New and Upcoming Asynchronous Trainings on DODD MyLearning**

Please see the flyer accompanying this Program Updates for details regarding new and upcoming asynchronous trainings on DODD MyLearning, including *Principles of Special Instruction (POSI)*, *Individualizing Early Intervention Services to Meet the Needs of All Families*, and *Balanced Intervention: Supporting Caregiver & Child Learning*.

### **Ohio Promise Inclusion Credential**

A free, on-demand Early Childhood Inclusion Credential is now available for all early care and education professionals. With Ohio Promise, Ohio is on its way to ensuring that every Ohio family is healthy and supported when needed. Children with disabilities must be included with their friends, neighbors, and peers from birth so they can thrive wherever they live, play, and learn. The Professional Early Childhood Inclusion Credential (PECIC) was created to raise the level of awareness, knowledge, competency, and confidence of professionals attending to the needs of children with disabilities, their families, and creating an inclusive environment for all children:

<https://occr.org/ohio-professional-registry/inclusion-credential/>

The credential will eventually include three levels of professional learning, with Tier 1 available now and Tiers 2 and 3 coming later this calendar year. The credential is free, completely on-demand, and has Ohio Approved hours associated with completion. Click on the link above to learn what it takes to complete the initial level of the credential, how earning the credential will benefit you, and answers to other questions you may have. No experience, level of education, or workplace affiliation is necessary to benefit from completing the credential.

### **Getting Ready to Read Symposium**

The Crane Center's 10th Symposium on Children is designed to enhance fundamental understanding of reading and writing development during early childhood for practitioners, administrators, researchers, and policymakers to support young children as they get ready to read. You can register and learn more about this free symposium held in Columbus on October 19 here:

<https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07ejwdy7xh59fde9f1&oseq=&c=&ch=>



# Parents & Parenting with a Disability in Ohio

Join us as we learn together about rights, resources, and lived experiences of Ohio parents with disabilities.

Parents with disabilities are:

- More likely to be single parents.
- Less likely to have a college diploma or high school degree.
- More likely to experience fair or poor health.

Parents with severe disabilities are:

- More likely to be women.
- More likely to be black.

**REGISTER NOW!**

<https://bit.ly/OhioDisabledParents>

## Dates & Topics

**AUGUST 1, 2023**

Rights & Resources  
12:00 - 1:00 (EST)

**SEPTEMBER 5, 2023**

Pregnancy, Birth and Going Home  
12:00 - 1:00 (EST)

**OCTOBER 3, 2023 - CORRECTED**

Child Welfare & Domestic Relations  
12:00 - 1:00 (EST)

**NOVEMBER 7, 2023 - CORRECTED**

Intimate Partner Violence  
12:00 - 1:00 (EST)

# New and Upcoming Early Intervention Asynchronous Training Opportunities

## Principles of Special Instruction (POSI)



POSI satisfies the requirement for developmental specialists to renew their 5-year certification after July 1, 2026. Thirteen hours of CPDUs are available for developmental specialists and superintendents for completion of all 4 modules.

POSI is currently available on DODD MyLearning. Click [here](#) to access the course. Click [here](#) to view a video containing introductory information and a brief navigation tour of POSI.

## Individualizing Early Intervention Services to Meet the Needs of All Families



This training focuses on developing early intervention (EI) service providers' capacity to support families of color, families experiencing homelessness or poverty, and parents with intellectual disabilities. This course is offered for 9 hours of CPDUs for early intervention service coordinators/supervisors, developmental specialists, social workers, and superintendents.

This course is currently available on DODD MyLearning. Click [here](#) to access the course.

## Balanced Intervention: Supporting Caregiver & Child Learning



This training consists of 5 modules that contain video recordings of the 5-part webinar series that was held between September 2022 and February 2023. This course is offered for 7.5 hours of CPDUs for early intervention service coordinators/supervisors, developmental specialists, social workers, and superintendents.

This course will be available on MyLearning on September 1, 2023.

*DODD Early Intervention asynchronous trainings are housed on DODD MyLearning. Click [here](#) to access DODD MyLearning. Click [here](#) for instructions for creating a DODD MyLearning account.*

### Questions?

Contact Anni Monks, Ohio Early Intervention Training Officer, at [Rhiannon.Monks@dodd.ohio.gov](mailto:Rhiannon.Monks@dodd.ohio.gov).



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