

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

If you haven't already, please consider sharing information about STABLE accounts with the families you serve who may benefit from this resource. STABLE Accounts are specialized savings and investment accounts for people with disabilities. The accounts are great for financial planning while maintaining eligibility for government benefits. You can learn more [here](#).

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

## ***PROGRAM UPDATES***

### **Reminder: Reporting Requirements Due February 29**

As a reminder, all counties are required to complete (1) the SFY24 mid-year program report and (2) the first EI service coordination oversight report by February 29. The mid-year program reporting requirements include completing the local outreach spreadsheet and the provider monitoring survey. Nathan DeDino sent details about the mid-year program reporting requirements on January 29 and the oversight reporting requirements on July 18, 2023. The local outreach spreadsheet, EISC Oversight Report, and EISC Oversight Report Guide are available on the EI website here:

<https://ohioearlyintervention.org/service-coordination-grant-agreements>

The Provider Monitoring Survey is available via Survey Monkey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/EISDMonitoring>

Please contact your EI Program Consultant with any questions regarding the mid-year program report and Erin Hale at [Erin.Hale@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov](mailto:Erin.Hale@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov) with any questions about the oversight report.

### **SFY24 Timely Receipt of Services (TRS) Baseline**

Activities for the SFY24 TRS baseline are underway. A webinar was held on February 6 to go over the TRS baseline process.

Files with data that will be included in the analysis were sent to each participating county on February 7. Contact Taylor Hammond at [Taylor.Hammond@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov](mailto:Taylor.Hammond@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov) if your county is part of the TRS analysis and you did not receive a file and contact Melissa Courts at [Melissa.Courts@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov](mailto:Melissa.Courts@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov) with any other questions about the TRS baseline.

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

### **Notification Regarding Service Coordination Credentials Requirements Effective July 1, 2024**

Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 5123-10-04, the rule that governs service coordination credentialing, is currently under revision. The updated rule is expected to take effect on July 1, 2024. One of the proposed changes will require that individuals holding one-year credentials (EI service coordinator or supervisor) complete five out of eight modules contained within Principles of Service Coordination prior to renewing for a second year. The modules that are required to be completed are:

- (EI-021) POSC Module One: Introduction to Early Intervention
- (EI-041) POSC Module Two: Individualized Family Service Plan Process Part I
- (EI-042) POSC Module Three: Individualized Family Service Plan Process Part II
- (EI-043) POSC Module Four: Monitoring Service Delivery; and
- (EI-044) POSC Module Five: Transition

If you currently hold a one-year credential that will require renewal after July 1, 2024, please complete the required modules in time to renew your credential. Failure to complete the required modules will result in a lapse of your credential. Please email Tiffany Madden at [tiffany.madden@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov](mailto:tiffany.madden@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov) with any questions.

### **Registration Issue: Use of the Newborn Behavioral Observations (NBO) in the Context of Working with Families Living with Substance Use Disorder (Half Day Training)**

If you previously registered for the *Use of the Newborn Behavior Observation in the Context of Working with Families Living with Substance Use Disorder* workshop taking place on February 29, 2024, please be advised that, due to an error in registration, you will need to re-register using the link below. If you have questions, please contact Anni Monks at [Rhiannon.Monks@childrenandyouth.ohio.org](mailto:Rhiannon.Monks@childrenandyouth.ohio.org).

For more information about the workshop, please see the description below.

*Deepen your understanding of infants who have experienced prenatal substance exposure and postnatal withdrawal (NAS/NOWS) and enhance your relationship-based care skills with their parents living with substance use disorder (SUD). This half-day workshop extends your foundational practice of the Newborn Behavioral Observations by applying the AMOR lens to understanding infant behavior and functioning.*

*Join us for this advanced training workshop in specialized application of the NBO on February 29, 2024. Prior NBO training is required to participate. This workshop is approved for 3.5 hours of CPDU for Developmental Specialists, Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, and Social Work. You can register here:*

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeLWi6uFdrwjRb6LtaqSlB2WaivKkqpRrxXtH77TmMcECtDdg/viewform>

### **Project SCOPE ECHO: Supporting Children of the Opioid Epidemic**

Project SCOPE ECHO provides information and resources about current and emerging knowledge and evidence-based practices for supporting children and families impacted by prenatal opioid exposure. This free training series is comprised of eight 1.5-hour sessions. Attendance at every session is encouraged, but not required.

Project SCOPE ECHO is intended for healthcare providers, educators, community-based professionals, and caregivers of children with prenatal opioid exposure. Each session (with the exception of April 1 session) is offered for 1.5 hours of CPDUs for EI service coordinators and supervisors, developmental specialists, and superintendents. Please click the link below for more information and registration.

<https://iecho.org/public/program/PRGM1706720995797254Z4V2QGY>

### **Center for the Young Child Photo and Video Request**

The Center for the Young Child at the Ohio Center for Autism and Low Incidence (OCALI) is looking for video clips and photos from real families in Ohio! If you or the families you serve are looking to contribute to a meaningful project, see the link below for more information.

<https://cycsuite.org/lights-camera-milestones>