Early Intervention Program Updates #2413
June 28, 2024

MESSAGE FROM THE PART C COORDINATOR

On June 18, the federal Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) released its annual determinations rating states' implementation of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). I am pleased to report that, for the eighth time in a row, Ohio received a determination of "meets requirements." This rating recognizes the hard work of everyone who brings their talents and time to support Ohio's Early Intervention system. Whatever your role in Ohio's EI system, it is because of your effort that we have been able to achieve this recognition. More importantly, you are helping to improve the developmental trajectory of Ohio's youngest citizens. Thank you! You can review Ohio's annual performance report (APR), OSEP's determination scoring matrix, and determination letter [here](#).

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

PROGRAM UPDATES

Updates to the EI Program Updates

We have several updates related to this communication:

- With the change in lead agency for Ohio's Part C EI system to the Department of Children and Youth (DCY) on July 1, this will be the last communication that DODD will send out.
- The EI Program Updates will be "on vacation" July 12. The next EI Program Updates will be incorporated into the DCY "Tuesday Times" communication on July 23.
- All existing subscribers to the EI Program Updates through DODD will be automatically signed up for the Tuesday Times.
- You can modify your subscription to Tuesday Times or share Tuesday Times with a colleague here: https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/OHDCY/subscriber/new
- Starting July 23, the EI program updates will shift to an every other Tuesday schedule as part of Tuesday Times.

Thank you to the DODD Communications team who has supported this biweekly communication for the past eight years!

EI Data System (EIDS) Changes for Revised EI Rules

EIDS changes to ensure data collection is consistent with revised rules are being implemented the evening of June 28. A list of these changes was included in EI Program Updates #2410 and has been in the EIDS message box for several weeks. A document outlining all of the changes in more detail has also been uploaded in EIDS and can be accessed via the message box or the ET Info tab. The EIDS Data Entry Guide and the other documents in the EIDS Resources section have also been updated and are available on the EI website:

https://ohioearlyintervention.org/data-system

Please e-mail eids@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov with any questions regarding the EIDS changes being made or the EIDS resources.

SFY24 Timely Receipt of Services (TRS) Monitoring Baseline

The SFY24 TRS baseline is complete. Results memos and verification results spreadsheets, including any pertinent feedback about the verified records, were sent to applicable contract managers and FCFC Coordinators June 21. Contact Melissa Courts (melissa.courts@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov) with any questions.

SFY24 Transition Monitoring Baseline

DCY is in the process of verifying submitted records and requesting additional documentation, as needed. Results memos are scheduled to be sent July 24.

JULY 2024 EI RULE UPDATES

On June 10, the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review (JCARR) approved changes to the Ohio Administrative Code governing early intervention services. The rule revisions become effective on July 4. Additionally, Ohio submitted an application to OSEP changing the lead agency for early intervention in Ohio to DCY effective July 1, 2024. These changes necessitate revisions and re-branding to all EI -related materials, training, and guidance. Given the short time frame between approval of the rules and the implementation date, it is not possible to complete all the needed revisions by July 4. Thank you for your patience as we work diligently to update the tools and resources you rely on for program implementation. Please see the information below regarding progress and estimated timelines for completion of all updates.

Ohio Early Intervention Website

Completed work:
- DODD logo replaced with DCY logo on homepage

- General EI Inbox email address updated on homepage
- New EI logos uploaded for use on outreach materials, email signatures, etc.
- Color scheme updated to match "heart of it all" branding
- Early Intervention Rules 2019 page (and associated trainings) removed

Future work:
- English versions of the EI forms will be posted to the EI website by July 4. Translations to additional languages will be added as they become available in July.
- The EI service coordination credentialing page will be updated with new tools to assist with obtaining and maintaining the credentials by July 4.
- Guidance document page updates: all current documents will be removed as of July 4. Each document will be uploaded individually, once revised to reflect rule changes. This process should be completed for all documents by August 30.
- An updated EIDS data entry guide will be posted by July 4.
- Updated EI monitoring verification standards will be posted in July/August
- The Printed Materials page will be updated with new brochures in July/August.

Trainings

EI Orientation Modules
Most orientation modules are updated to align with EI rule revisions. Course EI-066, "Parent Rights and Procedural Safeguards in Early Intervention," and EI- 254, "Eligibility Basics- Train the Trainer," will be unavailable from July 15-August 15 to allow time for revisions to be made.

Principles of Service Coordination (POSC) Modules
POSC modules will be unavailable as of July 15, 2024. *Any EI service coordinator currently completing any of these modules will need to finish prior to July 15, or their work will be lost.* Service coordinators will have the option of requesting a three month extension of their credential expiration due to the required training modules being unavailable. The extension may be requested by emailing support@occrra.org. The extension option will be in effect from July 15, 2024 through July 30, 2025.

Module	Timeframe for revisions	Date available for enrollment
1. Introduction to Early Intervention Service Coordination (EI-021)	July 15-September 15	September 30, 2024
2. Individualized Family Service Plan Process (EI-041)	September 15-November 15	November 30, 2024

3. Individualized Family Service Plan Process (EI-042)	November 15-January 15	January 30 2025
4. Monitoring Early Intervention Service Delivery (EI-043)	January 15-March 15	March 30, 2025
5. Transition From Early Intervention (EI-044)	March 15-May 15	May 30, 2025
7. Compliance (EI-046)	May 15-July 15	July 30, 2025

We suggest the following onboarding activities for new EI service coordinators:
- Review the rule webinars
- Review new guidance materials related to EI Forms (available at https://ohioearlyintervention.org/forms by July 4)
- EISC supervisors can support new staff by utilizing the EISC Skills and Competencies Checklist, or the EISC Supervision KEY for POSC modules to structure onboarding activities. Email Shelly shelly.palumbo@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov for a copy.