

Early Intervention Program Updates #2414 July 23, 2024

MESSAGE FROM THE PART C COORDINATOR

Because of the hard work of so many local partners, we have again exceeded our prior year response rate for the EI family questionnaire. The response rate for the 2024 questionnaire stands at almost 30%, up from approximately 26% last year. We want to highlight the following successes and congratulate those responsible:

- Responses were received from all counties, and 12 counties had response rates of at least 50%
- Most improved from last year: Monroe County who increased to 50% from 20% in 2023
- Best response rate for a large county: Franklin County at 43.33% (second year in a row)
Runner-up: Butler County at 30.90%
- Fifth through second place winners: Henry (67.21%), Williams (67.50%), Washington (74.32%), and Gallia (74.47%)

The winner for this year's family questionnaire is a return champion. After being knocked off to second place last year, Morgan County has again achieved the highest response rate in the state at 85%. We heard from all but three families in Morgan! Congratulations to EI teams in Morgan and throughout the state. We look forward to reporting on these numbers to the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) this coming February.

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

August 1 Local Educational Agency (LEA) Notification

The quarterly LEA reporting requirement is coming up at the end of the month. Under Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 5123-10-02(L)(1)(a), the EI service coordination agency must notify the LEA of children who will turn three within the next year by the first day of February, May, August, and November. This report is available in the EI Data System (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.
- 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 relevant LEAs no later than August 1. The report does not need to be submitted to DCY, but we encourage you to keep a copy for your records. If you have any questions, please contact Melissa Courts (melissa.courts@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov).

EI Service Coordination Oversight Report

The second EI Service Coordination Oversight Report covering activities that occurred from January 1, 2024 through June 30, 2024 must be shared with the relevant Family and Children First Council not later than August 31. The report template and accompanying report guide are located on the Ohio Early Intervention website with the EI Grant Agreement materials. Please contact Erin Hale (erin.hale@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov) with any questions about how to complete the oversight report.

State EI Team Update

We are sad to announce that EI Program Consultant, Henry Mathews, will be leaving DCY on July 26. During his time at DODD/DCY, Henry has been an invaluable resource around the COS process and, more recently, integral in the five-year EI rule review process. We thank Henry for his service and wish him well in this next chapter of his career in Early Intervention.

An updated EI program consultant map will be released in the near future.

EI Rules Communication

On July 12, we e-mailed important rule updates to a variety of local EI leaders. We are also including that communication as an addendum to this communication.

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The final-filed rules, effective July 4, 2024, are found on the [Ohio Legislative Services Commission website](#).

- [5123-10-01](#) (Early intervention program - procedural safeguards)
- [5123-10-02](#) (Early intervention program - eligibility and services) with Appendix A, Appendix B, and Appendix C
- [5123-10-03](#) (Early intervention program - system of payments)
- [5123-10-04](#) (Early intervention program - credentials for early intervention service coordinators and early intervention service coordination supervisors)

The rules, with strikethroughs, are available at <https://dodd.ohio.gov/forms-and-rules/rules-in-effect/administrative-rules-list>.

EI Rule Webinar Recordings

The Ohio EI team held four webinars to provide detailed information about the new rules and forms. These rule revision webinars are required for EI contract managers and EI service coordinators and supervisors. If you were not able to attend any of these webinars, please view the recordings. We were able to answer some questions directly on the webinars and have reviewed the remainder of the questions. We have sent individual responses to many questions and are incorporating applicable information into guidance. If you still have questions regarding the implementation of the new rules and forms, please contact your EI Program Consultant.

Please click on the following links to access the recordings of Ohio EI Rule Webinars.

1. (EI-452) EI Rule Revision Overview:
<https://mylearning.dodd.ohio.gov/course/view.php?id=452>
2. (EI-453) Ohio EI Eligibility and Assessment Process Overview:
<https://mylearning.dodd.ohio.gov/course/view.php?id=453>
3. (EI-103) Ohio EI IFSP Overview:
<https://mylearning.dodd.ohio.gov/course/view.php?id=454>

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4. (EI-455) Ohio EI Transition and Procedural Safeguards Overview:
<https://mylearning.dodd.ohio.gov/course/view.php?id=455>

Instructions for creating an OHID for accessing DODD MyLearning are found here:
<https://ims.ocali.io/storage/ocali-ims-sites/ocali-ims-oei/documents/MyLearning%20Instructions%2001-24.pdf>

Early Intervention Required Forms

The revised early intervention forms, including form EI-04, and the required hearing and vision checklists are now available in English. The updated EI forms binder will be available by July 15. Translations of the forms will be added as they become available later this month. Guidance materials related to forms will be added as they are available. A new tab was created on the website to store the previous version of EI-04.

<https://ohioearlyintervention.org/forms>

Early Intervention Service Coordination Credentialing

Revised resources to assist with EI service coordination credentialing, such as the Credential Requirements Grid, are now available at:

<https://ohioearlyintervention.org/credentialing/service-coordinator>.

The Ohio Childcare Resource and Referral Agency (OCCRA) will soon provide updated how-to guides for setting up a profile within the registry and applying for a service coordination credential.

Ohio EI IFSP Guidance Document

The updated IFSP Guidance Document is now available and can be found at the link below. This guidance document should provide clarification on how to complete an IFSP. In the next few months, you should anticipate an updated copy of the IFSP Guidance Document that will include answers to any additional questions about the IFSP that you pose to the program consultants or submit through the [Feedback Submission Form](#) found on page 6 of the IFSP Guidance Document.

<https://ohioearlyintervention.org/guidance-documents-and-memos>

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Early Intervention Brochures

Electronic versions of the Early Intervention, Parent Rights, and System of Payments brochures are available on the Ohio Early Intervention website. Printed brochures will be available to order by August 2024.

<https://ohioearlyintervention.org/printed-materials>

Early Intervention Data System (EIDS) Updates

EIDS changes to ensure data collection is consistent with new rule were implemented June 28, 2024. A list of these changes was included in Early Intervention 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 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>

Email oids@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov with any questions regarding the EIDS changes being made or the EIDS resources.

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