

Early Intervention Program Updates #2418 September 17, 2024

MESSAGE FROM THE PART C COORDINATOR

As we transition back to autumn and await the federal Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) announcement about its onsite state monitoring schedule, it is a good time to reacquaint yourself with the many resources OSEP has available to around compliance monitoring. You can access much of this information [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

Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) Grid Reminders

In response to several questions about completing the IFSP grid page, we are providing the following reminders:

- The agency that employs the individual service provider should be listed as the provider agency on the grid.
- “Department-contracted provider” (DCP) is one of the funding sources available to pay for EI services. The other funding sources include the following:
 - County Board
 - Private Insurance
 - Public Insurance
 - Parent Participation

Department-contracted providers include the following providers:

- Hearing, vision, and nutrition providers
- Councils of government (COGs) and their sub-contractors
- Other department-contracted providers

Finally, if public or private insurance is used to pay for an EI service, list the funding source on the IFSP as insurance (indicating whether it is private or public)/DCP. The primary payor of public or private insurance should be entered into the EI Data System (EIDS).

If you have any questions, please reach out to your EI program consultant.

RESOURCES AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

OCALIONLINE 2024

Join the Ohio Center for Autism and Low Incidence (OCALI) November on 19-22, for the OCALIONLINE virtual conference, with over 200 sessions covering early childhood, classroom strategies, leadership, family support, and more. Continuing professional development units (CPDUs) are to be determined. You can learn more, including viewing the conference sessions, here:

<https://conference.ocali.org/session-sorter>

You can learn more about conference registration information here:

<https://conference.ocali.org/register>

Reflective Supervision Training Offerings

New Reflective Supervision training offerings have been announced. This course fulfills the “reflective supervision techniques” requirement to obtain an early intervention service coordination supervisor 5-year credential and is only open to EI service coordination supervisors. Trainings will be held on the following dates:

- September 19, 2024
- January 24, 2025
- May 15, 2025

To register for one of these trainings, please email EI@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov.

Upcoming Webinar – Ongoing Monitoring of Service Delivery

DCY will hold a webinar covering service delivery requirements on October 29 from 2:00–3:00pm. The webinar will cover EI service coordinator and provider responsibilities in delivering services and state and local program responsibilities of monitoring EI service provision. We will provide a summary of responses to the provider monitoring survey included as part of the February 2024 EI program reports, summary of state activities to date, and plans for service delivery monitoring going forward. We encourage all service coordinators, providers, and local program leadership to attend. Please save the date. A registration link for the webinar will be included in the next EI Program Updates.