

## Early Intervention Program Updates #2424 December 10, 2024

### MESSAGE FROM THE PART C COORDINATOR

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While I can hardly believe we are in the final stretch of the year, this will be our last edition of EI Program Updates for 2024. It was a big year for Ohio EI, with the transition of the program to the Department of Children and Youth and the implementation of new program rules. Thanks to your hard work and dedication, we continued to serve increased numbers of children and families, address challenges to ensure families had access to needed EI services, and implement evidence-based practices through these transitions.

As we close out this year, I wanted to again express my sincere appreciation and gratitude for all the work you do for the children and families in Ohio. I hope that you can take some time to slow down, reflect, and recharge in the coming weeks. I wish all of you and the families you serve a safe, happy, and healthy holiday season and I very much look forward to everything we will accomplish together in 2025.

Please feel free to reach out to me at [Taylor.Hammond@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov](mailto:Taylor.Hammond@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov) with ideas, questions, or suggestions any time.

Taylor Hammond

### PROGRAM UPDATES

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#### *EI-16 Reminder*

Form EI-16, Payment for Early Intervention Services, must be completed as part of the billing process for contracted EI providers. The EI Service Coordinator (EISC) is responsible for completing form EI-16 any time a department contracted provider (DCP) is added to an IFSP grid and DCP has been identified as the funding source. This form must be completed electronically. Form EI-16 and the IFSP (form EI-04) are required to be submitted to [polr@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov](mailto:polr@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov) within 14-days of the IFSP being signed. Additionally, it is important to ensure accurate and timely data entry of EI services into the Early Intervention Data System (EIDS). These requirements are in place to ensure that providers are paid promptly for EI services.

#### *SFY25 Baseline Compliance Analyses*

As a reminder, we moved the start of baseline compliance activities for this fiscal year to a few months later than usual to give local programs time to become familiar with and implement new rules and forms. As indicated in EI Program Updates #2416, baseline activities for TRS and Transition will begin for applicable counties in February 2025. Visit

the link below to see the full SFY25 baseline schedule and review the newly updated verification standards for each compliance indicator area:

<https://ohioearlyintervention.org/monitoring>

## **RESOURCES AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES**

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### *Professional Development Opportunities in the DCY Tuesday Times*

The DCY Tuesday Times publication often includes professional development opportunities across multiple program areas, including Early Intervention. While opportunities related more directly to EI will continue to be included in the EI Program Updates, be sure to read each Tuesday Times edition in its entirety and keep an eye out for other professional development opportunities that may be beneficial for you and your EI team.

### *Inclusion in Action Opportunity*

The Early Childhood Inclusion Center of Excellence announces a new opportunity. Inclusion in Action is your chance to apply inclusive strategies while you receive individual coaching and access to resources. Early Intervention professionals are encouraged to apply. During your six-month participation, you will work with a coach to support families and young children implementing self-selected strategies that support children's participation in daily activities and routines. You will also network with other early care and education professionals as you all build a portfolio of inclusion resources. Upon successful completion, you will become an Inclusion Leader for your program. Learn more about Inclusion in Action below and submit your application here:

<https://mailchi.mp/ocali/inclusioninactionapplication-4860185>

Contact [EarlyChildhoodInclusionCOE@ocali.org](mailto:EarlyChildhoodInclusionCOE@ocali.org) with any questions.