

September 30, 2025

MESSAGE FROM THE PART C COORDINATOR

We have officially moved into the Autumn season, consisting of crisp air, changing leaves, and shorter days. This season is also a time for slowing down, finding balance, and taking time for reflection and gratitude. I hope you are able to embrace each of these in both your personal and professional lives during this transitional time of year.

Please feel free to reach out to me at Taylor.Hammond@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov with ideas, questions, or suggestions any time.

PROGRAM UPDATES

New Mandated Reporting Training Coming Soon

EI Service Coordinators (EISCs), EISC supervisors, and Developmental Specialists (DSs) are required to complete a department-provided training that addresses mandated reporting of suspected child abuse or neglect to obtain their initial credential/certification as outlined in rules 5180-10-04 and 5180-10-05. The Ohio Department of Children and Youth (DCY) created a new mandated reporting training that will replace the Mandated Reporting of Suspected Child Abuse or Neglect (EI-067). This training will be implemented November 1, and EI-067 will no longer be available at that time. The new DCY training will replace EI-067 on the Department of Developmental Disabilities' (DODD) MyLearning platform. It will also be available on the Ohio Professional Registry (OPR) and can be accessed through the training search function on the Ohio Child Care Resource & Referral Association (OCCRRA) website. Stay tuned for additional information in the next EI Program Update!

Developmental Specialist Certification Rule Survey

The DCY EI team is conducting a five-year rule review of the state's Developmental Specialist (DS) Certification rule (OAC 5180-10-05), as required by Ohio law. As part of this process, we are seeking input from a variety of internal and external stakeholders, including offering a [survey](#) to provide feedback. This survey is intended to gather perspectives and recommendations related to the DS Certification rule. Responses will be reviewed and considered as part of the rule review and any potential revisions. We are collecting responses through October 17, so please complete the survey by this date if you would like to provide input.

EI Record Review Checklist

The Early Intervention (EI) Record Review Checklist has been updated to reflect July 2024 EI rule changes and is now available on the [Ohio EI website](#) under the Monitoring tile. The checklist, which is a fillable document covering all EI activities from referral to exit, can be used to support EI staff in conducting record reviews, monitoring compliance with state and federal requirements, training/mentoring EI Service Coordinators (EISCs), and identifying potential questions or issues to discuss during administrative and reflective supervision. Contact Erin Hale at Erin.Hale@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov with any questions about the checklist.

Now Recruiting – It takes a Village: Provider Partnerships to Support Deaf or Hard of Hearing Children and Their Families

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) invites all clinicians who care for young children, including those in primary care, subspecialists, audiologists, speech language pathologists, and other early interventionists to join **It takes a Village: Provider Partnerships to Support d/Deaf or hard of hearing (D/HH) Children and Their Families ECHO Program**. Participants will learn how to support developmental outcomes of children after their newborn hearing screening, understand how to collaborate with multiple different clinicians and system partners, and engage in peer-to-peer connections with other professionals and lived expertise partners. This ECHO will focus on increasing the knowledge, confidence and capacity of providers to collaborate across the EHDI system to better serve D/HH children and their families.

Each ECHO session will include a live American Sign Language interpreter and other necessary accommodations such as closed captioning to ensure all learners can fully participate.

This ECHO will be held twice in October 2025 and once per month from November 2025 – February 2026. View the [flyer](#) to learn more and if you are interested in this opportunity, you can register [here](#).

RESOURCES AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Battelle Developmental Inventory SFY26 Training Dates

The dates for the SFY26 Battelle Developmental Inventory (BDI) trainings have been posted on the Ohio Early Intervention website. Please see the [flyer](#) for the dates and registration instructions. Email Rhiannon.Monks@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov with any questions.

OCALICONLINE 2025

Join the Ohio Center for Autism and Low Incidence (OCALI) November 18-21, for the OCALIONLINE virtual conference, with over 200 sessions covering early childhood, classroom strategies, leadership, family support, and more. You can register and learn more, including viewing the conference sessions, [here](#).