

# EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM UPDATES

## **July 22, 2025**

#### MESSAGE FROM THE PART C COORDINATOR

Summer is well underway, and the annual Ohio State Fair is about to kick off. In cooperation with the Ohio Center for Autism and Low Incidence (OCALI), the state fair will again host a "Sensory Friendly Morning" on July 24 from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Lights and music will be turned down, and there will be rides with no flashing lights or music. You can learn more about this special event <a href="here">here</a>. Check out the Department of Children and Youth (DCY) booth, which will be in the Bricker Building throughout the fair, as well!

Please feel free to reach out to me at <u>Taylor.Hammond@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov</u> with ideas, questions, or suggestions anytime.

#### **PROGRAM UPDATES**

Principles of Service Coordination (POSC) Module 3 Requirements

As a reminder, current EI Service Coordinators (EISCs), EISC Supervisors, and Contract Managers are required to complete the updated EI-042 training (POSC Module 3) by December 31, 2025. New hires will be required to complete all POSC modules (including Module 3) as part of their EISC credential process. We plan to collect POSC Module 3 completion data for the SFY26 mid-year program report, so we encourage EISC agencies to plan accordingly and ensure compliance with this training requirement.

#### SFY26 Baseline Schedule

The SFY26 baseline schedule has been posted on the Monitoring page of the EI website. Group 2 counties will be included in the Transition analyses, with activities beginning in November. Group 3 counties will be involved in the SFY26 Timely Receipt of Services (TRS) analysis, with activities beginning in February 2026. Group 1 counties will be participating in the SFY26 45-Day analysis, with activities beginning in March 2026. See the schedule for additional information and a list of counties in each group. Please note, the dates on the calendar are subject to change and if applicable, any adjustments will be communicated as far ahead of time as possible.

#### SFY25 45-Day Baseline Analysis

DCY is reviewing the submitted inquiries and incorporating applicable data into the final analysis. Results memos are scheduled to be sent to counties on July 24. Contact Erin Hale at Erin.Hale@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov with any questions.

### **RESOURCES AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES**

Donuts with Di – Understanding and Addressing Lead Exposure in Early Childhood Recording and Slides Now Available

The "Donuts with Di" series returned on June 20 with a presentation on Elevated Blood Lead Levels. Dr. Sorg provided information about sources of lead exposure research, highlighting the critical importance of early identification and intervention to mitigate the long-term consequences of lead exposure. Additionally, Katie Parker and Karen Mintzer shared how the Cuyahoga County team supports families from intake through ongoing services, with a strong emphasis on family engagement and education. The recording and slides from this presentation are now available on the El website. Please note that certificates and Continuing Professional Development Units (CPDUs) were only offered to participants who participated in the live presentation and are not available to those who view the recording.