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MESSAGE FROM THE PART C COORDINATOR

I hope you all had an enjoyable Labor Day weekend and for those it's applicable, are settling into a back-to-school routine. I can hardly believe we have surpassed the unofficial end to summer and are heading into the fall season. While I love the weather, football (Go Bucks!), and comfort foods that come with fall, I intend to soak up all the warm weather and sunshine as long as I can. I hope you all can embrace whatever brings you joy among the school and season transitions too!

We have several important updates for you today, including information about upcoming monthly EI office hours, a Request for Quote (RFQ) for Assistive Technology in State Fiscal Year 2026 (SFY26), and a packed full Resources and Training Opportunities section. Be sure to check everything out!

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

PROGRAM UPDATES

EI Office Hours

DCY held office hours on August 4 to provide additional clarification around the EI Service Coordination (EISC) grant agreements. You can access the recording here and the recording and slides will be available on the EI website soon. The DCY EI team will also host monthly office hours going forward, beginning September 29 from 9 -10 a.m. Additional details about this office hours session and other future sessions will be coming soon. Save the date for September 29 and be on the lookout for further information!

EISC Grant Memo – Cyber Security

The Ohio Department of Children and Youth (DCY) sent EISC grant agreements to the designated service coordination agencies at the end of June. In addition to the office hours held on August 4, the department distributed a memo on August 12 to further clarify some items in the grant agreement, including those covering data and information control, specifically clarifying cyber security requirements. Please contact ei@childrenandyouth.ohio.,gov with any questions.

SFY26 Early Intervention Assistive Technology Services – RFQ Open

The Early Intervention Assistive Technology Request for Quote opened on August 20 in Ohio Buys. This Request for Quote will be utilized to select Assistive Technology providers for SFY26 This opportunity is open through September 30 at 1 p.m. Click here to navigate to the event and for further information. Please pass this information along to anyone who may be interested in providing Assistive Technology Services in EI in SFY26. Email Traci Keesee at Traci.Keesee@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov with any questions.

RESOURCES AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

The Family, Infant and Preschool Program (FIPP) Center for the Advanced Study of Excellence (CASE) Learning Management System (LMS) Training Opportunities

FIPPCASE LMS has released new asynchronous trainings in their *Free Practitioners ELearning Catalog*. The following trainings have been approved for EI CPDUs:
- No Bad Movements: Responsive Parenting and Mobility in Early Intervention – 1 hour of CPDU for DSs
- The Brain Science of Capacity-Building Family Support Practices – 1 hour of CPDU for DSs, EISCs, and EISC Supervisors

Trainings and Browsing Features Available on the Ohio Center for Autism and Low Incidence (OCALI) Education Station

The Education Station Center at OCALI has provided a browsing feature to streamline training searches. You may search by keyword or interest or browse by collection. To see if a training in the Education Station has been approved for EI CPDUs, click "Learn More" next to the training, and then click the "Credit" tab. Additionally, OCALI has added new training resources available online on the following topics:
- Strategies for Infant & Toddler Development
- Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) and Young Children: Supporting Communication in Infants and Toddler
- Supporting Parents with Intellectual Disabilities

Principles of Service Coordination (POSC): All Parts Available on MyLearning

All modules of the *Principles of Service Coordination* series have been revised and are available for enrollment on DODD MyLearning. Be sure to complete the modules required to renew your EISC or EISC Supervisor credential. Questions may be directed to Rhiannon.Monks@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov.

Did You Know? - Ohio Professional Registry (OPR) Profile Creation

Before EISCs, EISC Supervisors, or Developmental Specialists (DSs) can submit their credentialing/certification applications in the OPR, they must create a *complete* OPR profile. Creating a complete OPR profile includes adding employment and uploading official college transcripts in the "Education" section. Ohio Child Care Resource and Referral Association (OCCRRA) may take up to 30 business days to review college transcripts, and professionals may not submit their credential/certification applications until their transcripts have been verified.

We encourage all new EISCs and DSs to create a complete OPR profile and upload the required documents immediately upon starting their position. New EISCs and DSs may work on their orientation modules and other onboarding procedures while OCCRRA processes and verifies their college transcripts. Completing an OPR profile and uploading the required information upon being hired helps to ensure that new EISCs and DSs are able to submit their credential/certification applications as soon as possible.

Questions about this process can be directed to Rhiannon.Monks@childrenandyouthohio.gov.