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MESSAGE FROM THE PART C COORDINATOR

This edition of the Early Intervention (EI) Program Updates is short and sweet, like the month of February. We do not have any general supervision highlights or announcements regarding resources or trainings this time, but take note of the changes to the Developmental Specialist (DS) certification process and SFY25 reporting requirements below.

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

PROGRAM UPDATES

Changes to the Certification Process for Developmental Specialists

Beginning on March 1st, 2025, DODD Provider Certification will no longer issue Developmental Specialist (DS) certifications. This responsibility and process will transition to the Department of Children and Youth (DCY) through a contract with the Ohio Child Care Resource and Referral Association (OCCRRA) utilizing the Ohio Professional Registry (OPR). A [memo](#) was also sent to Developmental Specialists, the Ohio Association of County Boards (OACB), County Board Superintendents, and EI Contract Managers on January 10th that provides additional information about the upcoming changes and includes links to register for a webinar that will walk through these changes.

Please contact Anni Monks at Rhiannon.Monks@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov with any questions.

Reporting Requirements Due February 28th

As a reminder, all counties are required to complete the SFY25 mid-year program report and the first SFY25 EI service coordination oversight report by February 28th. The mid-year program reporting requirements include completing the local outreach spreadsheet, responding to a questionnaire about funding and capacity, and a sharing a success story.

Taylor Hammond sent details about the mid-year program reporting requirements on January 29th. A link to the local outreach questions, EISC Oversight Report, and EISC Oversight Report Guide are available on the EI website here:

<https://ohioearlyintervention.org/service-coordination-grant-agreements>

The funding and capacity survey is available via Survey Monkey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/EIMY2025>

Please contact your EI Program Consultant with any questions regarding the mid-year program report. Contact Erin Hale at Erin.Hale@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov with any questions about the oversight report.

SFY25 Timely Receipt of Services (TRS) and Transition Baseline Analyses

Activities related to the SFY25 Timely Receipt of Services (TRS) baseline and SFY25 Transition baseline, including Transition Steps and Services and Transition Planning Conferences (TPC), are underway. Each county was sent an email regarding their inclusion in the analyses on January 23rd. DCY is hosting webinars this week to go over these baseline processes, and the slides and recordings will be available on the EI website soon. Counties included in the TRS and Transition baseline analyses have until February 21st to review and clean their data, including submitting any deletion or correction requests to eids@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov.

Please email Erin Hale at Erin.Hale@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov with any questions about the SFY25 baseline analyses.