



Early Intervention Program Updates January 7, 2025

MESSAGE FROM THE PART C COORDINATOR

First and foremost, Happy New Year! I hope you come into 2025 rejuvenated and ready to take on the year. I know I am excited for what is to come and all that we will accomplish this year.

We have a lot of updates for you in this first edition of the EI Program Updates in 2025. I would particularly like to call your attention to the update about rules transitioning to the Department of Children and Youth (DCY) this month.

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

PROGRAM UPDATES

Rule Number Changes

Please note that all Early Intervention (EI) rules are transitioning to DCY. There will be no changes to the rule content at this time. Only the rule numbers will change to the following:

- 5123-10-01 will become 5180-10-01
- 5123-10-02 will become 5180-10-02
- 5123-10-03 will become 5180-10-03
- 5123-10-04 will become 5180-10-04
- 5123-10-05 will become 5180-10-05

As the rule content is not changing, this does not have any impact on the implementation of EI in local programs. Please see the rule renumbering memo included in the December 24 issue of Tuesday Times for additional information.

EI State Team Update

Anni Monks, former EI Training Officer, has accepted a new position at DCY in the Bureau of Professional Development. We are excited that Anni will continue to support Early



Intervention as an EI Specialist on the Professional Development team. Congratulations, Anni!

EI Service Coordination Oversight Report

As we near the halfway point of State Fiscal Year 2025 (SFY25), DCY reminds all EI contract managers that the EI Service Coordination Oversight Report is due to be completed for activities that occurred between July 1, 2024, and December 31, 2024. The report must be shared with local council no later than February 28, 2025. Please note that a copy of the completed report does not need to be submitted to DCY at this time. You should, however, maintain a copy on file locally in the event they are requested at a later date. If you have additional questions regarding the report, please contact Erin Hale at Erin.Hale@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov. The SFY25 report template and guide are available on the EI website here:

[Service Coordination Grant Agreements | Ohio Early Intervention](#)

February 1 LEA Notification

As a reminder, the quarterly Local Education Agency (LEA) reporting requirement is coming up at the end of the month. Under Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 5123-10-02(L)(1)(a), the EI service coordination agency must notify the LEA of children who will turn three within the next year by the first day of February, May, August, and November.

The February 1 Quarterly LEA Reports are used for the state's annual compliance analysis related to LEA notification. DCY sent an email explaining the LEA reporting requirement to all EI contract managers and FCFC coordinators on January 6. DCY is responsible for issuing findings of noncompliance in this area where appropriate.

This report is available in the EI Data System (EIDS) in both Excel and PDF formats. You may use either version, but please remember the following:

- The February 1 LEA report must be run no earlier than January 22 and no later than February 1.
- It is expected that child information will be updated in a timely manner so that the LEA reports in EIDS are accurate.
- These quarterly reports must be provided to the LEAs no later than February 1.
- Only the sections of the report that are relevant to a particular LEA should be sent to that LEA, not the entire report.



- If you are not sure which LEA should be selected for a specific child, we encourage you to contact the relevant educational service center (ESC) for clarification. Contact information for all of the ESCs and public school districts, along with a map of districts, is available here:
<http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Data/Ohio-Educational-Directory-System-OEDS>

Because the February 1 reports are used for the state's annual LEA compliance, you must submit a copy of the full report to DCY no later than Monday, February 3. Submit reports to Erin.Hale@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov. You are strongly encouraged to maintain a copy of the report in the event that it is needed at a later date for monitoring purposes.

County Annual Performance Reports and Determinations

State Fiscal Year 2024/Federal Fiscal Year 2023 (SFY24/FFY23) County Annual Performance Reports (APRs) and Determinations and accompanying memos, along with a document that includes a description of all the APR data, were sent to EI Contract Managers and FCFC Coordinators December 10. A file with all the county reports and a file with APR indicator percentages by county have been posted on the EI website:

<https://ohioearlyintervention.org/county-data>

Individual SFY24/FFY23 reports have also been posted on each county page. Ohio's APR will be submitted to the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) by the due date of February 3 and state determinations are expected to be distributed by the end of June.

Please feel free to reach out to Taylor Hammond at Taylor.Hammond@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov with any questions about the APR data.

SFY25 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), will begin soon. Each county will receive an email regarding their inclusion in the analyses later this month. We will hold a webinar February 4 from 2:00-



3:00 p.m. to go over the TRS baseline process and on February 6 from 2:00 to 3:00 to go over the Transition baseline process. We encourage all counties to attend, regardless of whether they are part of the relevant baseline. Please use the links below to register for these webinars.

SFY25 TRS Baseline Webinar:

https://www.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_l6ay_umFQ_etfQCuFSMKQg

SFY25 Transition Baseline Webinar:

https://www.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_6ECZKDXKQOS-1euJar_PFQ

GENERAL SUPERVISION HIGHLIGHT

DMS Kickoff Call

The Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) held a kickoff call for the state's Differentiated Monitoring and Support (DMS) process with Ohio Part B and Part C in December. The state learned that OSEP will visit Ohio in October 2026, which will involve discussions about protocols, discussions about any stakeholder or local personnel input, interviews with local programs, and a focus on any additional areas as needed, determined on a state-by-state basis. The DMS discovery period will begin in May 2026 and will include a state overview call, document requests (e.g., documents regarding the state's monitoring and general supervision protocols and processes, documents that support implementation of specified areas, child records, etc.), uploading all requested documents, and stakeholder involvement. The lead agency continues to review, edit, and document monitoring processes and protocols in preparation for its official engagement with OSEP for the DMS process.

Additional details regarding the DMS framework and protocols, as well as monitoring reports from other states, can be found on the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) website:

<https://sites.ed.gov/idea/grantees/#DMS-2>