

EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM UPDATES

March 4, 2025

MESSAGE FROM THE PART C COORDINATOR

If you are anything like me, you are enjoying the longer days as we move into March – we gained about an hour of daylight in Ohio in February and we "spring" forward this weekend! As always, there is a lot going on in the Early Intervention (EI) world. I'd like to call your attention to our resources and trainings section for information about an exciting new opportunity for EI Service Coordinators, EI Supervisors, EI Service Coordinator Leaders, and EI Administrators from the Division for Early Childhood (DEC).

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

PROGRAM UPDATES

Early Intervention Data System (EIDS) Changes

The diagnosis dropdown on the Eligibility page in EIDS was updated to reflect changes that were missed during the June 28, 2024 release when changes were made for consistency with new EI rules. Cystic fibrosis and perinatal stroke are now available dropdown options and "Epilepsy/seizure disorder" was updated to "Epilepsy." A child assessment report and a family assessment report were also added to EIDS. These reports include information for all assessments completed in the specified timeframe. Please note the family assessment report extracts data based on the **Assessment Offered** date. Keep this in mind when selecting the relevant timeframe for needed reports. These updates were implemented on February 27. Email eids@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov with any questions regarding these additions.

State Fiscal Year 2025 (SFY25) Local Education Agency (LEA) Notification Compliance

DCY has analyzed SFY25 data related to notification to the LEA of children potentially eligible for Part B services as required by 34 CFR section 303.209(b)(1). In completing this analysis, DCY staff examined reports submitted to the LEAs by February 1. Results memos were sent on February 14. Our analysis indicates that all counties achieved a 100% compliance percentage. We want to congratulate you on this achievement and express our appreciation for the efforts that you and the EI staff in your county have made to ensure that infants and toddlers receive timely transition and other applicable requirements. Contact Erin Hale at Erin.Hale@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov with any questions.

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

The data cleaning period for SFY25 TRS and Transition analyses ended February 21 and counties had until March 3 to re-enter data after any applicable data deletions. Data for the analyses were extracted March 4th. DCY will send county inquiries March 26 and counties will have until April 10 to submit requested information to DCY.

SFY25 45-Day Baseline Analysis

Activities for the SFY25 45-Day baseline compliance analysis will begin soon. DCY will be hosting a webinar on March 25 from 2:00 - 3:00pm to go over the 45-Day baseline process. We encourage all counties to attend, regardless of whether they are part of the 45-Day baseline analysis. Please visit the EI website to register:

https://ohioearlyintervention.org/trainings/394

RESOURCES AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Developmental Specialist Certification Process Webinar Resources

The recording of the *Developmental Specialist Certification Process* webinar, held on February 13, has been posted on the EI website, along with the PowerPoint slides. Please click the link below to access these resources. If you have any questions regarding the changes to the Developmental Specialist certification process, please contact Anni Monks at Rhiannon.Monks@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov.

https://ohioearlyintervention.org/trainings/397

Developmental Specialist Application Walkthrough Webinar

DCY will host a webinar dedicated to providing a walkthrough of the new Developmental Specialist Application in the Ohio Professional Registry on March 13, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.. This webinar will be recorded and posted to the Early Intervention website, and it will contain important information for all current Early Intervention Developmental Specialists. Click here to register.

Division for Early Childhood (DEC) Service Coordination Virtual Institute

DEC recently announced the first of its kind Virtual EI Service Coordination Institute which will be held May 2, 2025. Data collected from the Virtual EI Service Coordination Institute Needs Assessment is being used to plan topics which will include offerings for

service coordinators as well as those who lead them. Some of the topics being explored include knowledge and skills for service coordinators; coaching during service coordination; family-centered functional outcomes; working with families with diverse backgrounds; partnering with families following a recent diagnosis/delay; and conflict resolution.

Registration information is coming soon. Please see the attached flyer for additional information.







Save-the-Date

May 2, 2025 | 10:30a.m. - 4:30 p.m. ET

Early Intervention Service Coordination Institute

An interactive virtual learning event for Early Intervention (EI) Service Coordinators, Service Coordinator Supervisors, Service Coordinator Leaders and El Administrators.

Hosted by the Division for Early Childhood (DEC), DEC Service Coordination (SC) Committee, DEC SC Community of Practice (CoP) and National SC Leaders Group in collaboration with the Part C of Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA) Infant and Toddler Coordinator Association (ITCA) and Early Childhood Intervention Personnel Center (ECIPC).

The Early Intervention "Virtual" Service Coordination Institute:

- Provides opportunities to learn from one another on topics connected to early intervention.
- Offers affordable professional development (including contact hours/certificates of attendance) for service coordinators and service coordinator leaders in an accessible virtual/online format.
- Elevates service coordination, and the identity of service coordinators, within the Division for Early Childhood, the professional home for service coordinators.



This event will be virtual using Zoom. Zoom link provided after registration (coming soon!).





Registration Fees

- DEC member and group (5+) discount (\$50)
- Non DEC member (\$75)