

To: All Early Intervention contract managers and FCFC coordinators
From: Nathan DeDino
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MESSAGE FROM THE PART C COORDINATOR

We are excited to share with you another installment of our ongoing video series documenting families' experiences in Early Intervention. This most recent video comes from Brown county. To learn more about the difference that Early Intervention made in Wes's life, please click on the link below.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J-nWaBDk6Q&feature=youtu.be>

I always invite your feedback. Do not hesitate to contact me at nathan.dedino@dodd.ohio.gov. I look forward to hearing from you.

PROGRAM UPDATES

New EI Rules and Forms

The proposed new EI rules have been submitted to the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review (JCARR). A public hearing will be held January 3. You can access the rules and forms and learn how to submit public comment on the EI website. We welcome your feedback.

<https://ohioearlyintervention.org/proposed-state-rules>

SFY19 Local EI Outreach Reports

Please be reminded that the first report on local EI outreach activities is due no later than December 31. This report should cover activities in the July 1, 2018 through November 30, 2018 period. Third and fourth quarter outreach payments will not be released to a county until we have received the county's first report. For additional details, please review the EI outreach agreement and accompanying materials here:

<https://ohioearlyintervention.org/local-state-national-resources/central-intake-and-outreach>

SFY19 Monitoring Baseline Schedule

Each county will be included in one of the three baseline monitoring analyses for SFY19 based on group number. Group 3 counties will be included in the first analysis for SFY19, Transition Planning Conferences (TPC) and Transition Steps and Services. These counties will receive additional details in January 2019. Group 1 counties will be involved in the Timely Receipt of Services (TRS) analyses and will receive communication in April 2019. Finally, Group 2 counties will be analyzed for 45-Day and will receive their initial communication in July 2019. Please remember that the schedule is subject to change. The following is a list of counties by group:

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3
TRS	45-Day	Transition
Belmont	Allen	Adams
Carroll	Ashtabula	Ashland
Clark	Brown	Athens
Clermont	Butler	Auglaize
Clinton	Champaign	Coshocton
Franklin	Columbiana	Cuyahoga
Gallia	Crawford	Defiance
Geauga	Darke	Erie
Greene	Delaware	Fayette
Henry	Fairfield	Hamilton
Hocking	Fulton	Harrison
Holmes	Guernsey	Highland
Jefferson	Hancock	Knox
Lawrence	Hardin	Lake
Logan	Huron	Licking
Lorain	Jackson	Madison
Lucas	Meigs	Mahoning
Medina	Mercer	Marion
Monroe	Montgomery	Miami
Noble	Morgan	Morrow
Ottawa	Muskingum	Pickaway
Portage	Paulding	Preble
Putnam	Perry	Richland
Sandusky	Pike	Shelby
Seneca	Ross	Summit
Tuscarawas	Scioto	Warren
Van Wert	Stark	Wood
Vinton	Trumbull	Wyandot
Washington	Union	
Wayne	Williams	

Emergency-Related Noncompliance

As winter weather arrives, delays, closures and poor road conditions can affect scheduling. An emergency-related closure (level 3 snow emergency, flooding, extended power outage, etc.) is an acceptable noncompliance reason when it clearly prevents an appointment from taking place. However, whenever possible, appointments should first be scheduled with sufficient time to reschedule within the required timeframe if emergency-related closures occur.

When an emergency-related closure is the reason for a missed timeline, documentation that demonstrates the date and scope of the closure should be maintained. Emergency-related closures should be documented in case notes, but confirmation of the closure (e.g., a newspaper article or an email) should be included in the child record and submitted if documentation for that child is requested. Weather-related emergencies that impact only individual staff (e.g., car trouble, neighborhood road conditions, etc.) are not an acceptable reason for a late timeline. As always, delays due to family circumstances are acceptable when properly documented. Staff should document all contacts with the family, including reasons for cancellations and attempts to reschedule.

RESOURCES AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

System of Payment Trainings: Knox and Pickaway Counties

Traci Keesee, EI Resource Coordinator, and Kelli Lanzot, EI program consultant, are presenting two training sessions on the EI System of Payments.

January 16, 10:00am-1:00pm
Knox County Board of Developmental Disabilities
11700 Upper Gilchrist Road
Mt. Vernon, Ohio 43050

Register here:
<http://reg.planetReg.com/E112680476626>

January 30, 10:00am-1:00pm
Pickaway County Educational Service Center
2050 Stoneridge Drive
Circleville, Ohio 43113

Register here:
<http://reg.planetReg.com/E1128626276444>

Please note: space is limited to the first 30 registrants for Knox county and the first 40 registrants for Pickaway county.

If you have any questions, please contact Lori Myers, lori.e.myers@dodd.ohio.gov.

Practicing Tough Conversations: December 17

Part three of Dr. Robert Gallen’s motivational interviewing series will be held December 17 in Stark county. This is an opportunity to practice and apply the motivational interviewing skills you learned in parts one and two of this training.

There are two available sessions:

December 17 from 9:00am–12:00pm and 1:00pm-4:00pm.

Please register on OhioTRAIN with Course ID #1075652.

If you have questions, please contact Lori Myers at lori.e.myers@dodd.ohio.gov.

Opioid Overdose Family Support Toolkit

The Ohio State University’s College of Social Work has created a toolkit to support families, children, and first responders impacted by opioid use and overdose. The toolkit provides resources to help support children and families as they work through the crisis of addiction and overdose. You can learn more and access the toolkit here:

<https://u.osu.edu/toolkit/>

Infantile Spasms Awareness Week

Infantile spasms (IS) are a rare, but very serious type of seizure and a medical emergency. They are caused by a condition in a baby’s brain and include repetitive, but often subtle movements—such as jerking of the mid-section, dropping of the head, raising of the arms or wide-eyed blinks. IS can be misdiagnosed as colic, reflux, or a startle reflex. You can learn about IS, including available supports here:

<https://www.childneurologyfoundation.org/programs/infantilespasms/>



**NBO Follow-up
Meeting**
for supervisors of staff
who attended NBO
training



You are invited to a web
discussion about
supporting NBO
certification and
implementation

With: DODD and two
certified NBO trainers
from Brazelton Institute

When: Tue, Jan 15,
2019
1 – 2 p.m.

**Use this link to
register:**

[https://attendee.gotowe
binar.com/register/5880
495344318510092](https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5880495344318510092)