

To: All Early Intervention contract managers and FCFC coordinators  
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## ***MESSAGE FROM THE PART C COORDINATOR***

As we near the end of 2018, we would like to thank you for your partnership. We have accomplished so much together this past year. These are just some of the highlights:

- Engaging with stakeholders to finalize proposed EI rules
- Federal determination of “Meets requirements” for the second year in a row
- Many new professional development opportunities, including bringing the Newborn Behavioral Observations (NBO) training to Ohio and the debut of Doughnuts with Di
- Revamped “Families” section of the EI website

We look forward to making 2019 even better! Best wishes for a happy and safe holiday season.

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

## ***PROGRAM UPDATES***

### **County Annual Performance Report (APR) and Determinations Reports**

Reports including county results on each APR indicator as well as this year’s determination category, along with accompanying memos, were sent to Contract Managers and FCFC Coordinators December 13 and will be posted on the EI website in coming weeks. If you have any questions, please contact Taylor Hammond at [taylor.hammond@dodd.ohio.gov](mailto:taylor.hammond@dodd.ohio.gov). Ohio’s APR will be submitted to the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) by February 1.

### **Family Questionnaire Comment Reports**

Reports including comments received on Ohio’s 2018 Family Questionnaire were sent to the counties, Contract Managers, and FCFC Coordinators on December 14. These reports will not be posted publicly. Please contact Hilary Draper at [hilary.draper@dodd.ohio.gov](mailto:hilary.draper@dodd.ohio.gov) if you have any questions.

### **SOP Monitoring**

DODD has completed the initial review of SOP records submitted for counties who had initial IFSPs in September 2018. Similar to the baseline process used for compliance indicator analyses, DODD is providing a clarification period. Requests for additional information were sent to

applicable counties earlier this week, and are due back to DODD by Friday, January 11. Counties who did not have any records that needed clarification should have received an email to indicate no further information is needed at this time. Counties that did not have applicable records from the first data extract have since received a records request or will receive a records request when applicable records are identified. If you have any questions, please contact Melissa Courts at [melissa.courts@dodd.ohio.gov](mailto:melissa.courts@dodd.ohio.gov).

## **EIDS Account Access**

With the changes to the DODD portal, we have posted updated instructions for *new* Early Intervention Data System (EIDS) users. These instructions are applicable to anyone who does not currently have EIDS access and who is seeking to obtain access to EIDS. There are two sets of instructions, as the steps to obtain access to EIDS vary based on whether the prospective user already has a DODD portal account. You can access both sets of instructions in the EIDS “Info” section or on the EI website here:

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

## **Upcoming EIDS Changes for New EI Rules**

DODD is making a number of changes to EIDS as part of a general clean-up and to be in alignment with the new EI rules. These changes will be implemented in two phases. The first release will occur on January 24 and consists of changes needed to improve the end user experience and ensure consistency with current program requirements. The second release will occur when the new rules are implemented. Documents that outline the changes and new EIDS requirements in detail will be distributed ahead of the changes are made in EIDS. A summary of the changes expected to occur with the January 24 release follows.

- The child assessment items on the bottom portion of the assessment page will be re-arranged to fall under two headings: (1) “Were the following included as part of the Child Assessment?” and (2) “Were the following domains assessed using this tool/method?” For the first set of questions, ‘Yes’ will need to be selected for at least two of the items in order to save the page.
- On the IFSP page, “IFSP Type” will be added as a required item. Additionally, the “Not applicable” dropdown option for the Child Outcomes Summary (COS) questions will be removed. Going forward, these items must be completed unless the IFSP is a periodic review, as indicated by the “IFSP Type” field. Finally, a “Resource Based Family Outcome” is being added as a dropdown option for “Service Type.”
- Updates related to Transition section will be made. Required items regarding the Transition Planning Conference (TPC) will be added to indicate whether the child is potentially eligible for Part B and whether the family consented to the TPC. A tab will be added to document Transition Steps and Services in EIDS, including the date, NCR if applicable, and an open text field to document transition steps and services. Additionally, the Transition Prep tab will be removed.

- On the exit page, “Not applicable: IFSP is not an initial or annual IFSP” is being removed as a COS dropdown option. As it works now, this page will be able to be saved without entering information for the COS items if an IFSP was never completed for the child or the exit reason is “Child is deceased, “Loss of contact with family,” or “Unable to contact family.”

## **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>

## ***RESOURCES AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES***

### **New Principles of Service Coordination Course Coming Soon!**

We are pleased to announce that the new Principles of Service Coordination course is launching the first week of February 2019. This course will replace the one-day Principles of Service Coordination training DODD currently offers. The new course will be a blended-learning opportunity that includes online modules, webinars, in-person training, activities, and resources. All components of the course will be available on DODD’s My Learning. This training was developed to be responsive to the learning needs of the field and will provide a more comprehensive and practical learning opportunity.

Additional information and training on how to navigate MyLearning will be available in the new year.

### **New Session: Practicing Tough Conversations**

We have added a new session of the training, “Practicing Tough Conversations,” with Dr. Robert Gallen. This training is part three of Dr. Gallen’s Motivational Interviewing series and will allow participants to practice their skills in a face-to-face setting.

The training will be held March 1 in Crawford county. There are two available sessions:

9:00am – 12:00pm *or*

1:00pm – 4:00pm

To register, visit OhioTRAIN and search for course # 1075652.

If you have any questions, please contact Lori Myers at [lori.e.myers@dodd.ohio.gov](mailto:lori.e.myers@dodd.ohio.gov).

### **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](mailto:lori.e.myers@dodd.ohio.gov).