

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

We wish all of you a happy and healthy 2019! We look forward to partnering with you this year to continue our work to strengthen Ohio's EI system. If you would like to learn more about what is happening in Early Intervention around the country, please check out the recently released US Department of Education's *40th Annual Report to Congress on the Implementation of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act*. You can access the report on the Ohio EI website under the "Federal Reporting" tile.

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

Mid-Year Grant Reports/SOSC Post-Assessments

Prior to the implementation of the Supporting Ohio's Service Coordinators (SOSC) process, Service Coordinators, Service Coordinator Supervisors, and Contract Managers were required to take assessments related to the Child Outcomes Summary (COS) process and Parent Rights. In order to evaluate phase one of the SOSC process, including the technical assistance and training over the past two years in these areas, DODD has created new assessments regarding both the COS and Parent Rights. In lieu of each local program's service coordination grant mid-year report, Service Coordinators, Service Coordinator Supervisors, and Contact Managers are required to complete these assessments. Each assessment should take approximately 10-15 minutes to complete and must be completed no later than February 1. The new assessments can be completed at the following links:

COS Assessment: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/postCOSassess>

Parent Rights Assessment: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/postPRassessment>

SFY19 Local EI Outreach Reports

Local EI outreach activities reports were due 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 Transition Analyses

As in past years, each county will be included in one of the three baseline analyses for SFY19 based on group number. See EI Program Updates #1826 for additional details. Group 3 counties will be the first of 2019 and will be monitored on Transition Planning Conferences and Transition Steps and Services. Initial emails to notify regarding their inclusion in the analysis are scheduled to be sent next week. For counties included in the Transition analyses, the data cleaning period will run from January 17 to January 30.

RESOURCES AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

New Training: Mandated Reporting of Suspected Abuse and Neglect

Please join us February 5, from 10:00-11:30am for a live webinar, “Mandated Reporting of Suspected Abuse or Neglect.” The presenters are Alisa Muncy and Julie Weidle with Butler County Children Services. You will learn what must be reported, when a report must be made, who is mandated to report, and why it is important to report suspected cases of abuse and neglect. You will also learn how to complete the reporting process in Ohio. The webinar will be recorded and available as an online course in the near future.

The proposed EI rules include a requirement for Service Coordinators and Service Coordinator Supervisors to complete this training for credentialing purposes. Attending the February 5 webinar will meet this requirement.

To participate in the webinar, please register here:

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/3435751031676103683>

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