

Early Intervention Program Updates #2415 August 6, 2024

MESSAGE FROM THE PART C COORDINATOR

With heavy hearts, we say goodbye to a longstanding member of the state EI team. Tiffany Madden, currently serving as the comprehensive system of personnel development (CSPD) coordinator for EI, will be leaving her position later this month. Tiffany started as an EI program consultant at DODD ten years ago. In 2021, she moved up and became the CSPD coordinator. She was instrumental in this role in moving Ohio EI's professional development work forward. Under her leadership, Principles of Special Instruction (POSI) was created and Principles of Service Coordination (POSC) was revamped in its current form. Please join me in thanking this fine professional for her service and wishing her well in her future work in the disabilities field.

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

PROGRAM UPDATES

SFY24 Transition Baseline

The SFY24 transition baseline is complete. Results memos were sent to applicable EI Contract Managers and FCFC Coordinators on July 29. Please contact Erin Hale (erin.hale@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov) with any questions.

Family Questionnaire Quantitative Reports

Quantitative analyses of the 2024 Family Questionnaire are complete. Percentages of positive responses remained high statewide for all items. DCY sent a quantitative report, including the county's results for each item and the county's response rate, to each EI Contract Manager and FCFC Coordinator on July 17. A document including all county reports has been posted on the EI website (<https://ohioearlyintervention.org/county-data>) and each county report has been posted on the individual county report page.

We are reviewing all comments in the open-ended questions, removing identifying information if the parent did not consent to share their comments exactly as written, and following up with any families as needed. Once the comment review is complete, we will send each county a file with all the responses to open-ended items from families in their counties. These files will not be posted publicly.

Please contact Taylor Hammond (taylor.hammond@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov) with

any questions about the EI Family Questionnaire.

EI Service Coordination Oversight Report

The second EI Service Coordination Oversight Report covering activities that occurred from January 1, 2024 through June 30, 2024 must be shared with the relevant Family and Children First Council not later than August 31. The report template and accompanying report guide are located on the Ohio Early Intervention website with the EI Grant Agreement materials. Please contact Erin Hale (erin.hale@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov) with any questions about how to complete the oversight report.

Form EI-03 Guidance and Sample Forms

The Form EI-03 page on the Ohio Early Intervention website has been updated to include a guidance document containing information about the form, sample language to communicate to families when discussing the form, and relevant rule citations. Additionally, five sample EI-03 forms have been posted to the website. Click the link below to access the new EI-03 guidance resources:

<https://ohioearlyintervention.org/forms/ei-03>

EI Forms Available in Spanish on Website

All EI forms are now available in Spanish on the Early Intervention website. To access the translated forms, please click the link below, navigate to and click the desired form, and then scroll down to “Translations.”

<https://ohioearlyintervention.org/forms>

RESOURCES AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Parent Rights and Procedural Safeguards in Early Intervention Course Update

Course (EI-066), *Parent Rights and Procedural Safeguards in Early Intervention*, has been updated to align with new EI rule and is now available for enrollment and completion on DODD MyLearning. Click the link below to access the course:

<https://mylearning.dodd.ohio.gov/course/view.php?id=459>