

September 16, 2025

MESSAGE FROM THE PART C COORDINATOR

We have several important updates for you today covering a variety of different topics. I'd particularly like to call your attention to information about upcoming Early Intervention (EI) office hours and the announcement of a new Department of Children and Youth (DCY) EI team member.

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

PROGRAM UPDATES

EI Office Hours

As mentioned in the September 2 EI Program Update, the DCY EI team will begin hosting monthly EI office hours this month. These office hours will generally focus on one topic, which will be announced ahead of each call, allowing the opportunity to submit questions that can be addressed on the call. As applicable, the DCY EI team will also provide important program and/or department updates during the first fifteen minutes of each call. Each of these calls will be recorded and the recording will be posted on the EI website.

These office hours will be hosted from 9:00 to 10:00 AM on the last Monday of each month. The first official call in this series, which will focus on the EI System of Payment and the use of Councils of Governments (COGs) and Department Contracted Providers (DCPs), is on September 29 at 9:00 AM. Click [here](#) to register for these office hours and please submit any questions to ei@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov. DCY will be sending a form for requesting the use of COGs and DCPs, as well as related guidance, to DCPs, COGs, and EI Service Coordination (EISC) agencies prior to the call.

Registration links for the October and November office hours will be distributed soon. We will not host a call in December due to the holidays and will provide a schedule for 2026 in the coming months.

State EI Team Update

Lindsay Morrison is the new EI Funding Specialist in the Early Childhood Practice Advancement Bureau. Lindsay has a bachelor's degree in health sciences from the University of Central Florida with a minor in psychology and a master's degree in developmental disabilities with a concentration in early childhood development from Nova Southeastern University. She began her EI journey as a developmental specialist through the Fairfield County Board of Developmental Disabilities and most recently with OCALI as an early development and learning specialist. Through her time there, Lindsay worked on her certification in Pivotal Response Treatment (PRT) and obtained her Ohio Infant Mental Health Practitioner Level 3 credential. In her spare time, Lindsay enjoys DIY projects, spending time with her husband and two rescue dogs, and cheering on the Columbus Blue Jackets and her University of Central Florida (UCF) Knights.

SFY25 County Annual Reports

DCY sent State Fiscal Year 2025 (SFY25) county annual summary reports to EI contract managers and FCFC Coordinators last week. These reports contain information about referral sources, children served, eligibility reasons, services on initial IFSPs, and exit reasons. The statewide SFY25 data summary will be available on the EI website in the coming weeks. The county reports are not posted publicly. Please contact Brier Gallihugh at Brier.Gallihugh@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov with any questions.

SFY25 County COS Reports

SFY25 county Child Outcomes Summary (COS) reports and data were sent to EI Contract Managers and FCFC Coordinators last week. Please contact Brier Gallihugh at Brier.Gallihugh@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov with any questions.

SFY26 Baseline Monitoring Webinars

We provided information about the [State Fiscal Year 2026 \(SFY26\) baseline monitoring schedule](#) in the [July 22 EI Program Update](#). Prior to each baseline monitoring analysis, we will host webinars to prepare for the process, review timelines and requirements, and review documentation needed to verify compliance activities. We encourage all counties to attend, regardless of their inclusion in the analysis. All webinars will be held from 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM and the dates and registration links for each are listed below.

- Register [here](#) for the SFY26 Transition baseline webinar on November 13
- Register [here](#) for the SFY26 TRS baseline webinar on February 5, 2026
- Register [here](#) for the SFY26 45-day baseline webinar on March 26, 2026

SFY26 EISC Grant Materials Posted

SFY26 EISC grant agreement materials, including the following, have been posted on the [EI website](#):

- Exhibit 2 – EISC Grant Requirements and Deliverables SFY26
- SFY26 EI Service Coordination Contact Sheet
- EISC Oversight Report
- EISC Oversight Report Guide
- SFY26 EI Allocation table

SFY26 Early Intervention Assistive Technology Services – RFQ Open

As a reminder, the Early Intervention Assistive Technology Request for Quote opened on August 20 in Ohio Buys. This [Request for Quote](#) will be utilized to select Assistive Technology providers for SFY26. This opportunity is open through September 30 at 1:00 PM. Please pass this information along to anyone who may be interested in providing Assistive Technology Services in EI in SFY26. Email Traci Keesee at Traci.Keesee@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov with any questions.