

El Breakfast Club

June 29th, 2026



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AGENDA

EI Updates

- Presenter: Bright Beginnings
- General program updates
- Policy and Monitoring
- Professional Development
- Expansion of qualified personnel list



UPDATES FROM HELP ME GROW CENTRAL INTAKE & REFERRAL for Early Intervention Breakfast Club

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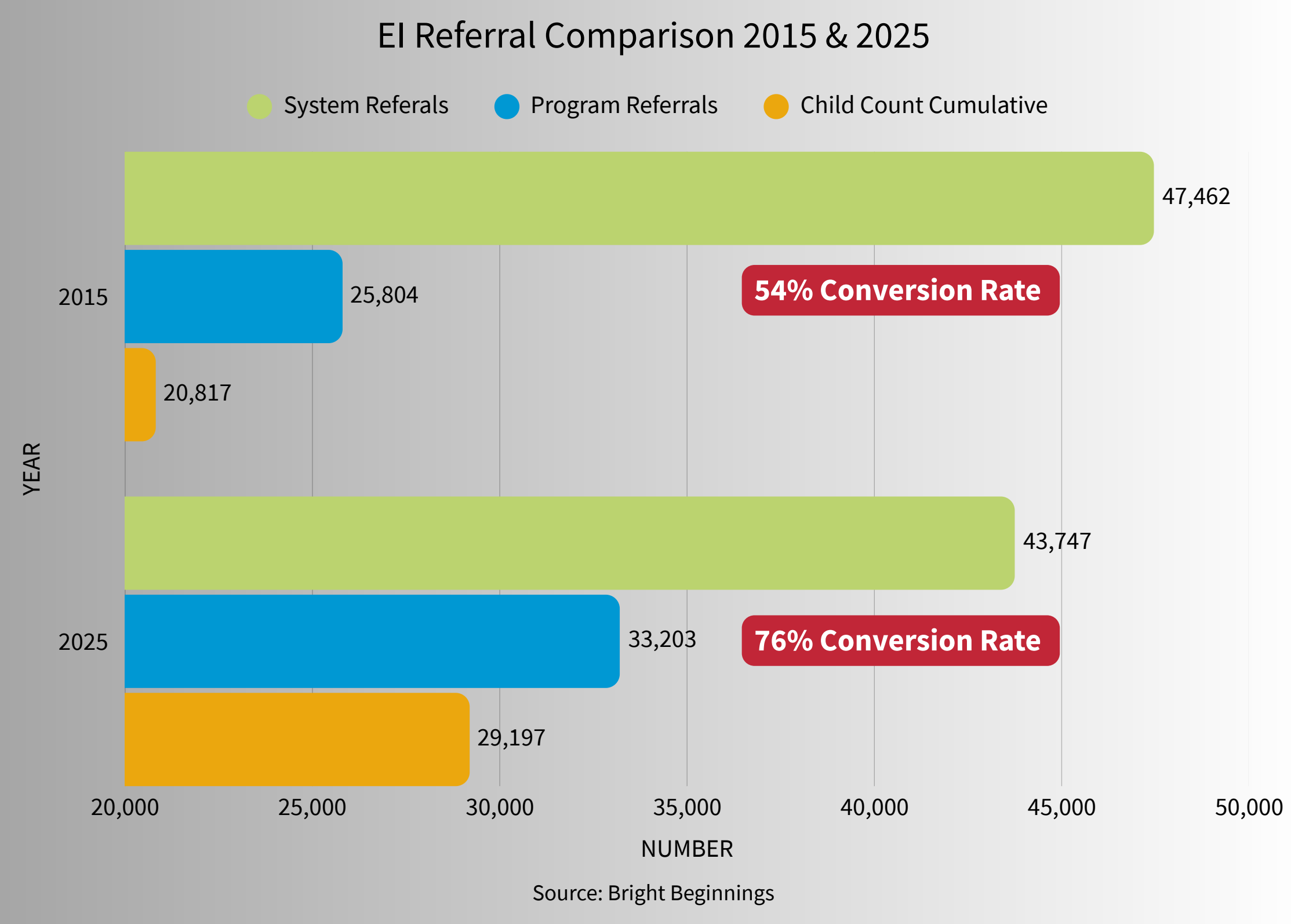
Presenters

- Melissa Bixel, HMG CIR Senior Manager
- Sarah Taylor, Senior Mktg & Community Engagement Officer

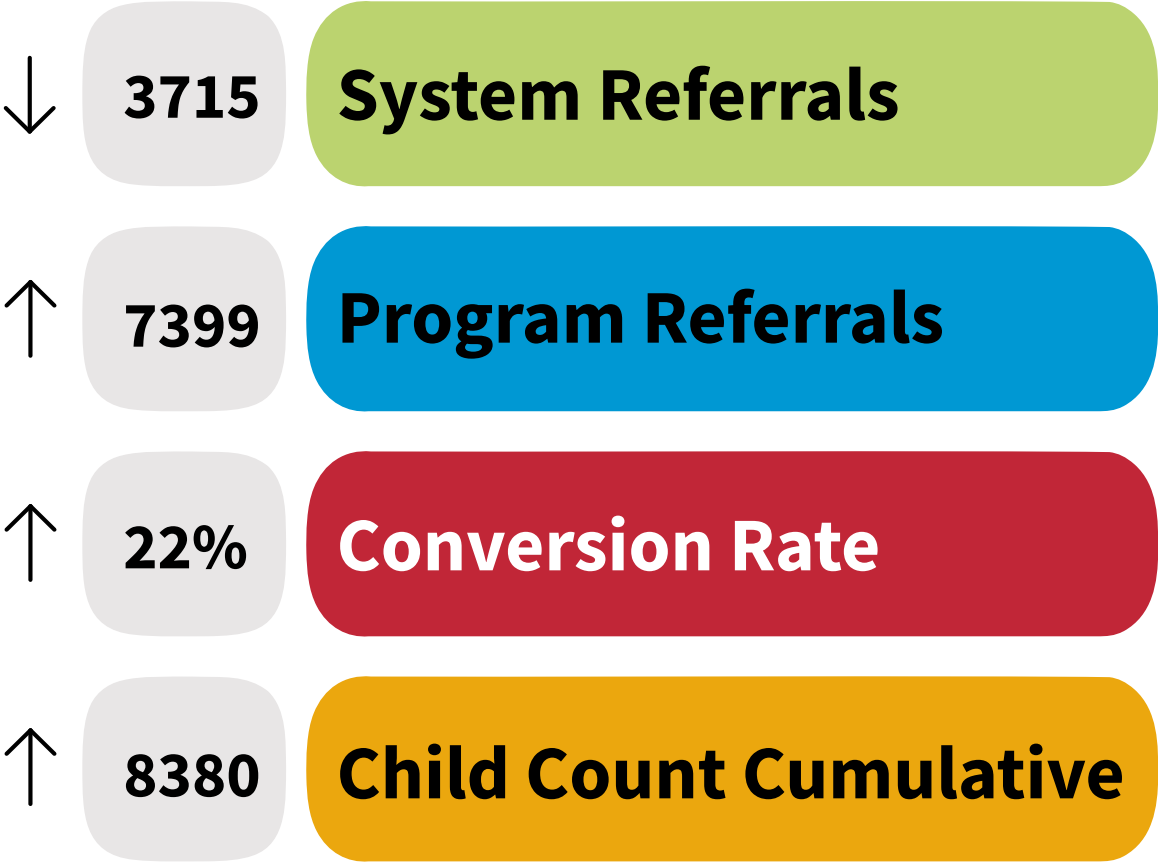
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- 1/** Data Review
- 2/** Intake Process Updates
- 3/** Outreach Efforts
- 4/** Connecting Families with HMG Services

Data Review



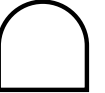
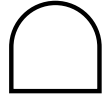
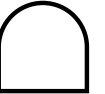
COMPARISON



Intake Updates: EI Referral & Transfer

Referrals

- Timelines from receipt:
 - Initial contact within one (1) business day
 - Within 14 days at least two (2) additional contact attempts
 - Call, text, email, and/or mail
 - Done on different days and times of day
- If a parent completes the web referral for EI services, CIR does not contact the family before SC agency assignment
- PCSA Referrals
 - When boxes 1, 2, or 3 are checked, CIR does not contact the family before SC agency assignment
 - SC can access the form in Managed Documents to see details from PCSA

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Transfers

- Children open with active IFSP moving from one Ohio county to another can be transferred to another EI SC agency for transition assistance within 45 days of the child turning 3
- EI services are based on child county of residence, not county where school district located

Outreach Efforts

Physician Folders Campaign

- Delivering folders full of HMG information to pediatric and family physician offices (6,000+)
- Offering presentations to educate about automatic eligibility, use of the EI-12 form, becoming a Sparkler program partner, and more
- Working to wrap up by end of SFY26



EI Video

- Dayton-area vendor working on a 2-3 minute video providing brief summary of EI
- Will include creation of content for social media and future advertising
- Thank you to those who've responded to request for families to feature

Outreach Efforts

EI Communications Toolkit

- Suggested messaging and graphics
- <https://www.helpmegrow.org/EIToolkit.aspx>

Order EI Materials

- Print and promotional items available for order by EI Service Coordination Agencies
- <https://www.helpmegrow.org/EIOrderForm.aspx>
- Outreach staff will deliver to your agency

Early Intervention Outreach and Public Awareness Materials



[Click here](#) for helpful guidance on conducting outreach and public awareness activities. It includes guidance about key EI messaging language, different types of media, the most helpful types of promotional materials, and more.

Order Early Intervention Promotional Materials



EARLY INTERVENTION PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS

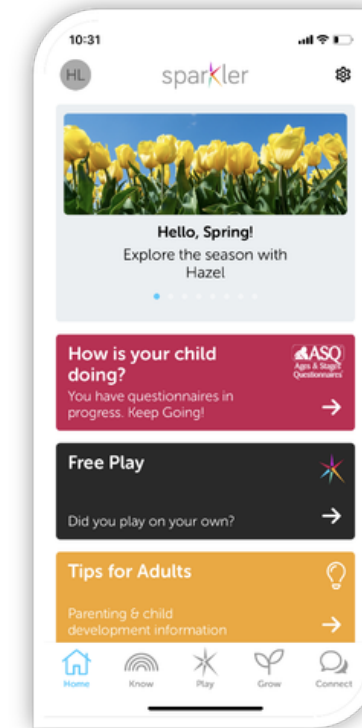
Access the order form



Connect with all Help Me Grow Services

No cost and available to any Ohio family

- Sparkler: Play for Parenting app
 - Thousands of play activities
 - Parenting tips
 - Ages & Stages Questionnaires (ASQ)
 - Be sure to register with the code OH
- Family Connects Ohio
 - At-home visit from a nurse for families with newborns
 - Available in 30+ Ohio counties and growing



Additional Services

- Ongoing Home Visiting
 - Three models available
 - Serve families prenatally through age 5
 - Use the [web referral form](#) to refer
- [Community Resource Directories](#)
 - Searchable, regularly updated database of resources in all 88 counties for families who are pregnant or have young children through age 5

To which service(s) are you interested in making a referral?

ASQ Online Service

The Ages and Stages Questionnaire (ASQ) is a free developmental screening tool available statewide for families with children birth through age 5. The ASQ tracks a child's developmental milestones, identifies strengths, and helps parents and caregivers learn whether there are any concerns. Get personalized results and support from a developmental screening specialist.

☐ I am interested in ASQ Online Services for this family

Early Intervention

Early Intervention supports families of children birth to age 3 who have developmental delays or disabilities so they have the best possible start in life. Professionals help identify a child's strengths and needs, addressing concerns as early as possible. Services are provided where families live, play, and spend their day. There is no need to "wait and see." Concerned about a child's development? Act early!

☐ I am interested in Early Intervention Services for this family

Family Connects

Family Connects is a free, in-home nurse visit provided within the first few weeks of a newborn's arrival. Visits are offered to all families who reside in a participating area. The nurse checks up on the baby's and the family's health, screens for potential postnatal health complications, answers questions about welcoming a newborn, and connects the family to resources within their community.

☐ I am interested in Family Connects Services for this family

Home Visiting

Home Visiting is a family support program for pregnant individuals and caregivers with young children promoting healthy growth and development. Each home visit, tailored to a family's needs, provides support for a healthy pregnancy; tips to help a child stay safe and learn; and an opportunity to ask questions, share concerns, and connect with community resources

☐ I am interested in Home Visiting Services for this family

WIC

WIC provides nutrition education and breastfeeding support; supplemental, nutritious foods and iron-fortified infant formula; and referrals to health care and other programs for income eligible pregnant and breastfeeding women, women who recently had a baby, infants, and children up to five years of age.

☐ I am interested in WIC Services for this family

Thank You



<https://helpmegrow.org>



<https://www.facebook.com/BrightBeginningsKids>



<https://www.instagram.com/brightbeginningshmg>



<https://www.youtube.com/@HelpMeGrowCIR>

UPDATES



GENERAL PROGRAM
UPDATES

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POLICY/MONITORING

UPDATES



PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT

EXPANSION OF QUALIFIED PERSONNEL LIST

Addition of EISCs and
EISC Supervisors

EXPANSION OF QUALIFIED PERSONNEL LIST

- DCY [Procedure Letter 42](#) designates EISCs and EISC supervisors as qualified personnel
- As outlined in Appendix B of OAC rule [5180-10-02](#), only qualified personnel may conduct evaluations and assessments or provide early intervention services
- **Expansion** - Local early intervention programs may choose, but are not required, to utilize EISCs and/or EISC supervisors to complete evaluations and assessments
- Additional information regarding objectives and considerations to follow

DUALLY CREDENTIALLED PERSONNEL

- QUESTION: Can an EISC or EISC supervisor complete an evaluation/assessment on their own if they are dually credentialed?
- ANSWER: Yes. All requirements in rule/federal regs and the tool administration must be met:
 - Individual must have an active credential/license in another area on the qualified personnel list
 - Individual must be trained on the applicable tool

CURRENTLY QUALIFIED PERSONNEL - ADDING EISC CREDENTIAL

- QUESTION: How can a Developmental Specialist or other qualified personnel obtain their EISC credential to become dually certified?
- ANSWER: Yes, with requirements
 - Must be employed by or have a contract with a service coordination agency
 - Must meet reflective supervision requirements

HOW COUNTIES ARE UTILIZING THE EXPANSION OF THE QUALIFIED PERSONNEL LIST

- EISCs already certified in another area, trained on the tool, participating in E&A
- For annual assessments only
- No capacity to have EISCs participate in E&A regularly, but will utilize on an as needed basis

RECOMMENDED COURSES FOR EVALUATORS

- MyLearning

(EI-071) Infant and Toddler Development	https://mylearning.dodd.ohio.gov/course/view.php?id=354
(EI-117) Assessment Practices in Early Intervention	https://mylearning.dodd.ohio.gov/course/view.php?id=368
(EI-132) Early Communication	https://mylearning.dodd.ohio.gov/course/view.php?id=374
(EI-254) Eligibility Basics	https://mylearning.dodd.ohio.gov/course/view.php?id=487
(EI-453) Ohio EI Eligibility and Assessment Process Overview	https://mylearning.dodd.ohio.gov/course/view.php?id=453
Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome Series (EI-085, EI-099, EI-111, EI-114, EI-124)	https://mylearning.dodd.ohio.gov/course/search.php?search=neonatal

RECOMMENDED COURSES FOR EVALUATORS

- OCAI

Donuts with Di: Let's Get Curious About Assessment series	https://ohioeducationstation.org/Donuts-with-Di	
Strategies for Infant and Toddler Development	https://ohioeducationstation.org/strategies-for-infant-toddler-development	Free
Intervene Early for Autism Spectrum Disorder	https://ohioeducationstation.org/intervene-early-module-series	
Center for the Young Child Seminars	https://cycseminars.org/	\$50 each

RECOMMENDED COURSES FOR EVALUATORS

- Bayley/Batelle

Bayley Scales of Infant and Toddler Development	Keep an eye on the Tuesday Times and EI Biweekly Program Update for announcements of state sponsored trainings for SFY 2027! Other options for formal training can be found here . These options are associated with training costs.
Battelle Developmental Inventory	Keep an eye on the Tuesday Times and EI Biweekly Program Update for announcements of state sponsored trainings for SFY 2027!

ASSESSMENT RESOURCES

Ohio EI Website

- [DeterminingEligibility_0824.pdf](#)
- [Informed Clinical Opinion \(ICO\)](#)

Virginia Resources (Assessment)

- [Social-Emotional Screening and Assessment – ITCVA](#)

Definition of Functional Assessment

- [def of func assess 9.10.18.pdf](#)

FIPP-EI

- Tips and Techniques for Developing Participation Based IFSP Outcome Statements
- [Brief Case Volume 2 Number 1- Tips and Techniques for Developing Participation-Based IFSP Outcome Statements](#)

ASSESSMENT RESOURCES

Practice Improvement Tools

Practice Guides for Practitioners

[ECTA Center: Practice Improvement Tools: Practice Guides for Practitioners](#)

DEC Recommended Practices

[ECTA Center: DEC Recommended Practices](#)

Early Intervention Service Coordinator

[ECTA Center: Service Coordination Under Part C](#)

Knowledge and Skills for Service Coordinators

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[KSSC - A Closer Look](#)

UPDATING CONTACT SHEET

SFY27 Early Intervention Service Coordination Grant Contact Sheet

Instructions: Identify the roles and people associated with DCY EI grant agreements by completing this spreadsheet. Add additional lines as needed for service coordinators, supervisors, all evaluators and assessors, and other personnel as necessary. Please note it is possible some people's names may appear more than once. Subrecipients are required to submit revised contact sheets to their assigned EI program consultant within 14 days of any contact changes within these positions.

Designated Agency Name:							
Name of person completing form:							
Date form completed:							
County/Countries Served:							
Role	Name	Title/Discipline	Agency (example: COG)	GMS User	Designated Agency Staff, Contractor, or Other	Evaluator & Child Assessor Licensure/Certification Expiration Date(s) - (If Applicable)	Typical number of hours worked per week in this role
Fiscal Agent - Head of Organization/Director							
Fiscal Agent- Fiscal Contact							
GMS User							
FCFC Coordinator							
EI Contract Manager							
EI Contract Manager Stand-in							
EIDS System Administrator							
EI SC Supervisor							
EI SC							
Other SC agency personnel							
Evaluators & Assessors							

EIDS TEMPORARY WORKAROUND

- We will be adding a “Service Coordinator or Service Coordinator Supervisor” option to all of the **Profession/Discipline** fields
- In the meantime, select a discipline separate from the other discipline that was represented for the evaluation/assessment (e.g., if a Service Coordinator and a Physical Therapist completed the evaluation or assessment, select Physical Therapist for one discipline and any other discipline for the second)

Eligibility Assessment Summary Diagnosis Detail **Evaluation Detail** Out of State Eligibility

Evaluations determine Part C eligibility

*Evaluation Tool Name:

Evaluation Date: / /

**Non-Compliance Reason:

Child's age in months at time of Evaluation Tool: Get Age

* Administered By #1:

Profession/Discipline 1 for Administered by #1:

Profession/Discipline 2 for Administered by #1:

** Administered By #2:

** Profession/Discipline 1 for Administered by #2:

Profession/Discipline 2 for Administered by #2:

Add Note Save

* Indicates required field.
** Indicates conditionally required field

Assessment List **Assessment Detail**

*Assessment Tool/Method Name:

Assessment Tool/Method Date: / /

**Non-Compliance Reason:

Child's age in months at time of Assessment Tool/Method: Get Age

* Administered By #1:

Profession/Discipline 1 for Administered by #1:

Profession/Discipline 2 for Administered by #1:

** Administered By #2:

** Profession/Discipline 1 for Administered by #2:

Profession/Discipline 2 for Administered by #2:

EIDS – DATA FIXES FOR WORKAROUND

- Keep a list of any evaluations and assessments completed by the Service Coordinator that are entered into EIDS. Please track the following information on the attached spreadsheet:
 - Child's ETID
 - Child's Name
 - Evaluation Date (if applicable)
 - Assessment Date (if applicable)
 - EISC/EISC Supervisor Name
 - Discipline Selected in lieu of EISC/EISC Supervisor
- When the Service Coordinator/Service Coordinator Supervisor dropdown option is available, send the completed spreadsheet to eids@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov.
 - Please include your county name in the title of the file.
 - We will make the updates for you to reflect the Service Coordinator/Service Coordinator Supervisor in the applicable Profession/Discipline fields.

