

**February 17, 2026**

## **MESSAGE FROM THE PART C COORDINATOR**

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I hope you all are staying warm and digging out of all the snow and ice! We again have several important updates for you across many facets of the program. There continues to be a lot going on in the EI world, so please be sure to review each update closely.

Please feel free to reach out to me at [Taylor.Hammond@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov](mailto:Taylor.Hammond@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov) with ideas, questions, or suggestions any time.

## **PROGRAM UPDATES**

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### *Federal Fiscal Year 2024 Ohio Part C Annual Performance Report*

Ohio's FFY24 Part C Annual Performance Report (APR) was submitted January 28. The submitted document, along with all APR submissions since FFY13, is available on the [Federal Reporting and Postings page](#) of EI website. Contact Taylor Hammond at [Taylor.Hammond@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov](mailto:Taylor.Hammond@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov) with any questions about the APR.

### *2026 EI Family Questionnaire*

The annual EI family questionnaire is just around the corner. DCY plans to distribute questionnaires in early May to families of children served in EI on March 1, 2026. Like the past several years, most questionnaires will be distributed via email, so please make sure caregiver email addresses are up to date in the Early Intervention Data System (EIDS). The DCY EI team will host a webinar on May 6 from 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM to review the family questionnaire process and share tips for engaging families. Register [here](#) for the webinar, and be on the lookout for additional information in the coming weeks!

### *EI Office Hours*

Thank you for all of those who joined our first office hours session of the year on January 26. As always, we provided important program updates and the DCY contracts team provided information regarding DCY's Grants Management System (GMS). The recording of this session is available [here](#). Register [here](#) for the February 23 office hours, which will focus on the fiscal amendment process.

## *State Fiscal Year 2026 Mid-Year Reporting Requirements*

As a reminder, all counties are required to complete the SFY26 mid-year program report, mid-year local outreach report, and EI Service Coordination (EISC) oversight report by February 28. DCY sent an email to all Contract Managers outlining these requirements on January 27.

The mid-year program report includes an attestation regarding the completion of Principles of Service Coordination (POSC) module 3, questions related to monitoring locally contracted providers, and sharing a success story. We have consolidated the local outreach report, and are asking for total numbers and costs of events and activities, along with some open-ended items related to what has worked well and challenges experienced with local outreach and public awareness over the first six months of the fiscal year. Complete the mid-year program report [here](#) and the local outreach report [here](#). Please reach out to [ei@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov](mailto:ei@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov) with any questions.

The EISC oversight report must be shared with the local Family and Children First (FCFC) council and the county's regional EI program consultant no later than February 28, 2026. The SFY26 report template and guide are available on [Service Coordination Grant Agreements page](#) of the EI website. If you have questions regarding the report, please contact Erin Hale at [Erin.Hale@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov](mailto:Erin.Hale@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov).

## *SFY26 Timely Receipt of Services Compliance*

Activities related to the SFY26 Timely Receipt of Services (TRS) baseline analysis are underway. The EI Policy and Monitoring team hosted a webinar on February 5 from 2:00 to 3:00 PM to review TRS timelines and requirements, documentation needed to verify compliance activities, and information about how to prepare for the process. The recording and slides from this webinar are available [here](#). Counties who are participating in the TRS baseline have until February 23 to submit any questions or deletion requests, and until March 2 to complete any applicable re-entry of data. Compliance data will be extracted March 3. Please contact EI Policy and Monitoring consultants, Erin Hale ([Erin.Hale@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov](mailto:Erin.Hale@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov)) and Becca Muntean ([Rebecca.Muntean@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov](mailto:Rebecca.Muntean@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov)) with any questions about the SFY26 TRS compliance analysis.

## *SFY26 Local Education Agency (LEA) Notification Compliance*

DCY has analyzed SFY26 data related to notification to the local education agency (LEA) of children potentially eligible for Part B services as required by 34 CFR section 303.209(b)(1). The EI Policy and Monitoring team examined reports submitted to the

LEAs by February 1, and our analysis indicates that all counties achieved 100% compliance. Results memos were sent on February 13. We want to express our appreciation for the efforts that our local EI programs have made to ensure that infants and toddlers receive timely transition and other applicable requirements. Contact Erin Hale at [Erin.Hale@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov](mailto:Erin.Hale@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov) and Becca Muntean at [Rebecca.Muntean@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov](mailto:Rebecca.Muntean@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov) with any questions.

## **RESOURCES AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES**

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### *EI Credentialing/Certification Announcements and Reminders*

In the [February 3 edition](#) of the EI program update, we shared several announcements and reminders regarding EI certification and credentialing. Among these updates, we announced that the completion of the [CPD Tracker](#) would be required beginning March 2 for renewals of all 5-Year credentials, including EI Service Coordinator (EISC) and EISC supervisor credentials and Developmental Specialist (DS) certifications. This requirement, along with resources and reminders related to credentialing/certification, will be discussed during a webinar on February 26. [Click here](#) to register for the webinar.

### *New EI Training Inbox*

There is a new inbox for Early Intervention training inquiries. Please direct all emails regarding EI training opportunities, training certificates, Continuing Professional Development Units (CPDUs), EISC credentialing, and DS certification to [eitraining@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov](mailto:eitraining@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov).

### *Donuts with Di Session Recordings Available*

Recordings are available for the first two webinars in the Donuts with Di series on functional assessment. Access the first webinar recording on Enhancing Observation Skills [here](#). Access the second webinar recording on Effective Record Review [here](#). Both webinar recordings are approved for EISC and DS CPDUs.

You must create a new account or log into an existing Ohio Center for Autism and Low Incidence (OCALI) ID account to view the webinar recordings. You can log into your account or create an account by clicking the corresponding links in the top right corner of the [Ohio EI website](#).