

**March 17, 2026**

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

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As we continue to navigate many challenging situations in the EI world, I want to embrace my Irish heritage by sharing a snippet from an Irish blessing on this St. Patrick's Day:

*May the road rise to meet you.  
May the wind be always at your back.  
May the sun shine warm upon your face.  
And rains fall soft upon your fields.*

As always, the DCY EI team appreciates your creativity in addressing challenges and your dedication to and passion for serving Ohio's children and families. I look forward to continuing our collaboration to find innovative solutions, improve practices, and make Ohio EI the best it can be as we move into the spring season. Here's to hoping for more sunshine on our faces and smoother days ahead.

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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### *State Fiscal Year 2026 Compliance Analyses*

DCY is finalizing data reviews and analyses for the State Fiscal Year 2026 (SFY26) Transition Steps and Services and Transition Planning Conference (TPC) analyses. Results memos will be sent to applicable counties March 26.

Activities related to the State Fiscal Year 2026 (SFY26) Timely Receipt of Services (TRS) baseline analysis continue. Compliance inquiries were sent to included counties March 17 and are due back to DCY March 31.

Activities related to SFY26 45-Day baseline compliance analysis will begin soon. The EI Policy and Monitoring team is hosting a webinar on March 26 from 2 - 3:00 p.m. to review 45-Day timeline requirements, documentation needed to verify compliance of required activities, and how to prepare for the process. Register [here](#) for the webinar. Group 1 counties will be included in the SFY26 45-Day analysis, but we encourage all counties to attend.

The SFY26 baseline calendar, including a list of counties in each group, is available on the [Monitoring page](#) of the Ohio EI website. 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 compliance analyses.

### *EI Office Hours*

DCY hosted the second EI office hours of the year, which covered the grant agreement amendment process and key timelines and expectations, on February 23. This office hours recording is available [here](#). Register [here](#) for the March 30 EI office hours and stay tuned for registration links and additional information for the rest of the 2026 EI office hours.

## **RESOURCES AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES**

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### *September 2025 Ohio Association of County Boards EI Forum Session Recordings*

The recordings from the sessions hosted by DCY at the September 2025 Ohio Association of County Boards (OACB) EI forum are now available. Access the Strengthening IFSPs through Relationship-Based Practices session, presented by Erin Hale and Karen Kincaid, [here](#) and the Stronger Together: How Teaming Boosts Efficiency in EI, presented by Lindsey Jay and Karen Kincaid, [here](#).

### *EI Credential/Certification Announcements and Reminder Webinar: Materials Available!*

DCY hosted a webinar covering EI credential/certification announcements and reminders, including discussions on documenting professional development, application checklists, and the new [CPD Tracker](#) form on February 26. Access the webinar PowerPoint slides and recording [here](#). Please contact [eitraining@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov](mailto:eitraining@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov) with any questions.

### *Part C to B Transition Virtual Summit Series*

OCALI is hosting a Virtual Early Childhood Transition Summit Series. This series is a collaborative space where educators, service providers, and agencies can come together to learn from one another while deepening their understanding of the systems and roles that support young children. Participants can share information and strategies that build connections to ensure smooth, successful transitions in early childhood. Session 1, which covered terminology, eligibility, and program planning occurred on March 13. Session 2, which will cover service provision essentials, is April

17 at 9:00 a.m. and session 3, which will cover teaming and collaboration, is May 8 at 9:00 a.m. Register for one or both of the remaining sessions [here](#).