

May 26, 2026

MESSAGE FROM THE PART C COORDINATOR

We recently announced that we have designated EI Service Coordinators (EISCs) and EISC supervisors as qualified personnel to conduct evaluations and assessments or provide early intervention services. Evaluation and child assessment are among the required minimum components of a statewide Early Intervention system, as outlined in [34 CFR 303.113](#). Our primary goal is to increase the number of EI professionals available to conduct evaluations and assessments, offering flexibility to counties to meet the evaluation and assessment requirements, and beginning to address the sustainability of Ohio's EI system. This is completely optional but may be a great way for counties to expand their pool of evaluators and assessors, as an ongoing practice, temporarily, or on an as needed basis. Every local system is different, so local leadership may determine whether it is beneficial and appropriate for EISCs and/or EISC supervisors to serve as evaluators and/or assessors. Please see the first update below for additional information.

Together with our EI field and other stakeholders, we will continue having conversations and exploring strategies to address state and local EI system challenges, without compromising quality of services or best practices. We are committed to ensuring the best possible outcomes for the children and families we serve and the sustainability of Ohio's EI system for years to come.

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

PROGRAM UPDATES

Addition to Qualified Personnel List

DCY issued [Procedure Letter 42](#) on May 18 designating 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. With the issuance of this letter, local early intervention programs may choose, but are not required, to utilize EISCs and/or EISC supervisors to complete evaluations and assessments. DCY included information to consider if local programs are interested in utilizing this option on the May 18 EI Breakfast Club call and in the email that went out with Procedure Letter 42. Access the slides and recording from the call on the [EI Breakfast Club tile](#) of the EI website. The DCY EI team is also compiling

questions and putting together more comprehensive guidance. The team will answer questions and share additional information on the June 29 EI Breakfast Club call and will distribute further guidance upon completion. Please reach out to ei@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov with any questions.

Children and Youth Advisory Council Early Identification, Inclusion & Home Visiting Subcommittee

The EI Advisory Council was sunset in 2025 and new stakeholder groups have been established at DCY, including the Children and Youth Advisory Council (CYAC) and several subcommittees of that council. The EI Advisory Council is now part of the Early Identification, Inclusion & Home Visiting subcommittee of the CYAC. These meetings are open to the public and will be held as hybrid meetings going forward. The remainder of the meeting schedule for 2026 is as follows:

- Monday, July 13, 10:00am - 12:00pm
- Monday, September 14, 10:00am - 12:00pm
- Monday, November 9, 10:00am - 12:00pm

The in-person locations for these meetings have not yet been established but will be announced as soon as possible. Participants can also join any of these meetings via Teams, using the information below.

Join: <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/26156357735157?p=Onv8wMop5OxZ95i6oK>

Meeting ID: 261 563 577 351 57

Passcode: Di7sL2DC

Information regarding upcoming meetings can also be accessed on the [Early Identification, Inclusion & Home Visiting subcommittee schedule page](#) of the EI website. The in-person locations will be added here once they are established, along with any other relevant information about the subcommittee.

Please reach out to the subcommittee chair, Christine Sander, at christine.sander@nationwidechildrens.org if you have any questions, comments, or topics for future meetings.

State Fiscal 2026 Compliance Analyses

The SFY26 Timely Receipt of Services (TRS) compliance analysis is complete. Results memos were sent May 21.

Activities related to the SFY26 45-Day baseline compliance analysis continue. Data inquiries were distributed on May 7 and due to DCY by May 22. The EI policy and monitoring consultants will be verifying records over the coming weeks and requesting clarifying information, as applicable.

Please contact Erin Hale (Erin.Hale@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov) and Becca Muntean (Rebecca.Muntean@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov) with any questions about compliance analyses.