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MESSAGE FROM THE PART C COORDINATOR

The Department of Children and Youth (DCY) was established to better support children and families in Ohio. One of the primary benefits of this agency is the increased ability to collaborate across early childhood programs, with the goal of ensuring the best possible outcomes for those we serve. To that end, we now have information available on the EI website that supports collaboration in early learning settings among families, EI professionals, and Early Care and Education (ECE) professionals. See the “All In” Early Intervention update below for additional information.

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

PROGRAM UPDATES

“All In” Early Intervention

In 2026, the Early Childhood Inclusion/Ohio PROMISE Advisory Board identified the desire to focus on the intentional awareness between [Ohio PROMISE](#) and Early Intervention. As part of this, the board looked into the work other states have done connecting child care and EI, and found inspiration from [Illinois](#). In partnership with Ohio PROMISE and DCY team members, the Ohio Center for Autism and Low Incidence (OCALI) put together the “All In” Early Intervention information to support collaboration among families, EI professionals, and ECE professionals, particularly in serving children in EI. Check out the “All in” Early Intervention information on the [Ohio EI website](#).

Developmental Specialist Certification Rule

DCY completed the public comment period for the Developmental Specialist (DS) Certification rule and is working through the final stages of the five year rule review process. The department plans to implement this rule October 1, at which time it will move into the DCY EI rule chapter and will be renumbered 5180:8-1-05. The current rule will remain in effect until the new one is implemented.

2026 EI Family Questionnaire

Thank you for all your efforts in engaging families in the 2026 EI Family Questionnaire process. We have extended the response timeframe and will now be accepting responses through at least early July. After that, we will be cleaning, compiling, and reviewing data, and de-identifying open-ended responses, as applicable. We will then be creating quantitative reports for each county with the results from questions 1 through 13 and comment files that include all open-ended data from respondents in the county. Both reports will be distributed to counties and the quantitative reports will be posted on the EI website.

RESOURCES AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Bayley Scales of Infant and Toddler Development & Battelle Developmental Inventory Trainings

DCY is sponsoring several trainings on the Battelle Developmental Inventory (BDI) and the Bayley Scales of Infant and Toddler Development in State Fiscal Year 2027. Currently, BDI trainings are scheduled for August 6 and November 5 and a Bayley Training is scheduled for September 9. We will provide additional dates as they are scheduled. These sessions are available exclusively to individuals who are actively working in Early Intervention within the state of Ohio. See [this flyer](#) for additional information and registration instructions.

Save the Date for OCALICONLINE 2026

OCALICONLINE is turning 20, and the celebration starts NOW! Join fellow professionals, families, and leaders from across the nation and around the world November 17 through November 20 as the OCALI celebrate 20 years of turning inspiration into action at OCALICONLINE 2026. The call for proposals will open soon and registration opens later this summer.

Visit the [OCALICONLINE website](#) for new information and opportunities and keep an eye on OCALI social media and your email over the summer for updates and announcements.