



July 21, 2026

MESSAGE FROM THE PART C COORDINATOR

The state EI team began conducting compliance monitoring for EI service providers that contract with the state in SFY25 to prepare for an upcoming monitoring visit from the federal Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) and to generally enhance the state's monitoring to improve processes within our EI system.

The state's Hearing, Vision, and Nutrition Department Contracted Providers (DCPs) were included in the SFY25 compliance monitoring and the Councils of Government (COGs) and remainder of the DCPs were included in SFY26. The EI team recently wrapped up the review of the SFY26 records and sent feedback to applicable providers. The team will host calls in late July for all DCPs to review the overall results of the SFY25 and SFY26 compliance analyses, identify common issues, and provide guidance around service delivery and documentation.

The SFY25 and SFY26 provider compliance analyses were the state's initial review of ongoing EI service delivery. As such, these analyses were conducted as pilot reviews and no findings of noncompliance were issued. The state team gained valuable insight through these reviews and is identifying areas where additional guidance, resources, and training may be beneficial to support EI providers and promote consistent implementation of program requirements statewide. See the update in the body of this newsletter for information about existing resources related to EI service delivery and provider documentation requirements.

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

PROGRAM UPDATES

Sensory Friendly Day at the Ohio State Fair

Summer is well underway, and the annual Ohio State Fair is about to kick off. In cooperation with the Ohio Center for Autism and Low Incidence (OCALI), the state fair will again host a "Sensory Friendly Morning" on July 30 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Lights and music will be turned down, and there will be rides with no flashing lights or music. You can learn more about this special event [here](#). Check out the Department of Children and Youth (DCY) booth too, which will be in the Bricker Building throughout the fair.

EI Service Delivery and Provider Monitoring Resources

As indicated above, the state EI team recently completed the second pilot year of a DCP monitoring process. The team is reviewing information and determining the need for additional guidance, trainings, and technical assistance. In the meantime, we highly recommend anyone who provides, monitors, or is otherwise involved in EI service delivery to review our existing guidance and previous webinars:

- [TRS Verification Standards](#) – This document outlines the components that are part of Timely Receipt of Services (TRS) verification along with the associated verification document(s), sources of information, indicator requirements, and additional related requirements.
- [EI Service Delivery Guidance](#) – This document provides an overview of adding services to Individualized Family Service Plans (IFSPs) and outlines EI service provider and EI Service Coordinator (EISC) responsibilities related to service delivery.
- [Provider Documentation Guidance](#) – This document provides guidance to assist Early Intervention service providers in maintaining high-quality documentation, including key documentation requirements and best practices, information about noncompliance reasons (NCRs), and guidance for documenting late or missing services.
- [Ongoing Monitoring of Service Delivery webinar](#) – This webinar, presented in October 2024 to EISCs, EI service providers, and local EI program leadership, covered EISC and EI service provider responsibilities in delivering EI services and state and local program responsibilities of monitoring service provision. The webinar also included information about responses to a provider monitoring survey that was part of SFY24 mid-year program reports, a summary of state activities related to provider monitoring completed at that time, and plans for service delivery monitoring.
- [EI Documentation Training for POLR Providers](#) – This training, presented in June 2021 to Payor of Last Resort (POLR) providers (now known as DCPs), included information about why documentation is important in EI, general requirements of documentation, requirements of documenting service delivery, specific information related to TRS and service delivery documentation, and noncompliance reason definitions and examples.

August 1 LEA

The August 1 quarterly LEA reporting requirement is quickly approaching. Under Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 5180-10-02(L)(1)(b), the EI service coordination agency must notify the LEA of children who will turn three within the next year by the first day of February, May, August, and November. This report is available in the EI Data System (EIDS)

in both Excel and PDF formats. You may use either version, but please remember the following:

- The August 1 LEA report must be run no earlier than July 22 and no later than August 1.
- It is expected that child information will be updated in a timely manner so that the LEA reports in EIDS are accurate.
- Only the sections of the report that are relevant to a particular LEA should be sent to that LEA.
- If you are not sure which LEA should be selected for a specific child, we encourage you to contact the relevant educational service center (ESC) for clarification. Contact information for all of the ESCs and public school districts, along with a map of districts, is available [here](#).

This quarterly report must be provided to the LEAs no later than August 1. The report does not need to be submitted to DCY, but we encourage you to keep a copy for your records. If you have any questions, please contact Erin Hale and Becca Muntean (Erin.Hale@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov and Rebecca.Muntean@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov).

El Breakfast Club

The June 29 El Breakfast Club call featured a presentation from Bright Beginnings, the state Central Intake vendor, that included a data review, intake process updates, and information about outreach efforts and connecting families with Help Me Grow services. The state EI team also provided additional information related to the expansion of the qualified personnel list to include EISCs and EISC supervisors. Access the slides and recording of this call on the [El Breakfast Club page](#) of the EI website.

2026 EI Family Questionnaire

Thank you for all your efforts in engaging families in the 2026 EI Family Questionnaire process. We extended the response period through July 17 and are now cleaning, compiling, and reviewing data, and, where applicable, de-identifying open-ended responses. As always, we will be putting together quantitative reports for each county with the results from questions 1 through 13 and comment files that include responses to all open-ended items from respondents in the county. Both reports will be distributed to counties upon completion, and the quantitative reports will be posted on the EI website.