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MESSAGE FROM THE PART C COORDINATOR

In addition to requirements related to meeting with the county's State Regional Program Consultant and developing a county technical assistance and training plan, DCY added the requirement that EI Contract Managers must meet with their assigned EI Policy and Monitoring Consultant at least once during the grant year to the State Fiscal Year 2026 (SFY26) EI Service Coordination (EISC) grant agreements. Our goal was to better understand local systems, provide targeted support in implementing EI requirements, and enhance relationships with local leadership. This proved to be a great learning and relationship-building opportunity – see the message of appreciation from the Policy and Monitoring Consultants below. We appreciate everything you do for children and families in Ohio!

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

PROGRAM UPDATES

U.S. Department of Education Restructuring Related to the Office of Special Education Programs

On June 16, the U.S. Department of Education released a new [stakeholder letter](#) regarding the restructuring of the Department. The Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS), where the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) is a sub-office, will be partnering with the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to support the administration of programs for infants, toddlers, children, students, and individuals with disabilities. View interagency agreements, fact sheets, and a letter from Secretary McMahon to parents of individuals with disabilities on the [ed.gov website](#). We will share any additional applicable information as it becomes available.

SFY27 EI Service Coordination Grants Materials

SFY27 EI Service Coordination (EISC) grant agreement materials, including the following, have been posted on the [EI website](#):

- Exhibit 2 – EISC Grant Requirements and Deliverables SFY27
- SFY27 EISC Contact Sheet
- SFY27 EI Allocation Table

El Program Reporting Requirements

The DCY EI team sent Contract Managers information about SFY26 final program reporting requirements on June 16 and SFY27 EI Program Narratives on June 23. The Final SFY26 Public Awareness and Local Outreach report and Final SFY26 Program Report must be submitted by July 31 using the distributed Survey Monkey links. The SFY27 EI Program Narrative is due to be submitted by August 1 using the distributed Survey Monkey link. Additionally, the final SFY26 EISC Oversight Report must be shared with the local Family and Children First Council (FCFC) by August 31, and a copy of the report must be submitted to the applicable Regional Program Consultant within 30 days of the report submission to the FCFC. Access the EISC Oversight Report and accompanying guide on the [Service Coordination Grant Agreements page](#) of the EI website.

Message from the EI Policy and Monitoring Consultants - Thank You, Contract Managers!

The DCY EI Policy and Monitoring consultants would like to extend our sincere appreciation to all Contract Managers for taking the time to participate in the newly required monitoring conversations in SFY26. These meetings provided a valuable opportunity for Monitoring Consultants to learn more about each local program, including the unique strengths, successes, challenges, and needs of your teams. We greatly appreciated the open dialogue and the insight shared regarding local practices, priorities, and opportunities for growth.

We hope these meetings reinforced that Policy and Monitoring Consultants are not only a resource for monitoring and compliance activities but also partners in supporting continuous improvement and quality EI services for children and families. These discussions have provided valuable insight into how we can continue to deliver meaningful, targeted support and technical assistance (TA) to local programs and will help inform future guidance, training, and TA efforts.

As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to Erin and Becca (Erin.Hale@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov and Rebecca.Muntean@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov) with questions or needs related to compliance, monitoring, program oversight, rule requirements, or TA. We value our partnership with each of you and look forward to continuing these meetings going forward and supporting your programs throughout the year.

August 1 LEA Report Requirements

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).

SFY27 EI Compliance Analysis Schedule

The SFY27 EI compliance analysis schedule has been posted on the [Monitoring page](#) of the EI website. Group 3 counties will be included in the 45-day analysis, with activities beginning in November. Group 1 counties will be included in the Transition analyses, with activities beginning in February 2027. Group 2 counties will be included in the Timely Receipt of Services (TRS) analysis, with activities beginning in March 2027. See the schedule for additional information and a list of counties in each group. Please note, the dates on the calendar are subject to change and if applicable, any adjustments will be communicated as far ahead of time as possible.