

August 4, 2026

MESSAGE FROM THE PART C COORDINATOR

In the [July 7 EI Program Update](#), we shared information about the announced partnership between the U.S. Department of Education (ED) and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to support the administration of programs for infants, toddlers, children, students, and individuals with disabilities. This partnership includes support for the Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS), where the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) is a sub-office.

Since this announcement occurred, there has understandably been a lot of confusion and concern. However, please be assured that individuals' rights under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) remain full protected, states and territories will continue to receive federal funding for IDEA, and OSERS will continue to monitor and enforce these protections. Watch [this video](#) from acting Assistant Secretary for OSERS, Kelly Rogers, where she affirms all of this and shares additional information.

I wanted to also reiterate that the DCY EI team continues to operate “business as usual.” We are committed to continuing to support our local programs in their implementation of IDEA requirements to ensure the best possible outcomes for the children and families we serve. We will continue to share any available information about the transitions at the federal level as information becomes available and are always here if you have questions or concerns.

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

PROGRAM UPDATES

SFY26 45-Day Compliance Analysis

The SFY26 45-Day compliance analysis is complete. Results memos were sent to applicable counties on July 23. Contact EI Policy and Monitoring Consultants, Erin Hale (Erin.Hale@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov) and Becca Muntean (Rebecca.Muntean@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov) with any questions.

SFY27 Compliance Webinars

We provided information about the [State Fiscal Year 2027 \(SFY27\) compliance monitoring schedule](#) in the [July 7 EI Program Update](#). Prior to each compliance monitoring analysis, we will host webinars to prepare for the process, provide

timelines and requirements, and review documentation needed to verify compliance activities. We encourage all counties to attend, regardless of their inclusion in the analysis. All webinars will be held from 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM and the dates and registration links for each are listed below.

- Register [here](#) for the SFY27 45-Day baseline webinar on Thursday, November 12
- Register [here](#) for the SFY27 Transition baseline webinar on Thursday, February 4, 2027
- Register [here](#) for the SFY27 TRS baseline webinar on Wednesday, March 24, 2027

El Breakfast Club – July Call Information and Registration Links for the Remainder of 2026

We held our July El Breakfast Club call on July 27. This call included background information about the history of El Exiter eligibility category of the Ohio Preschool Program (OPP), an introduction to a draft advocacy tool for El, and information about changes to the Employment Wizard in the Ohio Professional Registry (OPR). Access the recording and slides from this call on the [El Breakfast Club](#) page of the El website.

We also scheduled all El Breakfast Club calls through the end of the year. Click on the links below to register for each call, which will continue to be held from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM the last Monday of each month. Please note we will not hold a call December 28 due to the holidays.

- Register [here](#) for the August 31 call
- Register [here](#) for the September 28 call
- Register [here](#) for the October 26 call
- Register [here](#) for the November 30 call

Please reach out at any time if you have ideas for suggestions for topics or information you would like us to cover on future El Breakfast Club sessions!

RESOURCES AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Newborn Behavioral Observation Training for Early Intervention Providers

Brazelton Institute will virtually facilitate a two-day Newborn Behavioral Observation (NBO) training on September 23 and September 30. Participants must attend both days of the training, from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, to obtain credit for the course. Continuing Professional Development Units (CPDUs) are available for Developmental Specialists, Social Workers, Physical Therapists, and Occupational Therapists. **Seats are limited for this training and only available to Ohio Early Intervention providers.** Due to limited capacity, please restrict registration to two individuals per

county. The deadline for registration is August 20. See [this flyer](#) for additional details. Please reach out to etraining@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov with any questions.