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MESSAGE FROM THE PART C COORDINATOR

We have several important updates for you today, and I encourage you to read each update thoroughly. I wanted to particularly call your attention to a date change for the September Early Identification, Inclusion & Home Visiting Children and Youth Advisory Council (CYAC) Subcommittee meeting and a new EI Return on Investment (ROI) study. This study provides valuable information on the current financial state of EI nationally, as well as the substantial impact EI makes on both child and family outcomes and future cost avoidance.

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

PROGRAM UPDATES

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

The September Early Identification, Inclusion & Home Visiting CYAC Subcommittee meeting has been moved from September 14 to September 21 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. This meeting will be held virtually, with no in-person option. See below for information on joining the meeting. This information is also available on the [EI website](#).

Microsoft Teams meeting

- **Join:** [Microsoft Teams virtual meeting link](#)
- **Meeting ID:** 261 563 577 351 57
- **Passcode:** Di7sL2DC

Dial in by phone

- **Call:** [+1 614-721-2972](#)
- **Phone conference ID:** 927 276 172#

New EI Return on Investment Study from the Infant and Toddler Coordinators Association

The Infant and Toddler Coordinators Association (ITCA) recently released a new EI ROI study. This study examined recent trends in Part C enrollment and exiting reasons, Part B enrollment, Part C lead agency funding sources, and national public education expenditures. We have provided some key takeaways from the study below and you can access the full report on the [ITCA website](#). Key takeaways include the following:

- Federal IDEA Part C funds make up a small portion of total funds spent on Early Intervention nationally (approximately 12.5% in the most recent year data were available).
- Inflation-adjusted funding available per child served in EI nationally decreased from a peak of \$14,880 in FFY14 to \$8,063 in FFY24, which is a 46% decrease of funding available per child.
- Based on national EI exit reason data, 18% of children exit EI prior to age three due to no longer needing services or at age three not eligible for Part B.
- The national cost avoidance for Federal Fiscal Years 2020 through 2023 is estimated at \$1.54 to \$2.19 million per 1,000 children exiting Part C (\$1,540 to \$2,190 per child). Based on the FFY23 cumulative national total number of children served in EI (460,321), this is a cost avoidance of approximately \$700 million to \$1 billion annually.
- Across the board, states report insufficient funding and staffing shortages for EI.

2026 EI Family Questionnaire Quantitative Reports

Quantitative analyses of the 2026 EI Family Questionnaire are complete. DCY sent a quantitative report, including the county's results for each item and the county's response rate, to each EI Contract Manager and FCFC Coordinator on August 17. These reports will be posted on the EI website in the coming weeks.

We are reviewing all responses to the open-ended questions, removing identifying information if the parent did not consent to share their comments exactly as written, and following up with any families as needed. Once the comment review is complete, we will send each county a file with all the responses to open-ended items from families in their counties. These files will not be posted publicly.

Please contact Brier Gallihugh (Brier.Gallihugh@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov) with any questions about the EI Family Questionnaire data.

EI Program Reporting Requirements

State Fiscal Year 2026 (SFY26) final EI Service Coordination (EISC) grant reporting requirements, including the Final SFY26 Program Report and Final SFY26 Public Awareness and Local Outreach report, along with the SFY27 EI Program Narratives were completed in a timely manner. We appreciate the local county programs taking the time to thoughtfully complete these requirements. DCY distributed files with county responses to all three of these requirements on August 7. The DCY EI team will be reviewing submitted responses over the coming weeks and using this information to develop Technical Assistance (TA) and Training plans, address targeted needs during TA and monitoring visits, and make program decisions, including identifying any additional resources needed for the field going forward.

Call for Participants: Part C Early Intervention Provider Participants Needed for a Development Study

An upcoming study is available for interested EI providers who want to learn more about working with parents with intellectual disabilities. The purpose of the study is to examine participant perceptions of a professional development program designed to support early intervention providers in coaching parental caregivers with intellectual disabilities. Participants will engage in collaborative learning focused on future strategy use in EI settings.

The study will involve online development sessions and completion of pre- and post-test measures over 1.5 months, beginning the week of September 14. Participants will receive the benefits of learning strategies for coaching caregivers with intellectual disabilities, collaborating with other EI providers, and contributing to research in EI practice.

Visit the [Division of Early Childhood website](#) for additional information or click [here](#) to complete the Screening Form and Consent. Contact Sarah Wiegand at swiegand@nmsu.edu with any questions.