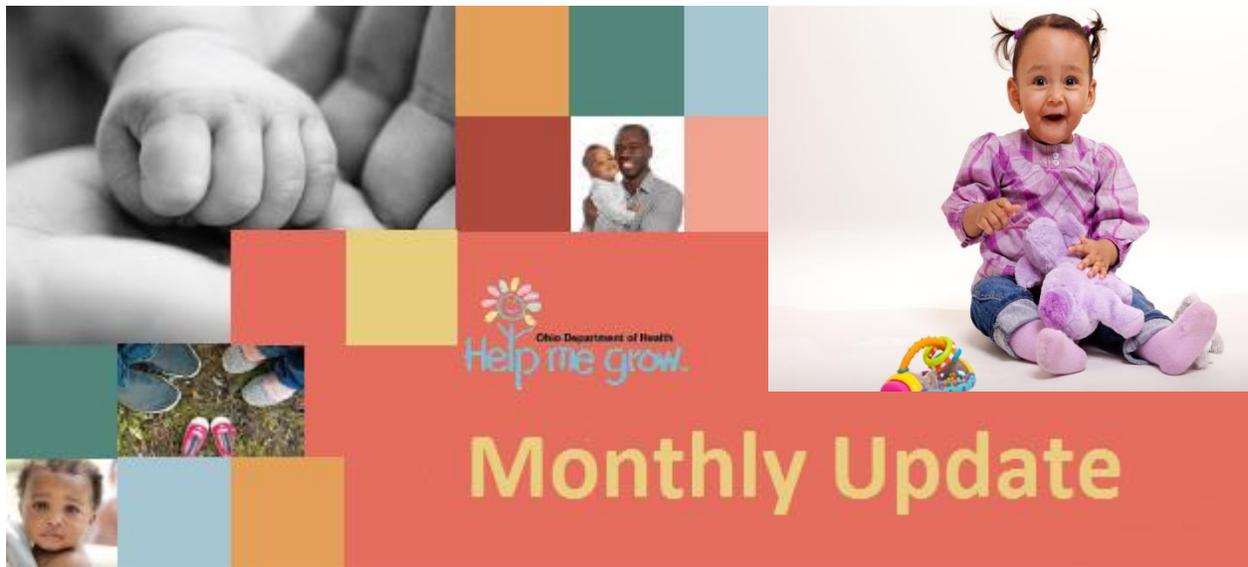


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Central Coordination

- Thank you for your patience regarding our recent requests for budget and expenditure information. The information you provided will inform the decisions ODH makes for future Central Coordination allocations. We are hoping to have the SFY 2016 allocation table out the end of December/beginning of January.
- We are currently working on the new training requirements as prescribed in the revised rule which will be implemented beginning 1/15/2015. These requirements apply to all new hires after **1/15/2015** as listed below:

ROLE	REQUIRED TRAININGS	MODE	TIMELINE
CC Contract Manager	HMG Training Institute *HMG central coordination orientation *Early Track	1 day in-person training One-on-one Webinar Self-study or In-person	Within 3 months of hire
Individuals used for CC Activities	HMG Training Institute *Early Track	1 day in-person training Self-study or In-person	Within 6 months of hire

- *Denotes new requirement.
- **HEA#8045**- New form that will serve as system referral with parent contact; may be utilized by Home Visiting Contractors only. (See attached)
- Quarterly Expenditure reports are due to your program consultant 1/15/15.



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HMG Monthly Update Call Schedule 2015 Thursdays	
January 15, 2015	2:00 PM
February 19, 2015	2:00 PM
March 19, 2015	2:00 PM
April 16, 2015	2:00 PM
May 21, 2015	2:00 PM
June 18, 2015	2:00 PM
July 16, 2015	2:00 PM
August 20, 2015	2:00 PM
September 17, 2015	2:00 PM
October 15, 2015	2:00 PM
November 19, 2015	2:00 PM
December 17, 2015	2:00 PM

Please contact **Shakila Hairston** with any questions regarding call information
Shakila.hairston@odh.ohio.gov

Resources



In the November monthly update we included information about HMG's promotion to medical doctors in Ohio. We are very excited to announce that *The Ohio Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics* (Ohio AAP) posted the same information on their website. Collaboration with the medical community has always been a priority for EI. The direct link is: <http://ohioaap.org/ohioaap-article/help-me-grow-early-intervention-resources/>

Early Intervention

This month's updates include a number of recent postings to the HMG website that we want to bring to your attention:

- **Eligibility Note:** With the new rules, children who do not have documentation of their eligible diagnosed condition as of January 15, 2015 will no longer be eligible. Therefore, children who are in EI now and are in the 180 day calendar day window to obtain the documentation are at risk of becoming INELIGIBLE on January 15, 2015, even if January 15 is prior to the end of the 180 day window. We highly suggest that you obtain the documentation of diagnosed conditions and/or HEA 8024 within 45 days of referral into the program or offer a developmental evaluation to otherwise determine EI eligibility.

<https://www.facebook.com/OhioHelpMeGrow>



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- The HMG EI has posted two (2) new guidance documents on the HMG website.
#19 - Translation and Interpretation Services
#20 – IFSP Frequently Asked Questions – December 2014
www.helpmegrow.ohio.gov/Early%20Intervention/EI%20Memos%20and%20Guidance.aspx
- Also in last month's handout we announced that the ODH EI team would be offering one hour monthly conference calls. Our plans have not changed, just the date of the calls. Tell your Service Coordinators to mark the 4th Monday of each month from 9-10 am as the new date. The first call will be on Monday, January 26, 2015.
- The SFY 2016 RFP for EI Service Coordination and Evaluation and Assessment will be posted on the ODH website on January 27, 2015. This year's RFP is a continuation grant. The application for the grant is due no later than March 23, 2015.
- In the 2015 RFP (II, D, 2, A) you were to tell us one area in which the service coordinators needed to improve their skills and/or knowledge to meet federal requirements of service coordination (per rule: 3701-8-07.1(D)). You had to tell us the specific activity (s) that was going to be implemented to enhance this skill and/or knowledge in this area and how the activity was to be evaluated.
- The ODH Save Our Sight provides funding for the Ohio Amblyope Registry. The registry provides free eye patches and educational information to any child in the state of Ohio diagnosed with lazy eye. Additional information is available at: www.ohioamblyoperegistry.com. If you have any questions or a family you are working with has any questions, please contact: Sarah Montgomery, Program Coordinator , Ohio Amblyope Registry T: 614-722-6133
- For your mid-year report you are to tell us what activities/ trainings/supervision has been implemented since July 1, 2014 in relation to the requirement above. You should also update us about the measurement of above and how that measurement was determined. This report is to be uploaded in GMIS under the Program Report tab.
- ODH HMG EI will be posting two (2) positions for a Human Services Program Consultant (HSPC) which will be available on ODH's website at www.odh.ohio.gov on December 31, 2014 through January 13, 2015 at 5:00 pm. The position does require working at ODH in Franklin County. Please share this information as you are our best resource for identifying someone who may interested.
- SFY15 Grant Reports are due no later than January 15,2015:
2nd. quarter expenditure reports in GMIS
Mid-year program report in GMIS

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- A public announcement has been posted on the HMG website by Director Hodges regarding ODH’s requirements to post the annual application for Part C IDEA funds. The announcement will remain on the website for 60 calendar days for an opportunity for public comment to be made to ODH. I have included the link for your convenience.
<http://www.helpmegrow.ohio.gov/en/Early%20Intervention/Early%20Intervention.aspx>

EI Monitoring

The Annual Performance Report is now available for public comment at :
<http://www.helpmegrow.ohio.gov/~media/HelpMeGrow/ASSETS/Files/Professionals%20Gallery/HMG%20Early%20Intervention/Ohio%20DRAFT%20FFY13%20Annual%20Performance%20Report.ashx>
 Instructions on how to provide comment are included in the document. The open public comment period is November 25, 2014 – January 24, 2015. Then, the final APR will be submitted to USDOE/OSEP February 2, 2015 and a copy will be placed on the website under Early Intervention and Federal Reporting links.

SFY14 Family Questionnaire: We are in the process of compiling the county-level results for the family questionnaire. We will again be putting together data and comment reports that will be sent to each county and posted on the Help Me Grow website upon completion.

SFY15 Baseline Analyses: As a reminder, the SFY15 baseline analyses will start shortly after the 1st of the year, with the 45 Day analysis process to begin in January, Transition (TPC and Steps) to begin in April, and TRS to begin in July. Group 1 counties will be included in the Transition analysis for SFY15, Group 2 counties in the TRS analysis, and Group 3 counties in the 45 Day analysis (see groups in table below). Counties will receive a schedule of activities and timelines at a later date.

Group 1 - Transition	Group 2 - TRS	Group 3 – 45 Day
Belmont	Allen	Adams
Carroll	Ashtabula	Ashland
Clark	Brown	Athens
Clermont	Butler	Auglaize
Clinton	Champaign	Coshocton
Franklin	Columbiana	Cuyahoga
Gallia	Crawford	Defiance
Geauga	Darke	Erie
Greene	Delaware	Fayette
Henry	Fairfield	Hamilton
Hocking	Fulton	Harrison
Holmes	Guernsey	Highland
Jefferson	Hancock	Knox
Lawrence	Hardin	Lake
Logan	Huron	Licking
Lorain	Jackson	Madison



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Lucas	Meigs	Mahoning
Medina	Mercer	Marion
Monroe	Montgomery	Miami
Noble	Morgan	Morrow
Ottawa	Muskingum	Pickaway
Portage	Paulding	Preble
Putnam	Perry	Richland
Sandusky	Pike	Shelby
Seneca	Ross	Summit
Tuscarawas	Scioto	Warren
Van Wert	Stark	Wood
Vinton	Trumbull	Wyandot
Washington	Union	
Wayne	Williams	

Home Visiting

- Reminder - Home Visiting quarterly cost reports and program reports are due to your program consultant 1/15/15.
- Program consultants are noticing an increase in Early Track data entry errors, causing delayed payments. Please make sure staff is double checking data prior to submitting, especially AM/PM and overlapping times.
- We are currently working on the new training requirements as prescribed in the revised rule which will be implemented beginning 1/15/2015. These requirements apply to all new hires after **1/15/2015** as listed below:

ROLE	REQUIRED TRAININGS	MODE	TIMELINE
HV Contract Manager	HMG Training Institute Principles of HMG home visiting *HMG home visitor orientation *Early Track	1 day in-person training 1 day in-person training One-on-one Webinar Self-study or In-person	Within 3 months of hire
HV Supervisor	HMG Training Institute Principle of HMG home visiting *The first sixty days: from theory to practice Home visiting with prenatal moms Smoking cessation Mandated reporting *Reflective Supervision	1 day in-person training 1 day in-person training Ohio Train Webinar Ohio Train Webinar Ohio Train Webinar Ohio Train Webinar 1 day in-person training	Prior to obtaining credential and serving families



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	*Early Track Evidence-based home visiting model training	Self-study or In-person In-person training	Within 6 months of hire
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- *Denotes new requirement.
- HMG with Books: Please fill out forms completely to ensure your orders can be filled in a timely manner, many forms are coming in missing agency information.
- Healthy Families America update: The HV team of consultants are continuing to provide regional workgroups, if someone from your agency has not attended one yet please contact your program consultant.

Early Track

Early Track will next be updated on January 15, 2015 to accommodate changes for the updated Help Me Grow rules. In the coming weeks, a document will be posted in the Early Track message that outlines all of the changes.

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Professional Development/Training

Course Title: Ohio Help Me Grow: Ohio’s Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP)

Ohio Train Course ID: 1054646

Registration opens Monday, December 29, 2014

Format: 3-Hour webinar

Course Description: This webinar will assist the participant with understanding how to develop functional IFSP outcomes as part of a trans-disciplinary team.

Dates (All the webinars will be scheduled from 9am-12pm):

- 1/08/15
- 2/12/15
- 3/12/15
- 4/09/15
- 5/14/15
- 6/11/15



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Course Title: Ohio Help Me Grow: The Key to Writing Functional IFSP Outcomes

Ohio Train Course ID: 1054433

Registration opens Monday, December 29, 2014

Format: 90 minute webinar

Course Description: This Webinar is intended for all Help Me Grow-Early Intervention personnel including Service Coordinators, Supervisors, Evaluation and Assessment team members, and EI service providers, including County Board of Developmental Disabilities Early Intervention personnel and/or contractors, Payor of Last Resort contractors, and Regional Infant Hearing personnel. This course describes the process of how teams develop IFSP outcomes; identify strategies, and the Early Intervention services needed to address each outcome.

Dates (All the webinars will be scheduled from 10:00am-11:30am):

- 1/15/15
- 2/19/15
- 3/19/15
- 4/16/15
- 5/21/15
- 6/18/15



Ohio Early Intervention – SFY14 Summary

Referrals

- There were 24,589 unique referrals made to Early Intervention in SFY14, which is 8% higher than the 22,859 the previous fiscal year.
- The family or caregiver accounted for the highest percentage of referrals (37%) to Early Intervention in SFY14.

Referral Source	#	%
Family or Caregiver	9,152	37%
PCSA Form	4,824	20%
Hospital	4,378	18%
Physicians	3,359	14%
All Other Sources	2,876	12%
Total	24,589	100%

Children Served

- A total of 22,857 children were served in Early Intervention in SFY14.
- An average of 10,158 children at any point in time were served in Early Intervention during SFY14, 54% of whom became eligible due to having a delay in at least one domain that is two or more standard deviations below the mean.

Eligibility Reason	#	%
Diagnosis on List	2,013	20%
One or More Substantial Delay(s)	5,445	54%
Multiple Mild Delays	266	3%
Diagnosis on Form	873	9%
One Mild Delay	916	9%
Out of State IFSP	20	0%
ICO	497	5%
Unknown	130	1%
Total	10,158	100%

Exiting/Length of Stay

- A total of 9,568 children exited Early Intervention in SFY14.
- On average, those children were 17.0 months old when they became eligible and stayed in EI an average of one year (12.4 months).

Services on Initial IFSPs

- Ninety-three percent of initial IFSPs in SFY14 listed at least one Early Intervention Service other than Service Coordination.
- Special Instruction was listed on 59% of initial IFSPs in SFY14. Speech-Language Pathology Services was listed on 30%, Family Training, Counseling, and Home Visits on 19%, Physical Therapy on 18%, and Occupational Therapy on 14%.

Service	#	%
Any EI Service (besides Service Coordination)	9,650	93%
Family Training, Counseling and Home Visits	1,931	19%
Occupational Therapy	1,416	14%
Physical Therapy	1,887	18%
Special Instruction	6,116	59%
Speech-Language Pathology Services	3,089	30%
Total Initial IFSPs	10,425	

Other Highlights

- All findings due for correction in SFY14 were corrected in a timely manner.
- For the second year in a row, the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) determined that Ohio Meets Requirements (the highest achievable state determination) with Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).



**Referring Provider Information**

Agency: _____

Referrer Name: _____ Role: _____

Phone: _____ FAX: _____ Email: _____

Date of Referral: _____ Referrer's Signature/Initials: _____

Parent/Child Referring into Ohio's Help Me Grow Program

Child Name: _____ Date of Birth/Due Date: _____

Child's Address: _____

Language spoken with child: _____

Parent Name: _____

Parent Name: _____

Relationship to child: _____

Relationship to child: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

Best Phone: _____

Best Phone: _____

Email: _____

Email: _____

Best Contact Time: _____

Best Contact Time: _____

Method Preferred: Phone Email TextMethod Preferred: Phone Email Text**Reason for Referral (Must select for system referral to be accepted)** Parent communicates an interest in home visiting**Provider:** I provided information about Help Me Grow and offered the parent choice of providers. Initial: _____**Parent:** I was provided information about Help Me Grow and chose the service and provider indicated below.

Chosen Contractor name: _____ Signature: _____

Home Visiting Eligibility for Program Referral (These questions must be answered prior to sending form to Central Coordination) Is the child's parent a first time parent? Is the family eligible for Medicaid? Is the family eligible for WIC? Is the family eligible for OWA? Is the child a victim of substantiated abuse or neglect? Is one of the parent's on active military duty? Does the child have a sibling in the HMG Home Visiting Program?**Central Coordination – System Referral Outcome** Program Referral made to (*Provider*): _____ Date: _____ Provider chosen by family at capacity; family contacted and placed on waitlist. Date: _____ Provider chosen by family at capacity; family contacted and given choice of other provider. Date: _____ Provider chosen by family at capacity; family lost to contact. System referral exit date: _____**Central Coordination must complete System Referral Outcome and return completed form to Referring Agency**

Use of this form is required and must be kept in child record.

Additional pages may be stapled with the required HEA number referenced in the upper right corner.