

The UPDATE

News and Information for Massachusetts EI Providers

January 2019



Important Dates...Mark your Calendar!

Tuesday, January 15, 2019: EI Web-based System Stakeholders' Meeting #2, Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel, Marlborough, MA

Tuesday, January 22, 2019; 10—11am: EI Webinar: Update on the State Performance Plan submissions; EIIS System; and, BDI—2 Reports

Thursday, February 14, 2019; 10am—3pm: ICC Meeting, Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel, Marlborough, MA



DPH Update

EI Web-based System Update

REMINDER: Stakeholder meeting—**Tuesday, January 15, 2019** at Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel, Marlborough, MA

Agenda Topics (*a detailed agenda will be sent to Program Directors and agency contacts by the end of the day on Wednesday, January 9*):

9:30a—10:15a LEA referral: What is your process? What do you include in your referral to the school system?

10:30a—11:15a What are meaningful alert opportunities? Who gets them? When? (e.g. re-evaluations, IFSP meetings, Transition Planning, etc.)

11:30a—12p How do you track license requirements and expirations? (OT, PT, SW, etc)

1p—1:30p Do you change the auto-generated EIIS number to something else? Regularly? Sometimes? What is the purpose?

1:45p—2:45p What types of reports would you be looking to get out of the Client System?

3p—4p The billing extract will be a .csv file. Besides activity log data, what data would you be looking for it to have? Do you know if your billing system is able to upload this type of file? What will need to happen for you to use this extract?

COMING SOON: An email later this week with more information about the EI web-based system based on some of your questions!

Early Intervention Parent Leadership Project

EI Programs often ask the EIPLP about the kinds of activities they could work on with their Parent Contacts. This can vary significantly from program to program, and from Parent Contact to Parent Contact based on Program needs and Parent Contacts' skills and interests.



We would like to hear from you...what has your Parent Contact been up to? We'd love to share your program's successes with the field. Please email Liz at liz.cox@state.ma.us and let her know how your Parent Contact has helped your program lately. It may be featured in an upcoming EI Update and/or on our Facebook page!

Also please be on the lookout for information from the EIPLP, about sending your Parent Contact to the MEIC conference. It will be coming shortly. And as always, EIPLP is here to help you as you engage with all families.

NCSEAM Family Survey Update

The Department has received the aggregate report of results for Indicator 4, "Measuring Family Outcomes," for calendar year 2018. These results came from analysis of the NCSEAM Family Survey. DPH reports this Family Outcomes survey data to OSEP. Last year's results are very similar to those from 2017. ***Our goal is to improve every year. We look forward to working with you in promoting the importance of the Survey and increasing the return rate for 2019.***



Here is how we did in 2018.

- **Indicator 4A** Percent of families who report that early intervention services helped them know their rights **86.8%**
- **Indicator 4B** Percent of families who report that early intervention services helped them effectively communicate their children's needs **84.1%**
- **Indicator 4C** Percent of families who report that early intervention services helped them help their child develop and learn **93.1%**

Individual program reports will be mailed in early February. Please review the backside of your report to see how families ranked specific items of the survey. DPH urges you to share these results with families and staff to help identify any areas where program improvement should be addressed. Staff of the Office of Family Initiatives/EIPLP and your regional specialist will all be glad to assist you in this activity.

The next NCSEAM survey distribution will take place in **March 2019**. Programs will receive lists of eligible children from Jean Shimer by mid-February. Each program should have enough surveys for the March dissemination.

We do have some additional surveys available at DPH if you run short. If you need surveys, please contact Suzanne Gottlieb suzanne.gottlieb@state.ma.us.



Data Manager Update

EIIS Service Pack

An EIIS System update to the last service pack is being developed to address significant security issues that must be resolved. There will be no changes to the EIIS application screens or paper forms. The main change will be that your local EIIS database will only include children born on or after July 2, 2011. This will still give you access in your local EIIS database to children who received EI services during the last five fiscal years. Update activities will start in mid-January 2019 and should be completed by the end of February 2019.



Forms & Materials

DPH Dropbox www.dropbox.com/sh/cpewylr7bcoefyv/AAA89_dDxWMwa0mb7Jj7gZ3fa?dl=0

MA Clearing House www.mass.gov/maclearinghouse



Resources

Home Visiting Programs in Massachusetts

Check out this great resource! It's a list of [Home Visiting Programs in Massachusetts!](#)

Institute for Health & Recovery (IHR)—Zero to Three: Potty Training

Here's a straightforward article from *Zero to Three* on potty training that parents might find useful.

www.zerotothree.org/resources/1442-all-about-learning-to-use-the-toilet

As always, please contact karenwelling@healthrecovery.org or karengould@healthrecovery.org for any training and technical assistance needs, and to get your hand-delivered (brief training included) Trauma-Informed Tip sheets.



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