

The UPDATE

News and Information for Massachusetts EI Providers August 2019



Important Dates...Mark your Calendar!

August 27, 2019: EI Webinar—Topics include:

- **CEIS Development Process—Mason Haber, Judge Baker Children’s Center Evaluation**

September 19, 2019: ICC Retreat, Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel, Marlborough, MA



DPH Updates

EI Web-based Client System

The EI Client System application is in the final stages of production. Our internal team is currently involved in intensive testing of the application to ensure that the application has been developed to meet the needs of our system. The information that you shared at the Stakeholder meetings has been incorporated into the application development process.

There are a number of important dates that I want to share with you about the system.

Date:	Activity:
August 23, 2019	Release of the EMR Requirements Overview and DPH Companion Guide
August 26-September 27, 2019	Optional Agency meetings with DPH staff
September 5 and 9, 2019	Small group stakeholder opportunities to inform training planning
September 23, 2019	Release of training resources, including: -User manual -Video clips -Quick reference cards
September 26, 2019	Presentation for Agency Leads/Program directors on the Client System -Summary of training materials -Overview of Client System application -Review of the implementation plan
September 30-October 17, 2019	Face-to-Face training of front desk staff to prepare for GO-LIVE
September 30, 2019	'Sandbox' open for EI provider use and practice in the application.
October 18, 2019	Client System application GO-LIVE PHASE I implementation
October 31, 2019	Provider deadline to decide on EMR or Client System use. If providers choose the Client System, EMR upload functionality will not be available again until October 2020

Additional information will be emailed out regarding participation in the activities listed above. Please contact Noah Feldman at noah.feldman@state.ma.us with questions or concerns.

BDI—2 Scoring Booklets

DPH is working closely with Riverside Insights on the FY20 Battelle Scoring Booklet order to local EIPs. Due to the fact that Riverside changed its legal name to Riverside Insights, they had to document the name change in our POS system as an approved vendor in COMMBUYS. This has delayed the order which we hope to have shipped by the end of this month.

Reminder: BDI—2 Video Submissions due September 6, 2019

All EI programs are required to submit one video of the BDI-2 being administered to a child either referred to, or enrolled in, their Early Intervention program and recorded after January 22, 2018. This requirement is part of the ongoing implementation of the State Systemic Improvement plan (SSIP) to evaluate our Data Quality strand in our action plan. If programs are producing BDI-2 videos for other reasons (part of a technical assistance plan, etc.) during this time period, then that video may be used for this requirement. At this time, the BDI-2 must be administered in English for this requirement.

The procedure for video submissions is located in the Dropbox www.dropbox.com/sh/cpewylr7bcoefyv/AAA89_dDxWMwa0mb7Jj7gZ3fa?dl=0.

New Print Materials at the Clearinghouse

The EI brochure and home visiting flyer are now available in print form in Arabic, Vietnamese, and Haitian Creole. Check out the Clearinghouse website to order some for your programs. <https://massclearinghouse.ehs.state.ma.us/category/EARLYI.html>

Webinar Update: Shishmanian Webinar Questions

In June 2019, DPH hosted a Shishmanian Update on the monthly webinar. [Attached](#) are the questions and responses that were posed during the this webinar.



EIPLP and Parent Leaders at the OSEP Conference

The EI Parent Leadership Project (EIPLP) was thrilled to support Roxanne Hoke-Chandler, our Family Engagement and Collaboration Coordinator, and two parents, Helena Liedtke, ICC Co-chair, and Stefanie Izzi, Central Region ICC Parent Representative, at the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) Conference in July. This conference took place in DC and welcomed representatives from across the United States. As ICC parents, both Helena and Stefanie, were able to represent family voices from Massachusetts at this 4 day event; one day (Sunday) completely devoted to ICC parents. Their participation at this conference resulted in them being asked to attend the DEC (Division of Exceptional Children) Conference being held in Orlando, FL in October 2019.

To learn more about the ICC, please visit <https://www.mass.gov/interagency-coordinating-council-icc>.

To learn more about these parents' experiences, be on the lookout for their articles in an upcoming *Parent Perspective Newsletter*, published by the EIPLP.

NCSEAM Family Survey

NCSEAM Family Surveys for distribution in October 2019 and March 2020 will be shipped on August 19.

Please be on the look out for your program's Surveys. If you do not receive them by Monday, August 26, contact Suzanne Gottlieb at: suzanne.gottlieb@massmail.state.ma.us or by phone at: 617-624-5979.

Remember that you will be receiving enough Surveys for two distributions, October 2019 and March 2020. Make sure to keep enough Surveys for the March distribution. Please let us know if you run short; we will have some additional Surveys if needed.

Programs will receive a list of eligible families from Jean Shimer, by the middle of September, including those whose children have been enrolled for at least six (6) months and who did not complete a Survey in March 2019.

Any questions or concerns please let Suzanne Gottlieb know.



Forms & Materials

Please note: Most forms and materials from the Dropbox have moved over to the new DPH website at mass.gov/dph/earlyintervention. Please use the website to find materials, including brochures.



EI Training Center

BDI and PIWI Institutes

Thank you to all the programs who registered for the BDI and PIWI institute. Both professional development offerings are full. We will be offering another PIWI institute in the Spring for supervisors and PIWI champions.

EI on the Fly: A Podcast All Things Early Intervention

The MA DPH Early Intervention Training Center has partnered with the state of VA to create "EI on the Fly: a podcast all things Early Intervention." Our first episode is set to be released the third week of September focused on Functional Assessment. Stay tuned for more information!

Training on Demand Changes

The changes with Training on Demand have not been completed yet. We are in regular contact with them and will continue to communicate with programs as information becomes available.

3-Day Reflective Supervision Training

Come attend a 3-day Reflective Supervision (RS) Training! The Early Intervention Training Center is offering a 3-day training to learn and practice the elements of Reflective Supervision (RS).



- Plan for successful RS in office with supervisees
- Develop relationships between the supervisor/supervisees which promote the relationships between both the provider and the parent and the parent and the child
- Learn ways to use RS during in-field observations to support functional assessment and PIWI philosophy as well as follow up in office supervision with discussion around these topics
- Explore the barriers to providing RS and generate plans to overcome those barriers

LOCATIONS

TAUNTON: THURSDAYS OCTOBER 10TH, NOVEMBER 7TH AND DECEMBER 12TH.

MARLBOROUGH: MONDAYS SEPTEMBER 30TH, OCTOBER 28TH AND DECEMBER 2ND.

More details and registration information will be sent out later this week. Contact Laura Crosby at laura.m.crosby@state.ma.us with any questions.

Save the Date: October 16, 2019; 12–2pm

Webinar: Engaging and Supporting Families Affected by Substance Use Disorders



How does a substance use disorder (SUD) influence the parent-child relationship? During this webinar participants will learn about the current research on the neurobiological influences of SUDs on the parent-child attachment process. Participants will explore the factors impacting engagement in Early Intervention by hearing perspectives from women in recovery from SUDs. Lastly, Lili Peacock Chambers and Colleen Cicarello will reflect on how the PIWI model can be used to engage and support parents with SUDs.



Resources & Events

2019 Massachusetts Fatherhood Leadership Summit Responsible Fatherhood, a Key to Primary Prevention

Monday, September 16, 2019
Double Tree Westborough
5400 Computer Drive
Westborough, MA, 01581

Workshops * Program Presentations * Tabling Area * Panel Discussions

Feeding Matters: Financial Assistance Program for Families

Feeding Matters is the first organization in the world uniting families, healthcare professionals, and the broader community to improve the system of care for children with pediatric feeding disorder through advocacy, education, support, and research.

Many families face financial hardship due to the high costs of pediatric feeding disorder (PFD), which is why we are proud to announce the launch of our new Family Assistance Program.

Starting Fall 2019, Feeding Matters will award a number of deserving families up to \$2,000 each to combat the financial strain of PFD. [Learn More or Apply](#)



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