



# Department of Developmental Disabilities

## Office of Policy & Constituent Support

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**To:** Superintendents, County Boards of Developmental Disabilities  
**From:** Patrick M. Lanahan, Deputy Director  
**RE:** Updates to OEDI and COEDI

The Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD) is pleased to provide you with updated versions of the Ohio Eligibility Determination Instrument (OEDI) and the Children's Ohio Eligibility Determination Instrument (COEDI). The updated OEDI and COEDI reflect the efforts of county board eligibility specialists who worked with DODD staff to review the instruments. The two instruments and the user's guide have been consolidated into one easier-to-use format. Questions have been modernized (e.g., a question about television or radio programming now asks about television, radio, computer games, video games, or movies). The updated OEDI and COEDI are responsive to recommendations made by the MRDD Futures Committee (available at <http://mrdd.ohio.gov/futures/docs/MRDDFuturesFinalReport.pdf>) by:

- Providing an easier to use format. The Users Guide and C/OEDI Instruments became one resulting in the evaluator being consistently prompted for each item.
- Providing new guidance on completing certain items. Many items were updated and "modernized" and phrasing was clarified.

The revisions made to the C/OEDI will not change how eligibility is determined. Individuals' abilities will still be evaluated to determine whether an individual has three substantial functional limitations in the same areas of major life activity. However, very minor changes in the instrument could have an affect on a small number of individuals who are close to the eligibility threshold. As a result, County Boards are discouraged from conducting a new assessment of eligible individuals simply because the C/OEDI has been revised.

DODD and county board staff who updated the instruments will be providing training for veteran OEDI/COEDI users. DODD recommends that all veteran users attend one of the training sessions. Registration for the training can be completed at the DODD website (<http://mrdd.ohio.gov/>) by clicking the "Training and Class Registration" link. The training will address changes to the instruments and promote statewide consistency in administration. Training for new users will be developed after veteran users have been trained. County boards may begin using the updated instruments immediately. **Beginning August 1, 2010, all eligibility determinations must be completed using the updated instruments;** the 1997 versions of OEDI and COEDI cannot be used after August 1. The following documents are attached for your reference:

- C/OEDI Users Guide and Instruments
- Related documents (e.g., score sheets and answer sheets)
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Documents detailing the differences between the 1997 C/OEDI and the updated C/OEDI

These materials will be posted at the DODD website. For more information, please contact Leslie Paull at [leslie.paull@dodd.ohio.gov](mailto:leslie.paull@dodd.ohio.gov) or 614-466-3240.

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