



Department of
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To: Superintendents, County Boards of Developmental Disabilities
SSA Directors, County Boards of Developmental Disabilities
Community Resource Coordinators, Developmental Centers
Service Providers, Ohio Provider Resource Association, Ohio Health Care
Association, Ohio Waiver Network, Values & Faith Alliance

From: John L. Martin
Director

Dear Colleagues,

The Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD) is embarking on the 11th year of the National Core Indicators Project (NCI). The Core Indicators are standard measures used across states to assess the outcomes of services provided to individuals and families. Participating in NCI helps DODD measure system performance and collect a tremendous amount of systems-level data that we use to monitor, make decisions, allocate resources, and develop plans to improve the quality of life for the people we serve. This year, Ohio will be adding questions to the survey specifically related to technology. As Ohio is now a Technology First state, we are interested in gathering information related to current use and interest in assistive & remote support technology.

I wanted to let you know the 2017-2018 data collection will soon begin. The Ohio State University Nisonger Center (<http://nisonger.osu.edu/NCI>) will again administer the surveys. We continue to be pleased to see the inclusion of advocates and family members as NCI interviewers. The NCI interviewers will be conducting in-person interviews with approximately 700 adults, both those living in ICF/ IDD's and those receiving home and community-based services. In addition, about 100 individuals who have moved from a Developmental Center into a community setting during 2017 will be asked to participate in the survey.

As part of the interview process, staff from your agency may be asked to review and gather information and coordinate interviews for a few individuals in your county who were selected to be a part of this project. The Nisonger Center will send an email to the NCI contact from your agency to explain their plan over the next several months, and begin the process of gathering pre-survey and background information and coordinating interviews. We appreciate your cooperation as you work with the Nisonger Center. Please note that DODD will also be administering NCI Family Surveys this year. These surveys are different from the NCI Adult In-Person Survey and will be mailed to families/guardians directly to complete.

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Also, the most recent NCI data report (2016-2017) is now available. I encourage you to review this report and see what changes you might make at the local level to improve outcomes and service delivery and to provide feedback to DODD.

https://www.nationalcoreindicators.org/upload/state-reports/OH_State_Report_2016--FINAL.pdf Visit <http://dodd.ohio.gov/IntheNews/Pages/Data.aspx> to learn more about the NCI project.

If you have questions about the NCI project, please contact Tina Evans at tina.evans@dodd.ohio.gov or 614-752-9028.

Again, thank you for your support of and participation in this important project. This data will help us as we work together to strengthen Ohio's developmental disabilities system.

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