



Ohio Revised Code

Section 3701.611 Central intake and referral system for home visiting programs.

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(A) Not later than six months after April 6, 2017, the department of health and the department of developmental disabilities shall create a central intake and referral system for the state's part C early intervention services program and all home visiting programs operating in this state. The system shall comply with all regulations governing the part C early intervention program for infants and toddlers with disabilities that are promulgated under the "Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 1997," 20 U.S.C. 1400, as amended. Through a competitive bidding process, the department of health and department of developmental disabilities may select one or more persons or government entities to operate the system.

(B) If the department of health and department of developmental disabilities choose to select one or more system operators as described in division (A) of this section, a contract with any system operator shall require that the system do both of the following:

(1) Serve as a single point of entry for access, assessment, and referral of families to appropriate home visiting services and part C early intervention services based on each family's location of residence;

(2) Use a standardized form or other mechanism to assess for each family member's risk factors and social determinants of health, as well as ensure that the family is referred to the appropriate home visiting or part C early intervention program or service.

(C) The standardized form or other mechanism described in division (B)(2) of this section shall be agreed to by the home visiting consortium created under section 3701.612 of the Revised Code and the early intervention services advisory council created under section 5123.0422 of the Revised Code.

(D) A contract entered into under division (B) of this section shall require a system operator to issue an annual report to the department of health and department of developmental disabilities that



includes data regarding referrals made by the central intake and referral system, costs associated with the referrals, and the quality of services received by families who were referred to services through the system. The report shall be distributed to the home visiting consortium created under section 3701.612 of the Revised Code and the early intervention services advisory council created under section 5123.0422 of the Revised Code.

(E) The department of health and department of developmental disabilities shall share any funding made available to each department for local outreach and child find efforts after creating the central intake and referral system described in division (A) of this section.

(F) Nothing in this section is intended to do any of the following:

(1) Prohibit the department of health or department of developmental disabilities from using alternative promotional materials or names for the central intake and referral system;

(2) Require the use of help me grow program promotional materials or names;

(3) Prohibit providers, central coordinators, the department of health, the department of developmental disabilities, or stakeholders from using the help me grow name for promotional materials for both the home visiting and part C early intervention services components.