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# Report Overview

***What is Early Intervention Local Program Performance Data?***

The U.S. Department of Education requires that each state have in place a performance plan evaluating the state’s implementation of *Part C* of the *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 2004 (IDEA)*, which defines early intervention services for infants and toddlers from birth through age two and their families. This plan is called the *Part C State Performance Plan (SPP)* and describes program targets and improvement strategies for various areas of performance.

The *Massachusetts Department of Public Health* is the oversight agency in the Commonwealth for the *Part C* program, also known as *Early Intervention (EI)*, and oversees that all federal requirements are adhered to as well as implements state standards and eligibility definitions for this program. The Department is required to submit an *SPP* and to report annually on the state’s progress in meeting the program targets set in the *SPP*. The annual progress report is called the *Part C* *Annual Performance Report (APR)*.

The Local Program Performance Data report provides data on the *SPP* indicators or areas of performance reported annually on the *APR* for each of the *Early Intervention (EI)* programs that provide direct services to infants and toddlers and their families.

***Why are these indicators important?***

The indicators or areas of performance are monitoring priorities identified and tracked by the *Massachusetts Department of Public Health* and the U.S. Department of Education to ensure that early intervention services are provided in accordance with federal regulations and state standards. This ensures that local *EI* programs provide high quality support and services to children and families. Each indicator has a state target, designated by either a federal or state requirement, that all *EI* programs are expected to reach and maintain.

***How will this information be used?***

*SPP* and *APR* indicator information is used for quality improvement purposes and to determine compliance with federal and state requirements. Through a process of setting targets, analyzing data and tracking progress, the state and local *EI* programs can identify areas of strength and areas that need improvement. Plans are then developed to address concerns and continue *EI* program successes.

***How can I use this information?***

For each indicator you will find information in this report about the statewide performance and the performance of each *EI* program. A “Yes” identifies when an *EI* program has met or surpassed the state target for an indicator.

**Note:** *Italicized* words are included in the Glossary of Terms.

# The Indicators

The *Part C State Performance Plan (SPP)* identifies the following indicators or areas of performance for *Early Intervention* services and provides state targets and improvement strategies for these areas. The *Part C Annual Performance Report (APR)* reports annual state performance for each of these indicators.

This report provides data on the following *SPP* indicators reported annually on the *APR* for each of the *Early Intervention* programs that provide direct services to infants and toddlers and their families:

1. Infants and toddlers with *IFSP*s who receive early intervention services in a timely manner.
2. Infants and toddlers who primarily receive *EI* services in a natural setting.
3. Infants and toddlers exiting early intervention who demonstrate improved:
   1. Positive social-emotional skills (including social relationships);
   2. Acquisition and use of knowledge and skills (including early language / communication);
   3. Use of appropriate behaviors to meet their needs.
4. Families who report that early intervention services have helped the family:
   1. Know their rights;
   2. Effectively communicate their children’s needs; and
   3. Help their children develop and learn.
5. Infants and toddlers birth to one year old in Massachusetts who receive *EI* services.
6. Infants and toddlers birth to three years old in Massachusetts who receive *EI* services.
7. Infants and toddlers whose EI eligibility evaluation and initial IFSP meeting was completed in a timely manner.
8. Infants and toddlers leaving early intervention services who received timely transition planning to support the child’s and family’s transition to preschool and other appropriate community services including:
   1. Having a completed individualized *transition plan* with transition steps and services documented on the *IFSP* service plan;
   2. Notification to the *Local Education Agency (LEA)* occurred, if child is potentially eligible for *special education*; and
   3. Having a *transition planning conference*, if child is potentially eligible for *special education*.

# Infants and Toddlers with IFSPs who receive Early Intervention Services in a Timely Manner

***Description***

This indicator reports on the percent of infants and toddlers having 100% of their services, as reported on their *EI* service plan, being received in a timely manner. The *EI* service plan is known as the *Individualized Family Service Plan* or *IFSP* and is a working document produced collaboratively by *EI* program staff and family members that contains the agreed upon *Early Intervention* services for an eligible child and family. The Massachusetts definition for timely service is every service identified on a child’s *IFSP* service plan occurs within 30 days of the *IFSP signature date*, the date that the family and *EI* program sign the *IFSP* service plan.

***State Target***

100% of children will receive 100% of their services as stated in their *IFSP* within 30 days of the *IFSP signature date*. There are some children who did not receive one or more services within the 30-day timeframe but the service is considered compliant if the reason for the delay was due to a family situation (e.g., child was sick).

***Data Source***

Service data was collected from EI programs using the new *Early Intervention Client System* *(EICS)* which was implemented in November 2019. An additional EICS function to collect service data was delayed twice due to the COVID-19 pandemic and stakeholder feedback. As a result, this delay impacted data available for this indicator. Of the 59 EI programs using the *EICS* system, 21 programs provided service timeliness data for services that occurred between April 1, 2020 and June 30,2020.

Service data that occurred between April 1, 2020 and June 30, 2020 was collected on 1,679 IFSP services from 21 EI programs for 755 children. EI programs not having data due to requirement changes are noted as NA.

***Statewide Results***

* State Average:
  + 99.2% - Percent of children having 100% of their *EI* services being received in a timely manner
  + 99.6% - Percent of services received in a timely manner
* 749 of the 755 children received all *IFSP* services within 30 days of the *IFSP signature date* or had appropriate justifications for a delay in service.
* 1,672 of the 1,679 *IFSP* services were received within 30 days of the *IFSP signature date* or had appropriate justifications for a delay in service (e.g., family schedule).

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| ***Infants and Toddlers with IFSPs who receive Early Intervention Services in a Timely Manner*** | | | | |
| *State Target: 100%* | | | | |
| ***Region*** | ***Provider Agency*** | ***Meets or exceeds state target?*** | ***Program Percent*** | ***Diff from State Target*** |
| Southeast | Arc of the South Shore/First Early Intervention Program | Yes | 100% | 0% |
| Northeast | Aspire Early Intervention Program | Yes | 100% | 0% |
| Southeast | Associates for Human Services Taunton Early Intervention Program | *NA* | *NA* | *NA* |
| Southeast | BAMSI Early Intervention |  | 98% | 2% |
| Boston | Bay Cove Early Intervention | Yes | 100% | 0% |
| Northeast | BEAM Early Intervention | Yes | 100% | 0% |
| West | Behavioral Health Network EI (BHN Early Intervention) | *NA* | *NA* | *NA* |
| Boston | Boston Children's Hospital Early Intervention Program | Yes | 100% | 0% |
| Metro | Cambridge/Somerville Early Intervention at Riverside | *NA* | *NA* | *NA* |
| West | Center for Human Development Early Intervention Program | *NA* | *NA* | *NA* |
| Central | Community Healthlink Lipton Early Intervention Program | Yes | 100% | 0% |
| Boston | Criterion Boston Early Intervention Program | *NA* | *NA* | *NA* |
| West | Criterion Heritage Early Intervention Program | *NA* | *NA* | *NA* |
| Northeast | Criterion Medford Early Intervention Program | *NA* | *NA* | *NA* |
| Central | Criterion Middlesex Early Intervention Program | *NA* | *NA* | *NA* |
| West | Criterion Riverway Early Intervention Program | *NA* | *NA* | *NA* |
| Northeast | Criterion Stoneham Early Intervention Program | *NA* | *NA* | *NA* |
| Central | Criterion Valley Early Intervention Program | *NA* | *NA* | *NA* |
| Central | Criterion Wachusett Early Intervention Program | Yes | 100% | 0% |
| Central | Criterion Worcester Early Intervention Program | *NA* | *NA* | *NA* |
| Boston | Dimock Early Intervention Program | Yes | 100% | 0% |
| Metro | Eliot Cambridge/Somerville Early Intervention Program | *NA* | *NA* | *NA* |
| Northeast | Eliot Malden Early Intervention Program | Yes | 100% | 0% |
| Metro | Enable Early Intervention | *NA* | *NA* | *NA* |
| Boston | Harbor Area Early Intervention/North Suffolk Mental Health | Yes | 100% | 0% |
| Southeast | Kennedy Donovan Center - Cape Cod & Islands Early Intervention Program | *NA* | *NA* | *NA* |
| Southeast | Kennedy Donovan Center- Attleboro Early Intervention Program | *NA* | *NA* | *NA* |
| Southeast | Kennedy Donovan Center- Greater Plymouth Early Intervention Program | *NA* | *NA* | *NA* |
| Southeast | Kennedy Donovan Center- New Bedford Early Intervention Program | *NA* | *NA* | *NA* |
| Central | Kennedy Donovan Center- South Central Early Intervention Program | Yes | 100% | 0% |
| West | May Center for EI | Yes | 100% | 0% |
| Southeast | Meeting Street Early Intervention | Yes | 100% | 0% |
| Central | Minute Man Arc Early Intervention Program | *NA* | *NA* | *NA* |
| Northeast | Northeast Arc EI- Northshore | *NA* | *NA* | *NA* |
| Northeast | Northeast Arc EI-Cape Ann | *NA* | *NA* | *NA* |
| West | Northern Berkshire Early Intervention Program | *NA* | *NA* | *NA* |
| West | Pediatric Development Center Early Intervention Program | Yes | 100% | 0% |
| West | Pediatric Development Center South Early Intervention Program | Yes | 100% | 0% |
| Southeast | People Incorporated Early Intervention | *NA* | *NA* | *NA* |
| Central | Pernet Early Intervention Program | Yes | 100% | 0% |
| Metro | Riverside Early Intervention - Needham | *NA* | *NA* | *NA* |
| Southeast | South Bay Community Services - Early Childhood, Brockton | *Yes* | 100% | 0% |
| Southeast | South Bay Community Services - Early Childhood, Fall River/Swansea | *NA* | *NA* | *NA* |
| Central | South Bay Community Services - Early Childhood, Framingham | *NA* | *NA* | *NA* |
| Northeast | South Bay Community Services - Early Childhood, Lawrence | *NA* | *NA* | *NA* |
| Northeast | South Bay Community Services - Early Childhood, Lowell | *NA* | *NA* | *NA* |
| Central | South Bay Community Services - Early Childhood, Worcester | *NA* | *NA* | *NA* |
| Metro | Step One Early Intervention Program | *NA* | *NA* | *NA* |
| Northeast | The Professional Center for Child Development | Yes | 100% | 0% |
| West | The Reach Program of ServiceNet | *NA* | *NA* | *NA* |
| Northeast | Thom Anne Sullivan Center | *NA* | *NA* | *NA* |
| Boston | Thom Boston Metro Early Intervention Program | *NA* | *NA* | *NA* |
| Metro | Thom Charles River Early Intervention Program | *NA* | *NA* | *NA* |
| Central | Thom Marlboro Area Early Intervention Program | *NA* | *NA* | *NA* |
| Northeast | Thom Mystic Valley Early Intervention Program | *NA* | *NA* | *NA* |
| Metro | Thom Neponset Valley Early Intervention Program | *NA* | *NA* | *NA* |
| Northeast | Thom Pentucket Area Early Intervention Program | *NA* | *NA* | *NA* |
| West | Thom Springfield Infant Toddler Services | Yes | 100% | 0% |
| West | Thom Westfield Infant Toddler Services | Yes | 100% | 0% |
| Central | Thom Worcester Area Early Intervention Program | *NA* | *NA* | *NA* |

# Infants and Toddlers who Primarily Receive EI Services in a Natural Setting

***Description***

This indicator reports on the percent of infants and toddlers with an *IFSP* service plan who primarily receive early intervention services in their home or at programs created for typically developing children. Programs created for typically developing children are services where children from the community, not enrolled in an *EI* program, participate in a group with *EI*-enrolled children. An example would be a story-time group led by an *EI* staff person that meets at a local library. The group would be open to all children under three to participate.

***State Target***

97.0% of children with an *IFSP* service plan will receive services in the home or at programs created for typically developing children or will have justification statements on their *IFSP* service plan as to why such services cannot be delivered in these settings. In some instances, it may be clinically appropriate for services not to be delivered in a natural setting. Programs who did not meet the state target are not considered to be out of compliance as they may have provided appropriate justification for why services were not provided in a natural setting.

***Data Source***

Children having an *IFSP* service plan that were active on October 1, 2019 based on data from the *Early Intervention Client System (EICS)*. *EICS* is an electronic system that is used to collect client data from *EI* programs. This data includes referral, socio-demographics, eligibility, *IFSP* service plan, transition and discharge information for each child referred to an *EI* program.

***Statewide Results***

* State Average: 99.9%
* 22,515 of the 22,541 children active on October 1, 2019 having an *IFSP* service plan received services in a natural setting.

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| ***Infants and Toddlers who Primarily Receive EI Services in a Natural Setting*** | | | | |
| Description: Percent of infants and toddlers with an *IFSP* service plan who primarily receive early intervention services in the home or at programs for typically developing children. | | | | |
| *State Target: 97%* | | | | |
| ***Region*** | ***Provider Agency*** | ***Meets or exceeds state target?*** | ***Program Percent*** | ***Diff from State Target*** |
| Southeast | Arc of the South Shore/First Early Intervention Program | Yes | 100% | 3.0% |
| Northeast | Aspire Early Intervention Program | Yes | 99.8% | 2.8% |
| Southeast | BAMSI Early Intervention | Yes | 99.8% | 2.8% |
| Boston | Bay Cove Early Intervention Program | Yes | 99.7% | 2.7% |
| West | Behavioral Health Network Early Intervention | Yes | 100% | 3.0% |
| Boston | Boston Children’s Hospital Early Intervention Program | Yes | 100% | 3.0% |
| West | Center for Human Development Early Intervention Program | Yes | 100% | 3.0% |
| Central | Community Healthlink Lipton Early Intervention Program | Yes | 99.7% | 2.7% |
| Boston | Criterion Boston Early Intervention Program | Yes | 99.3% | 2.3% |
| West | Criterion Heritage Early Intervention Program | Yes | 100% | 3.0% |
| Northeast | Criterion Medford Early Intervention Program | Yes | 100% | 3.0% |
| Central | Criterion Middlesex Early Intervention Program | Yes | 99.8% | 2.8% |
| West | Criterion Riverway Early Intervention Program | Yes | 100% | 3.0% |
| Northeast | Criterion Stoneham Early Intervention Program | Yes | 100% | 3.0% |
| Central | Criterion Valley Early Intervention Program | Yes | 100% | 3.0% |
| Central | Criterion Wachusett Early Intervention Program | Yes | 99.5% | 2.5% |
| Central | Criterion Worcester Early Intervention Program | Yes | 99.5% | 2.5% |
| Boston | Dimock Early Intervention Program | Yes | 100% | 3.0% |
| Northeast | Eliot Early Intervention Program | Yes | 100% | 3.0% |
| Metro | Eliot Early Intervention Program/Cambridge-Somerville | Yes | 100% | 3.0% |
| Metro | Enable Early Intervention Program | Yes | 100% | 3.0% |
| Boston | Harbor Area Early Intervention Program | Yes | 99.8% | 2.8% |
| Southeast | KDC Early Intervention Program/Attleboro | Yes | 99.8% | 2.8% |
| Southeast | KDC Early Intervention Program/Cape & Islands | Yes | 100% | 3.0% |
| Southeast | KDC Early Intervention Program/Greater Plymouth | Yes | 100% | 3.0% |
| Southeast | KDC Early Intervention Program/New Bedford | Yes | 100% | 3.0% |
| Central | KDC Early Intervention Program/South Central | Yes | 100% | 3.0% |
| West | May Center for Early Intervention | Yes | 100% | 3.0% |
| Southeast | Meeting Street Early Intervention | Yes | 100% | 3.0% |
| Central | Minute Man Arc Early Intervention Program | Yes | 100% | 3.0% |
| Northeast | Northeast Arc Early Intervention-Cape Ann | Yes | 100% | 3.0% |
| Northeast | Northeast Arc Early Intervention-North Shore | Yes | 100% | 3.0% |
| West | Northern Berkshire Early Intervention Program | Yes | 100% | 3.0% |
| West | Pediatric Development Center | Yes | 99.6% | 2.6% |
| West | Pediatric Development Center-South Berkshire | Yes | 100% | 3.0% |
| Southeast | People, Inc. Early Intervention Program | Yes | 100% | 3.0% |
| Central | Pernet Early Intervention Program | Yes | 100% | 3.0% |
| Northeast | Professional Center for Child Development | Yes | 100% | 3.0% |
| Northeast | Project BEAM Early Intervention Program | Yes | 100% | 3.0% |
| Metro | Riverside Early Intervention Program/Cambridge-Somerville | Yes | 99.0% | 2.0% |
| Metro | Riverside Early Intervention Program/Needham | Yes | 99.7% | 2.7% |
| Southeast | South Bay Community Services, Early Childhood/Brockton | Yes | 100% | 3.0% |
| Southeast | South Bay Community Services, Early Childhood/Fall River | Yes | 100% | 3.0% |
| Central | South Bay Community Services, Early Childhood/Framingham | Yes | 100% | 3.0% |
| Northeast | South Bay Community Services, Early Childhood/Lawrence | Yes | 100% | 3.0% |
| Northeast | South Bay Community Services, Early Childhood/Lowell | Yes | 99.8% | 2.8% |
| Central | South Bay Community Services, Early Childhood/Worcester | Yes | 100% | 3.0% |
| Metro | Step One Early Intervention Program | Yes | 100% | 3.0% |
| Southeast | Taunton Area Early Intervention Program | Yes | 100% | 3.0% |
| West | The REACH Early Intervention Program of ServiceNet | Yes | 100% | 3.0% |
| Northeast | Thom Anne Sullivan Center Early Intervention Program | Yes | 100% | 3.0% |
| Boston | Thom Boston Metro Early Intervention Program | Yes | 99.5% | 2.5% |
| Metro | Thom Charles River Early Intervention Program | Yes | 100% | 3.0% |
| Central | Thom Marlborough Area Early Intervention Program | Yes | 99.5% | 2.5% |
| Northeast | Thom Mystic Valley Early Intervention Program | Yes | 100% | 3.0% |
| Metro | Thom Neponset Valley Early Intervention Program | Yes | 100% | 3.0% |
| Northeast | Thom Pentucket Area Early Intervention Program | Yes | 99.7% | 2.7% |
| West | Thom Springfield Infant Toddler Services | Yes | 99.9% | 2.9% |
| West | Thom Westfield Infant Toddler Services | Yes | 100% | 3.0% |
| Central | Thom Worcester Area Early Intervention Program | Yes | 100% | 3.0% |

# Infants and Toddlers Exiting Early Intervention who Demonstrate Developmental Improvement

***Description***

Developmental outcome is determined based on data received from the Battelle Developmental Inventory-2 (BDI-2), a DPH approved assessment tool used for determining eligibility. The Battelle is the sole evaluation tool for determining eligibility and for federal reporting of child outcomes data.

***State Target***

As the state works on its five-year State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP) for child outcome improvement many of the data validation initiatives being put in place will result in improved accuracy and fidelity of the BDI-2 tool causing child outcome results to remain the same or even decrease over the next couple of years.

This indicator reports on the percent of children exiting early intervention who demonstrate improvement in the following developmental areas:

1. Positive social-emotional skills (including social relationships)
2. Increased developmental growth – 57.0%
3. Age-appropriate at exit – 71.2%
4. Acquisition and use of knowledge and skills (including early language / communication)
5. Increased developmental growth – 88.0%
6. Age-appropriate at exit – 52.0%
7. Use of appropriate behaviors to meet their needs
8. Increased developmental growth – 95.0%
9. Age-appropriate at exit – 74.0%

Children can be counted under both “increased developmental growth” and “age-appropriate at exit”. In other words, there are children who both substantially increased their rate of developmental growth by the time of exit and were functioning at the time of exit within age expectations.

***Data Source***

Outcome data is compiled from the *Early Intervention Client System (EIIC)* for children who exited early intervention between July 1, 2019 and June 30,2020. A child’s initial and last evaluations were used to generate outcome results.

***Statewide Results***

State Average:

1. Positive social-emotional skills (including social relationships)
2. Increased developmental growth – 44.80%
3. Age-appropriate at exit – 61.15%
4. Acquisition and use of knowledge and skills (including early language / communication)
5. Increased developmental growth – 43.55%
6. Age-appropriate at exit – 35.29%
7. Use of appropriate behaviors to meet their needs
8. Increased developmental growth – 50.03%
9. Age-appropriate at exit – 55.79%

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| **A. Positive Social-Emotional Skills** – Infants & Toddlers Exiting EI who Demonstrate Development Improvement | | | | | | | | | |
| *State Targets:* | | *56.9%* | | | *71.1%* | | | |  |
| *Region* | *Agency* | A. Positive Social-Emotional Skills | | | | | | |
| *1. Increased Developmental Growth* | | | | *2. Age-appropriate at exit* | | |
| *Meets or exceeds state target?* | *Program Percent* | *Diff from State Target* | | *Meets or exceeds state target?* | *Program Percent* | *Diff from State Target* |
| Southeast | Arc of the South Shore/First Early Intervention Program |  | 53.1% | -3.8% | | Yes | 79.9% | 8.8% |
| Northeast | Aspire Early Intervention Program |  | 50.9% | -6.0% | |  | 46.0% | -25.1% |
| Southeast | Associates for Human Services Taunton Early Intervention Program |  | 53.0% | -3.9% | |  | 65.9% | -5.2% |
| Southeast | BAMSI Early Intervention |  | 56.0% | -0.9% | |  | 65.8% | -5.4% |
| Boston | Bay Cove Early Intervention |  | 44.3% | -12.6% | |  | 60.2% | -11.0% |
| Northeast | BEAM Early Intervention |  | 30.8% | -26.1% | |  | 52.6% | -18.5% |
| West | Behavioral Health Network EI (BHN Early Intervention) |  | 22.6% | -34.3% | |  | 26.7% | -44.4% |
| Boston | Boston Children's Hospital Early Intervention Program | Yes | 71.4% | 14.5% | | Yes | 76.7% | 5.6% |
| Metro | Cambridge/Somerville Early Intervention at Riverside |  | 51.1% | -5.8% | | Yes | 73.1% | 2.0% |
| Southeast | Cape Cod & Islands Early Childhood Intervention Program |  | 26.7% | -30.2% | |  | 61.3% | -9.8% |
| West | Center for Human Development Early Intervention Program |  | 53.6% | -3.3% | | Yes | 78.2% | 7.1% |
| Central | Community Healthlink Lipton Early Intervention Program |  | 46.0% | -10.9% | |  | 61.2% | -9.9% |
| Boston | Criterion Boston Early Intervention Program |  | 45.5% | -11.5% | | Yes | 82.6% | 11.5% |
| West | Criterion Heritage Early Intervention Program |  | 36.0% | -20.9% | |  | 39.0% | -32.1% |
| Northeast | Criterion Medford Early Intervention Program |  | 48.3% | -8.6% | |  | 58.8% | -12.3% |
| Central | Criterion Middlesex Early Intervention Program | Yes | 57.1% | 0.2% | |  | 70.1% | -1.1% |
| West | Criterion Riverway Early Intervention Program |  | 30.4% | -26.5% | |  | 56.8% | -14.3% |
| Northeast | Criterion Stoneham Early Intervention Program | Yes | 58.2% | 1.3% | | Yes | 76.3% | 5.2% |
| Central | Criterion Valley Early Intervention Program |  | 41.7% | -15.2% | | Yes | 71.3% | 0.2% |
| Central | Criterion Wachusett Early Intervention Program |  | 55.6% | -1.3% | | Yes | 76.1% | 5.0% |
| Central | Criterion Worcester Early Intervention Program |  | 55.9% | -1.0% | | Yes | 71.6% | 0.5% |
| Boston | Dimock Early Intervention Program |  | 46.7% | -10.2% | | Yes | 80.0% | 8.9% |
| Metro | Eliot Cambridge/Somerville Early Intervention Program |  | 50.0% | -6.9% | | Yes | 86.2% | 15.1% |
| Northeast | Eliot Malden Early Intervention Program |  | 32.7% | -24.2% | |  | 44.9% | -26.2% |
| Metro | Enable Early Intervention |  | 52.6% | -4.3% | |  | 64.3% | -6.8% |
| Boston | Harbor Area Early Intervention/North Suffolk Mental Health |  | 46.1% | -10.8% | |  | 48.3% | -22.8% |
| Southeast | Kennedy Donovan Center - Cape Cod & Islands Early Intervention Program |  | 23.5% | -33.4% | |  | 53.6% | -17.5% |
| Southeast | Kennedy Donovan Center- Attleboro Early Intervention Program |  | 55.8% | -1.1% | |  | 71.0% | -0.1% |
| Southeast | Kennedy Donovan Center- Greater Plymouth Early Intervention Program | Yes | 59.6% | 2.7% | |  | 67.6% | -3.5% |
| Southeast | Kennedy Donovan Center- New Bedford Early Intervention Program |  | 42.0% | -14.9% | |  | 71.0% | -0.1% |
| Central | Kennedy Donovan Center- South Central Early Intervention Program |  | 44.1% | -12.9% | |  | 57.6% | -13.5% |
| West | May Center for EI | Yes | 58.5% | 1.6% | |  | 61.4% | -9.7% |
| Southeast | Meeting Street Early Intervention |  | 52.3% | -4.6% | |  | 53.9% | -17.3% |
| Central | Minute Man Arc Early Intervention Program |  | 41.7% | -15.2% | | Yes | 82.4% | 11.3% |
| Northeast | Northeast Arc EI- Northshore |  | 22.8% | -34.1% | |  | 53.9% | -17.3% |
| Northeast | Northeast Arc EI-Cape Ann | Yes | 62.8% | 5.9% | |  | 71.1% | -0.1% |
| West | Northern Berkshire Early Intervention Program |  | 43.5% | -13.4% | |  | 67.4% | -3.7% |
| West | Pediatric Development Center Early Intervention Program |  | 32.6% | -24.3% | |  | 69.5% | -1.6% |
| West | Pediatric Development Center South Early Intervention Program |  | 50.0% | -6.9% | | Yes | 90.9% | 19.8% |
| Southeast | People Incorporated Early Intervention |  | 40.0% | -16.9% | |  | 59.7% | -11.4% |
| Central | Pernet Early Intervention Program |  | 52.4% | -4.5% | | Yes | 75.0% | 3.9% |
| Metro | Riverside Early Intervention - Needham |  | 45.9% | -11.0% | |  | 67.0% | -4.1% |
| Southeast | South Bay Community Services - Early Childhood, Brockton |  | 46.0% | -10.9% | |  | 54.4% | -16.8% |
| Southeast | South Bay Community Services - Early Childhood, Fall River/Swansea |  | 38.6% | -18.3% | |  | 45.7% | -25.4% |
| Central | South Bay Community Services - Early Childhood, Framingham | Yes | 69.2% | 12.3% | | Yes | 76.7% | 5.6% |
| Northeast | South Bay Community Services - Early Childhood, Lawrence |  | 53.8% | -3.2% | |  | 66.7% | -4.4% |
| Northeast | South Bay Community Services - Early Childhood, Lowell | Yes | 57.5% | 0.6% | |  | 52.2% | -18.9% |
| Central | South Bay Community Services - Early Childhood, Worcester | Yes | 68.2% | 11.3% | |  | 69.6% | -1.5% |
| Metro | Step One Early Intervention Program |  | 40.2% | -16.7% | |  | 43.4% | -27.7% |
| Northeast | The Professional Center for Child Development |  | 38.1% | -18.8% | |  | 50.6% | -20.5% |
| West | The Reach Program of ServiceNet | Yes | 58.5% | 1.6% | |  | 71.1% | 0.0% |
| Northeast | Thom Anne Sullivan Center | Yes | 63.0% | 6.1% | | Yes | 73.2% | 2.1% |
| Boston | Thom Boston Metro Early Intervention Program |  | 51.7% | -5.2% | | Yes | 75.6% | 4.5% |
| Metro | Thom Charles River Early Intervention Program |  | 55.6% | -1.3% | | Yes | 74.1% | 3.0% |
| Central | Thom Marlboro Area Early Intervention Program |  | 51.6% | -5.3% | |  | 66.9% | -4.3% |
| Northeast | Thom Mystic Valley Early Intervention Program |  | 53.7% | -3.2% | | Yes | 71.8% | 0.7% |
| Metro | Thom Neponset Valley Early Intervention Program |  | 55.8% | -1.1% | | Yes | 73.5% | 2.4% |
| Northeast | Thom Pentucket Area Early Intervention Program | Yes | 59.1% | 2.2% | |  | 64.2% | -6.9% |
| West | Thom Springfield Infant Toddler Services |  | 39.4% | -17.5% | |  | 50.0% | -21.1% |
| West | Thom Westfield Infant Toddler Services |  | 39.2% | -17.7% | |  | 67.1% | -4.0% |
| Central | Thom Worcester Area Early Intervention Program |  | 53.5% | -3.4% | |  | 65.6% | -5.5% |

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| **B. Acquisition and use of knowledge and skills** – Infants & Toddlers Exiting EI who Demonstrate Development Improvement | | | | | | | | | |
| *State Targets:* | | *87.9%* | | | *51.9%* | | | |  |
| ***Region*** | ***Agency*** | **A. Positive Social-Emotional Skills** | | | | | | |
| ***1. Increased Developmental Growth*** | | | | ***2. Age-appropriate at exit*** | | |
| ***Meets or exceeds state target?*** | ***Program Percent*** | ***Diff from State Target*** | | ***Meets or exceeds state target?*** | ***Program Percent*** | ***Diff from State Target*** |
| Southeast | Arc of the South Shore/First Early Intervention Program |  | 74.6% | -13.3% | |  | 41.8% | -10.1% |
| Northeast | Aspire Early Intervention Program |  | 78.9% | -9.0% | |  | 24.7% | -27.2% |
| Southeast | Associates for Human Services Taunton Early Intervention Program |  | 83.9% | -4.0% | |  | 39.0% | -12.9% |
| Southeast | BAMSI Early Intervention |  | 70.5% | -17.5% | |  | 26.5% | -25.4% |
| Boston | Bay Cove Early Intervention |  | 72.0% | -15.9% | |  | 27.1% | -24.8% |
| Northeast | BEAM Early Intervention |  | 83.3% | -4.6% | |  | 42.1% | -9.8% |
| West | Behavioral Health Network EI (BHN Early Intervention) |  | 72.1% | -15.8% | |  | 19.9% | -32.1% |
| Boston | Boston Children's Hospital Early Intervention Program | Yes | 89.7% | 1.8% | | Yes | 62.8% | 10.9% |
| Metro | Cambridge/Somerville Early Intervention at Riverside |  | 83.3% | -4.6% | |  | 43.3% | -8.6% |
| Southeast | Cape Cod & Islands Early Childhood Intervention Program |  | 72.4% | -15.5% | |  | 29.0% | -22.9% |
| West | Center for Human Development Early Intervention Program |  | 79.7% | -8.2% | |  | 21.8% | -30.1% |
| Central | Community Healthlink Lipton Early Intervention Program |  | 78.8% | -9.1% | |  | 37.5% | -14.4% |
| Boston | Criterion Boston Early Intervention Program |  | 79.4% | -8.5% | | Yes | 56.5% | 4.6% |
| West | Criterion Heritage Early Intervention Program |  | 65.9% | -22.0% | |  | 21.2% | -30.7% |
| Northeast | Criterion Medford Early Intervention Program |  | 87.4% | -0.5% | |  | 39.2% | -12.7% |
| Central | Criterion Middlesex Early Intervention Program |  | 80.2% | -7.7% | |  | 45.5% | -6.5% |
| West | Criterion Riverway Early Intervention Program |  | 75.7% | -12.2% | |  | 38.6% | -13.3% |
| Northeast | Criterion Stoneham Early Intervention Program |  | 86.9% | -1.0% | | Yes | 53.3% | 1.4% |
| Central | Criterion Valley Early Intervention Program |  | 83.1% | -4.8% | |  | 49.3% | -2.6% |
| Central | Criterion Wachusett Early Intervention Program |  | 84.6% | -3.3% | | Yes | 52.2% | 0.3% |
| Central | Criterion Worcester Early Intervention Program |  | 83.1% | -4.9% | | Yes | 56.7% | 4.8% |
| Boston | Dimock Early Intervention Program |  | 79.0% | -9.0% | |  | 44.0% | -7.9% |
| Metro | Eliot Cambridge/Somerville Early Intervention Program |  | 87.5% | -0.4% | | Yes | 58.6% | 6.7% |
| Northeast | Eliot Malden Early Intervention Program |  | 67.9% | -20.0% | |  | 27.0% | -24.9% |
| Metro | Enable Early Intervention |  | 84.6% | -3.3% | |  | 45.9% | -6.0% |
| Boston | Harbor Area Early Intervention/North Suffolk Mental Health |  | 77.2% | -10.7% | |  | 20.5% | -31.5% |
| Southeast | Kennedy Donovan Center - Cape Cod & Islands Early Intervention Program |  | 59.3% | -28.6% | |  | 10.7% | -41.2% |
| Southeast | Kennedy Donovan Center- Attleboro Early Intervention Program |  | 87.8% | -0.1% | | Yes | 55.4% | 3.5% |
| Southeast | Kennedy Donovan Center- Greater Plymouth Early Intervention Program |  | 79.4% | -8.5% | |  | 41.9% | -10.0% |
| Southeast | Kennedy Donovan Center- New Bedford Early Intervention Program |  | 80.0% | -7.9% | |  | 46.8% | -5.1% |
| Central | Kennedy Donovan Center- South Central Early Intervention Program |  | 78.4% | -9.5% | |  | 40.2% | -11.8% |
| West | May Center for EI |  | 82.6% | -5.3% | |  | 25.7% | -26.2% |
| Southeast | Meeting Street Early Intervention |  | 82.8% | -5.1% | |  | 37.7% | -14.2% |
| Central | Minute Man Arc Early Intervention Program |  | 87.7% | -0.3% | |  | 51.0% | -0.9% |
| Northeast | Northeast Arc EI- Northshore |  | 77.7% | -10.3% | |  | 25.8% | -26.1% |
| Northeast | Northeast Arc EI-Cape Ann | Yes | 89.9% | 2.0% | | Yes | 52.0% | 0.1% |
| West | Northern Berkshire Early Intervention Program |  | 68.4% | -19.5% | |  | 41.3% | -10.6% |
| West | Pediatric Development Center Early Intervention Program |  | 77.5% | -10.4% | |  | 43.2% | -8.7% |
| West | Pediatric Development Center South Early Intervention Program |  | 79.0% | -9.0% | | Yes | 72.7% | 20.8% |
| Southeast | People Incorporated Early Intervention |  | 81.4% | -6.5% | |  | 39.8% | -12.1% |
| Central | Pernet Early Intervention Program |  | 63.4% | -24.5% | |  | 37.5% | -14.4% |
| Metro | Riverside Early Intervention - Needham |  | 87.6% | -0.3% | | Yes | 60.7% | 8.8% |
| Southeast | South Bay Community Services - Early Childhood, Brockton |  | 81.3% | -6.6% | |  | 33.3% | -18.6% |
| Southeast | South Bay Community Services - Early Childhood, Fall River/Swansea |  | 79.8% | -8.1% | |  | 18.1% | -33.8% |
| Central | South Bay Community Services - Early Childhood, Framingham | Yes | 92.9% | 5.0% | |  | 50.0% | -1.9% |
| Northeast | South Bay Community Services - Early Childhood, Lawrence |  | 74.6% | -13.3% | |  | 21.5% | -30.4% |
| Northeast | South Bay Community Services - Early Childhood, Lowell |  | 83.6% | -4.3% | |  | 28.3% | -23.6% |
| Central | South Bay Community Services - Early Childhood, Worcester |  | 80.3% | -7.6% | |  | 31.9% | -20.0% |
| Metro | Step One Early Intervention Program |  | 73.7% | -14.3% | |  | 27.6% | -24.3% |
| Northeast | The Professional Center for Child Development |  | 76.7% | -11.2% | |  | 32.2% | -19.7% |
| West | The Reach Program of ServiceNet |  | 83.5% | -4.4% | |  | 42.2% | -9.8% |
| Northeast | Thom Anne Sullivan Center |  | 84.2% | -3.7% | |  | 44.7% | -7.2% |
| Boston | Thom Boston Metro Early Intervention Program |  | 81.0% | -6.9% | |  | 41.9% | -10.1% |
| Metro | Thom Charles River Early Intervention Program |  | 79.6% | -8.3% | |  | 34.3% | -17.6% |
| Central | Thom Marlboro Area Early Intervention Program |  | 84.1% | -3.8% | |  | 43.7% | -8.3% |
| Northeast | Thom Mystic Valley Early Intervention Program |  | 84.7% | -3.2% | |  | 43.7% | -8.2% |
| Metro | Thom Neponset Valley Early Intervention Program | Yes | 89.2% | 1.3% | | Yes | 59.3% | 7.4% |
| Northeast | Thom Pentucket Area Early Intervention Program |  | 84.2% | -3.7% | |  | 39.7% | -12.2% |
| West | Thom Springfield Infant Toddler Services |  | 78.7% | -9.2% | |  | 29.2% | -22.7% |
| West | Thom Westfield Infant Toddler Services |  | 84.6% | -3.3% | |  | 40.2% | -11.7% |
| Central | Thom Worcester Area Early Intervention Program |  | 79.4% | -8.5% | |  | 35.5% | -16.4% |

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| **C. Use of appropriate behaviors to meet their needs**– Infants & Toddlers Exiting EI who Demonstrate Development Improvement | | | | | | | | | |
| *State Targets:* | | *94.9%* | | | *73.9%* | | | |  |
| ***Region*** | ***Agency*** | **A. Positive Social-Emotional Skills** | | | | | | |
| ***1. Increased Developmental Growth*** | | | | ***2. Age-appropriate at exit*** | | |
| ***Meets or exceeds state target?*** | ***Program Percent*** | ***Diff from State Target*** | | ***Meets or exceeds state target?*** | ***Program Percent*** | ***Diff from State Target*** |
| Southeast | Arc of the South Shore/First Early Intervention Program |  | 84.8% | -10.1% | |  | 66.4% | -7.5% |
| Northeast | Aspire Early Intervention Program |  | 88.8% | -6.1% | |  | 47.4% | -26.5% |
| Southeast | Associates for Human Services Taunton Early Intervention Program |  | 92.7% | -2.2% | |  | 58.7% | -15.2% |
| Southeast | BAMSI Early Intervention |  | 88.8% | -6.1% | |  | 54.7% | -19.2% |
| Boston | Bay Cove Early Intervention |  | 88.1% | -6.8% | |  | 39.9% | -34.1% |
| Northeast | BEAM Early Intervention |  | 93.3% | -1.6% | |  | 57.9% | -16.0% |
| West | Behavioral Health Network EI (BHN Early Intervention) |  | 82.1% | -12.8% | |  | 36.6% | -37.3% |
| Boston | Boston Children's Hospital Early Intervention Program |  | 92.6% | -2.3% | |  | 72.1% | -1.8% |
| Metro | Cambridge/Somerville Early Intervention at Riverside |  | 92.4% | -2.5% | |  | 59.6% | -14.3% |
| Southeast | Cape Cod & Islands Early Childhood Intervention Program |  | 81.3% | -13.7% | |  | 67.7% | -6.2% |
| West | Center for Human Development Early Intervention Program | Yes | 95.9% | 1.0% | |  | 69.2% | -4.7% |
| Central | Community Healthlink Lipton Early Intervention Program |  | 90.3% | -4.6% | |  | 54.6% | -19.3% |
| Boston | Criterion Boston Early Intervention Program |  | 90.9% | -4.0% | | Yes | 80.4% | 6.5% |
| West | Criterion Heritage Early Intervention Program |  | 86.6% | -8.3% | |  | 40.7% | -33.2% |
| Northeast | Criterion Medford Early Intervention Program |  | 93.0% | -1.9% | |  | 47.4% | -26.5% |
| Central | Criterion Middlesex Early Intervention Program |  | 87.3% | -7.7% | |  | 54.6% | -19.4% |
| West | Criterion Riverway Early Intervention Program |  | 92.6% | -2.3% | |  | 52.3% | -21.6% |
| Northeast | Criterion Stoneham Early Intervention Program | Yes | 96.7% | 1.8% | |  | 69.6% | -4.3% |
| Central | Criterion Valley Early Intervention Program |  | 92.6% | -2.3% | |  | 61.9% | -12.0% |
| Central | Criterion Wachusett Early Intervention Program |  | 94.1% | -0.8% | |  | 70.7% | -3.3% |
| Central | Criterion Worcester Early Intervention Program |  | 84.9% | -10.1% | |  | 68.7% | -5.2% |
| Boston | Dimock Early Intervention Program |  | 93.6% | -1.4% | | Yes | 74.0% | 0.1% |
| Metro | Eliot Cambridge/Somerville Early Intervention Program |  | 91.7% | -3.2% | |  | 72.4% | -1.5% |
| Northeast | Eliot Malden Early Intervention Program |  | 88.7% | -6.2% | |  | 38.2% | -35.7% |
| Metro | Enable Early Intervention |  | 94.4% | -0.5% | |  | 48.0% | -25.9% |
| Boston | Harbor Area Early Intervention/North Suffolk Mental Health |  | 92.3% | -2.7% | |  | 59.7% | -14.2% |
| Southeast | Kennedy Donovan Center - Cape Cod & Islands Early Intervention Program |  | 88.0% | -6.9% | |  | 32.1% | -41.8% |
| Southeast | Kennedy Donovan Center- Attleboro Early Intervention Program |  | 93.8% | -1.2% | |  | 64.5% | -9.4% |
| Southeast | Kennedy Donovan Center- Greater Plymouth Early Intervention Program |  | 90.4% | -4.5% | |  | 62.2% | -11.7% |
| Southeast | Kennedy Donovan Center- New Bedford Early Intervention Program |  | 94.0% | -0.9% | |  | 62.1% | -11.8% |
| Central | Kennedy Donovan Center- South Central Early Intervention Program |  | 88.2% | -6.7% | |  | 49.2% | -24.7% |
| West | May Center for EI |  | 87.5% | -7.4% | |  | 71.4% | -2.5% |
| Southeast | Meeting Street Early Intervention |  | 88.2% | -6.7% | |  | 38.5% | -35.4% |
| Central | Minute Man Arc Early Intervention Program |  | 87.1% | -7.8% | |  | 61.8% | -12.1% |
| Northeast | Northeast Arc EI- Northshore |  | 84.9% | -10.0% | |  | 37.9% | -36.0% |
| Northeast | Northeast Arc EI-Cape Ann |  | 94.6% | -0.3% | |  | 65.1% | -8.8% |
| West | Northern Berkshire Early Intervention Program | Yes | 97.3% | 2.4% | |  | 65.2% | -8.7% |
| West | Pediatric Development Center Early Intervention Program |  | 87.0% | -7.9% | |  | 63.2% | -10.7% |
| West | Pediatric Development Center South Early Intervention Program |  | 87.5% | -7.4% | | Yes | 86.4% | 12.5% |
| Southeast | People Incorporated Early Intervention |  | 90.2% | -4.7% | |  | 58.2% | -15.7% |
| Central | Pernet Early Intervention Program |  | 88.5% | -6.4% | | Yes | 75.0% | 1.1% |
| Metro | Riverside Early Intervention - Needham |  | 90.4% | -4.5% | |  | 55.4% | -18.5% |
| Southeast | South Bay Community Services - Early Childhood, Brockton |  | 93.5% | -1.4% | |  | 46.4% | -27.5% |
| Southeast | South Bay Community Services - Early Childhood, Fall River/Swansea |  | 86.1% | -8.8% | |  | 45.7% | -28.2% |
| Central | South Bay Community Services - Early Childhood, Framingham | Yes | 100.0% | 5.1% | |  | 73.3% | -0.6% |
| Northeast | South Bay Community Services - Early Childhood, Lawrence |  | 86.7% | -8.2% | |  | 53.3% | -20.6% |
| Northeast | South Bay Community Services - Early Childhood, Lowell |  | 92.6% | -2.4% | |  | 62.9% | -11.0% |
| Central | South Bay Community Services - Early Childhood, Worcester | Yes | 96.5% | 1.6% | |  | 60.9% | -13.0% |
| Metro | Step One Early Intervention Program |  | 89.1% | -5.8% | |  | 56.6% | -17.3% |
| Northeast | The Professional Center for Child Development |  | 91.3% | -3.6% | |  | 46.3% | -27.6% |
| West | The Reach Program of ServiceNet |  | 90.7% | -4.2% | |  | 68.6% | -5.3% |
| Northeast | Thom Anne Sullivan Center |  | 90.3% | -4.6% | |  | 67.9% | -6.0% |
| Boston | Thom Boston Metro Early Intervention Program |  | 90.5% | -4.4% | |  | 65.9% | -8.0% |
| Metro | Thom Charles River Early Intervention Program |  | 91.8% | -3.1% | |  | 61.5% | -12.5% |
| Central | Thom Marlboro Area Early Intervention Program |  | 92.9% | -2.0% | |  | 61.3% | -12.6% |
| Northeast | Thom Mystic Valley Early Intervention Program | Yes | 95.0% | 0.1% | |  | 51.4% | -22.5% |
| Metro | Thom Neponset Valley Early Intervention Program |  | 90.3% | -4.6% | |  | 51.9% | -22.1% |
| Northeast | Thom Pentucket Area Early Intervention Program |  | 88.8% | -6.1% | |  | 57.1% | -16.8% |
| West | Thom Springfield Infant Toddler Services |  | 86.9% | -8.1% | |  | 55.2% | -18.7% |
| West | Thom Westfield Infant Toddler Services |  | 89.5% | -5.4% | |  | 65.2% | -8.7% |
| Central | Thom Worcester Area Early Intervention Program |  | 92.2% | -2.7% | |  | 68.7% | -5.2% |

# Families who Report that Early Intervention Services Have Helped the Family

***Description***

The National Center for Special Education Accountability and Monitoring (NCSEAM) was an *OSEP* funded national center commissioned to determine the efficacy of both early intervention and special education services. A family survey developed by NCSEAM is used nationally by states to provide feedback from families regarding their early intervention experience. Massachusetts early intervention programs distribute these surveys to families every year as part of the *IFSP* service plan review process. The survey engages families with both their local early intervention program and the *Massachusetts Department of Public Health* as partners in ensuring that high quality services are provided and maintained throughout the Commonwealth.

This indicator reports on the percent of families participating in *Early Intervention* who report that early intervention services have helped the family (a) know their rights, (b) effectively communicate their children’s needs, and (c) help their children develop and learn.

***State Target***

1. Know their rights – 85.0%
2. Effectively communicate their children’s needs – 80.0%
3. Help their children develop and learn – 90.0%

***Data Source***

The NCSEAM family survey is distributed to all families of children who have been enrolled in EI for at least 6 months. There were 4,719 surveys returned by families receiving early intervention services representing 34.9% of the total number of surveys distributed.

***Statewide Results***

State Average:

1. Know their rights – 87.1%
2. Effectively communicate their children’s needs – 84.5%
3. Help their children develop and learn – 94.0%

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| ***Families who Report that Early Intervention Services Have Helped the Family*** | | | | | | | | | | |
| *State Target:* | | *85.0%* | | | *80.0%* | | | *90.0%* | | |
| ***Region*** | ***Agency*** | ***A. Know their rights*** | | | ***B. Communicate child's needs*** | | | ***C. Help child develop*** | | |
| ***Meets or***  ***exceeds***  ***state***  ***target*** | ***Program***  ***Percent*** | ***Diff from***  ***State***  ***Target*** | ***Meets or***  ***exceeds***  ***state***  ***target*** | ***Program***  ***Percent*** | ***Diff***  ***from***  ***State***  ***Target*** | ***Meets or***  ***exceeds***  ***state***  ***target*** | ***Program***  ***Percent*** | ***Diff from***  ***State***  ***Target*** |
| Southeast | Arc of the South Shore/First Early Intervention Program |  | 83% | -2% | Yes | 83% | 3% |  | 89% | -1% |
| Northeast | Aspire Early Intervention Program | Yes | 91% | 6% | Yes | 91% | 11% | Yes | 93% | 3% |
| Southeast | Associates for Human Services Taunton Early Intervention Program | Yes | 91% | 6% | Yes | 88% | 8% | Yes | 94% | 4% |
| Southeast | BAMSI Early Intervention | Yes | 90% | 5% | Yes | 80% | 0% | Yes | 90% | 0% |
| Boston | Bay Cove Early Intervention | Yes | 100% | 15% | Yes | 92% | 12% | Yes | 100% | 10% |
| Northeast | BEAM Early Intervention | Yes | 100% | 15% | Yes | 100% | 20% | Yes | 100% | 10% |
| West | Behavioral Health Network EI (BHN Early Intervention) | Yes | 85% | 0% | Yes | 83% | 3% | Yes | 93% | 3% |
| Boston | Boston Children's Hospital Early Intervention Program | Yes | 88% | 3% | Yes | 88% | 7% | Yes | 100% | 10% |
| Metro | Cambridge/Somerville Early Intervention at Riverside | Yes | 100% | 15% | Yes | 92% | 12% | Yes | 100% | 10% |
| West | Center for Human Development Early Intervention Program | Yes | 87% | 2% | Yes | 87% | 7% | Yes | 97% | 7% |
| Central | Community Healthlink Lipton Early Intervention Program | Yes | 92% | 7% | Yes | 92% | 12% | Yes | 96% | 6% |
| Boston | Criterion Boston Early Intervention Program |  | 80% | -5% | Yes | 80% | 0% | Yes | 93% | 3% |
| West | Criterion Heritage Early Intervention Program |  | 83% | -2% |  | 80% | 0% | Yes | 90% | 0% |
| Northeast | Criterion Medford Early Intervention Program | Yes | 91% | 6% | Yes | 91% | 11% | Yes | 91% | 1% |
| Central | Criterion Middlesex Early Intervention Program | Yes | 93% | 8% | Yes | 92% | 12% | Yes | 98% | 8% |
| West | Criterion Riverway Early Intervention Program | Yes | 100% | 15% | Yes | 100% | 20% | Yes | 100% | 10% |
| Northeast | Criterion Stoneham Early Intervention Program | Yes | 86% | 1% |  | 71% | -9% | Yes | 93% | 3% |
| Central | Criterion Valley Early Intervention Program |  | 83% | -2% | Yes | 81% | 1% | Yes | 93% | 3% |
| Central | Criterion Wachusett Early Intervention Program | Yes | 86% | 1% |  | 71% | -9% | Yes | 100% | 10% |
| Central | Criterion Worcester Early Intervention Program |  | 82% | -3% | Yes | 82% | 2% |  | 88% | -2% |
| Boston | Dimock Early Intervention Program |  | 50% | -35% |  | 50% | -30% |  | 50% | -40% |
| Northeast | Eliot Malden Early Intervention Program | *NA* | *NA* | *NA* | *NA* | *NA* | *NA* | *NA* | *NA* | *NA* |
| Metro | Enable Early Intervention |  | 82% | -3% | Yes | 82% | 2% | Yes | 94% | 4% |
| Boston | Harbor Area Early Intervention/North Suffolk Mental Health |  | 67% | -18% |  | 67% | -13% |  | 67% | -23% |
| Southeast | Kennedy Donovan Center - Cape Cod & Islands Early Intervention Program | *NA* | *NA* | *NA* | *NA* | *NA* | *NA* | *NA* | *NA* | *NA* |
| Southeast | Kennedy Donovan Center- Attleboro Early Intervention Program | Yes | 94% | 9% | Yes | 94% | 14% | Yes | 96% | 6% |
| Southeast | Kennedy Donovan Center- Greater Plymouth Early Intervention Program |  | 83% | -2% |  | 78% | -2% | Yes | 95% | 5% |
| Southeast | Kennedy Donovan Center- New Bedford Early Intervention Program | *NA* | *NA* | *NA* | *NA* | *NA* | *NA* | *NA* | *NA* | *NA* |
| Central | Kennedy Donovan Center- South Central Early Intervention Program |  | 79% | -6% |  | 75% | -5% |  | 88% | -3% |
| West | May Center for EI | Yes | 100% | 15% | Yes | 100% | 20% | Yes | 100% | 10% |
| Southeast | Meeting Street Early Intervention | Yes | 86% | 1% | Yes | 86% | 6% | Yes | 95% | 5% |
| Central | Minute Man Arc Early Intervention Program | Yes | 92% | 7% | Yes | 92% | 12% | Yes | 92% | 2% |
| Northeast | Northeast Arc EI- Northshore |  | 0% | -85% |  | 0% | -80% | Yes | 100% | 10% |
| Northeast | Northeast Arc EI-Cape Ann | Yes | 86% | 1% |  | 76% | -4% | Yes | 93% | 3% |
| West | Northern Berkshire Early Intervention Program |  | 75% | -10% |  | 75% | -5% |  | 75% | -15% |
| West | Pediatric Development Center Early Intervention Program |  | 78% | -7% |  | 78% | -2% |  | 89% | -1% |
| West | Pediatric Development Center South Early Intervention Program | Yes | 100% | 15% | Yes | 100% | 20% | Yes | 100% | 10% |
| Southeast | People Incorporated Early Intervention | Yes | 100% | 15% | Yes | 100% | 20% | Yes | 100% | 10% |
| Central | Pernet Early Intervention Program | *NA* | *NA* | *NA* | *NA* | *NA* | *NA* | *NA* | *NA* | *NA* |
| Metro | Riverside Early Intervention - Needham |  | 82% | -3% | Yes | 82% | 2% | Yes | 94% | 4% |
| Southeast | South Bay Community Services - Early Childhood, Brockton |  | 72% | -13% |  | 61% | -19% |  | 78% | -12% |
| Southeast | South Bay Community Services - Early Childhood, Fall River/Swansea | Yes | 100% | 15% | Yes | 100% | 20% | Yes | 100% | 10% |
| Central | South Bay Community Services - Early Childhood, Framingham |  | 67% | -18% |  | 67% | -13% | Yes | 100% | 10% |
| Northeast | South Bay Community Services - Early Childhood, Lawrence | Yes | 100% | 15% | Yes | 100% | 20% | Yes | 100% | 10% |
| Northeast | South Bay Community Services - Early Childhood, Lowell | Yes | 88% | 3% | Yes | 88% | 8% | Yes | 97% | 7% |
| Central | South Bay Community Services - Early Childhood, Worcester |  | 80% | -5% |  | 70% | -10% | Yes | 90% | 0% |
| Metro | Step One Early Intervention Program | Yes | 92% | 7% | Yes | 88% | 7% | Yes | 100% | 10% |
| Northeast | The Professional Center for Child Development | Yes | 93% | 8% | Yes | 93% | 13% | Yes | 97% | 7% |
| West | The Reach Program of ServiceNet |  | 80% | -5% |  | 70% | -10% | Yes | 100% | 10% |
| Northeast | Thom Anne Sullivan Center |  | 81% | -4% |  | 78% | -2% |  | 84% | -6% |
| Boston | Thom Boston Metro Early Intervention Program | Yes | 100% | 15% | Yes | 100% | 20% | Yes | 100% | 10% |
| Metro | Thom Charles River Early Intervention Program | Yes | 87% | 2% | Yes | 80% | 0% | Yes | 100% | 10% |
| Central | Thom Marlboro Area Early Intervention Program | Yes | 95% | 10% | Yes | 95% | 15% | Yes | 95% | 5% |
| Northeast | Thom Mystic Valley Early Intervention Program | Yes | 89% | 4% | Yes | 89% | 9% | Yes | 94% | 4% |
| Metro | Thom Neponset Valley Early Intervention Program | Yes | 91% | 6% | Yes | 88% | 8% | Yes | 94% | 4% |
| Northeast | Thom Pentucket Area Early Intervention Program | Yes | 91% | 6% | Yes | 88% | 7% | Yes | 97% | 7% |
| West | Thom Springfield Infant Toddler Services |  | 60% | -25% |  | 60% | -20% | Yes | 100% | 10% |
| West | Thom Westfield Infant Toddler Services | Yes | 90% | 5% | Yes | 90% | 10% | Yes | 100% | 10% |
| Central | Thom Worcester Area Early Intervention Program |  | 79% | -6% |  | 79% | -1% |  | 89% | -1% |

# Infants and Toddlers Birth to One Year Old in Massachusetts who Receive EI Services

***Description***

This indicator reports on the percent of the infant and toddler population in Massachusetts from birth to one year old with an *IFSP* service plan. Over half (62%) of all *EI* programs serve children in towns served by another *EI* program (same *catchment area*). Therefore, *catchment area* totals, not program totals of the birth to one population was used as the basis to calculate program percent.

***State Target***

3.0% of Massachusetts’ infant and toddler population under the age of one receive *IFSP* services by an early intervention program.

***Data Source***

Infants and toddlers with an *IFSP* service plan who were active on October 1, 2019 based on data from the *Early Intervention Client System (EICS)*. The state target and average reported in the *SPP/APR* is based on census data. The program percent presented in this report is based on birth data.

***Statewide Results***

* State Average: 4.97%
* 3,518 infants and toddlers under the age of one residing in Massachusetts have an *IFSP* for early intervention services. This is 4.9% of Massachusetts’ total population of children under the age of one. The national average for all states is 1.25%. Nationally, Massachusetts continues to serve one of the highest percentages of children less than one year of age.
* Massachusetts’ eligibility criterion for children receiving *EI* services is classified as “broad”. *EI* programs in Massachusetts serve children who have developmental difficulties due to identified disabilities or delays, or if typical development, are at risk of developing delay due to certain birth or environmental circumstances.

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| ***Children from Birth to One Year Old in Massachusetts who Receive EI Services*** | | | | |
| State Target: 3.0% | |  |  |  |
| ***Region*** | ***Agency*** | ***Meets or***  ***exceeds***  ***state***  ***target*** | ***Program***  ***Percent*** | ***Diff from***  ***State***  ***Target*** |
| Southeast | Arc of the South Shore/First Early Intervention Program | Yes | 3.1% | 0.1% |
| Northeast | Aspire Early Intervention Program | Yes | 6.6% | 3.6% |
| Southeast | Associates for Human Services Taunton Early Intervention Program | Yes | 6.2% | 3.2% |
| Southeast | BAMSI Early Intervention | Yes | 6.5% | 3.5% |
| Boston | Bay Cove Early Intervention |  | 2.8% | -0.2% |
| Northeast | BEAM Early Intervention | Yes | 7.3% | 4.3% |
| West | Behavioral Health Network EI (BHN Early Intervention) | Yes | 9.7% | 6.7% |
| Boston | Boston Children's Hospital Early Intervention Program |  | 2.8% | -0.2% |
| Metro | Cambridge/Somerville Early Intervention at Riverside | Yes | 3.6% | 0.6% |
| West | Center for Human Development Early Intervention Program | Yes | 9.7% | 6.7% |
| Central | Community Healthlink Lipton Early Intervention Program |  | 2.4% | -0.6% |
| Boston | Criterion Boston Early Intervention Program |  | 2.8% | -0.2% |
| West | Criterion Heritage Early Intervention Program | Yes | 6.4% | 3.4% |
| Northeast | Criterion Medford Early Intervention Program | Yes | 3.1% | 0.1% |
| Central | Criterion Middlesex Early Intervention Program | Yes | 3.3% | 0.3% |
| West | Criterion Riverway Early Intervention Program | Yes | 7.7% | 4.7% |
| Northeast | Criterion Stoneham Early Intervention Program |  | 2.3% | -0.7% |
| Central | Criterion Valley Early Intervention Program | Yes | 5.7% | 2.7% |
| Central | Criterion Wachusett Early Intervention Program | Yes | 4.4% | 1.4% |
| Central | Criterion Worcester Early Intervention Program | Yes | 5.8% | 2.8% |
| Boston | Dimock Early Intervention Program |  | 2.8% | -0.2% |
| Metro | Eliot Cambridge/Somerville Early Intervention Program | Yes | 3.6% | 0.6% |
| Northeast | Eliot Malden Early Intervention Program | Yes | 3.1% | 0.1% |
| Metro | Enable Early Intervention | Yes | 5.9% | 2.9% |
| Boston | Harbor Area Early Intervention/North Suffolk Mental Health |  | 0.7% | -2.3% |
| Southeast | Kennedy Donovan Center - Cape Cod & Islands Early Intervention Program |  | 2.4% | -0.6% |
| Southeast | Kennedy Donovan Center- Attleboro Early Intervention Program | Yes | 4.5% | 1.5% |
| Southeast | Kennedy Donovan Center- Greater Plymouth Early Intervention Program | Yes | 3.6% | 0.6% |
| Southeast | Kennedy Donovan Center- New Bedford Early Intervention Program | Yes | 4.6% | 1.6% |
| Central | Kennedy Donovan Center- South Central Early Intervention Program | Yes | 5.7% | 2.7% |
| West | May Center for EI | Yes | 6.4% | 3.4% |
| Southeast | Meeting Street Early Intervention | Yes | 4.6% | 1.6% |
| Central | Minute Man Arc Early Intervention Program | Yes | 3.1% | 0.1% |
| Northeast | Northeast Arc EI- Northshore | Yes | 6.6% | 3.6% |
| Northeast | Northeast Arc EI-Cape Ann | Yes | 7.1% | 4.1% |
| West | Northern Berkshire Early Intervention Program | Yes | 13.2% | 10.2% |
| West | Pediatric Development Center Early Intervention Program | Yes | 8.5% | 5.5% |
| West | Pediatric Development Center South Early Intervention Program | Yes | 7.1% | 4.1% |
| Southeast | People Incorporated Early Intervention | Yes | 7.6% | 4.6% |
| Central | Pernet Early Intervention Program | Yes | 5.8% | 2.8% |
| Metro | Riverside Early Intervention - Needham | Yes | 3.4% | 0.4% |
| Southeast | South Bay Community Services - Early Childhood, Brockton | Yes | 6.5% | 3.5% |
| Southeast | South Bay Community Services - Early Childhood, Fall River/Swansea | Yes | 7.6% | 4.6% |
| Central | South Bay Community Services - Early Childhood, Framingham | Yes | 3.3% | 0.3% |
| Northeast | South Bay Community Services - Early Childhood, Lawrence | Yes | 5.7% | 2.7% |
| Northeast | South Bay Community Services - Early Childhood, Lowell | Yes | 7.3% | 4.3% |
| Central | South Bay Community Services - Early Childhood, Worcester | Yes | 5.8% | 2.8% |
| Metro | Step One Early Intervention Program | Yes | 3.0% | 0% |
| Northeast | The Professional Center for Child Development | Yes | 5.7% | 2.7% |
| West | The Reach Program of ServiceNet | Yes | 7.7% | 4.7% |
| Northeast | Thom Anne Sullivan Center | Yes | 7.3% | 4.3% |
| Boston | Thom Boston Metro Early Intervention Program |  | 2.8% | -0.2% |
| Metro | Thom Charles River Early Intervention Program | Yes | 3.6% | 0.6% |
| Central | Thom Marlboro Area Early Intervention Program | Yes | 4.0% | 1.0% |
| Northeast | Thom Mystic Valley Early Intervention Program | Yes | 3.6% | 0.6% |
| Metro | Thom Neponset Valley Early Intervention Program | Yes | 5.9% | 2.9% |
| Northeast | Thom Pentucket Area Early Intervention Program | Yes | 8.4% | 5.4% |
| West | Thom Springfield Infant Toddler Services | Yes | 9.7% | 6.7% |
| West | Thom Westfield Infant Toddler Services | Yes | 6.7% | 3.7% |
| Central | Thom Worcester Area Early Intervention Program | Yes | 5.8% | 2.8% |

# Infants and Toddlers Birth to Three Years Old in Massachusetts who Receive EI Services

***Description***

This indicator reports on the percent of the infant and toddler population in Massachusetts from birth to three years old with an *IFSP* service plan. Over half (62%) of all *EI* programs serve children in towns served by another *EI* program (same *catchment area*). Therefore, *catchment area*, not program, totals of the birth to three populations was used as the basis to calculate program percent.

***State Target***

6.0% of Massachusetts’ infant and toddler population under the age of three receive *IFSP* services by an early intervention program.

***Data Source***

Infants and toddlers with an *IFSP* service plan who were active on October 1, 2019 based on data from the *Early Intervention Client System (EICS)*. The state target and average reported in the *SPP/APR* is based on census data. The program percent presented in this report is based on birth data.

***Statewide Results***

* State Average: 10.6%
* 22,541 infants and toddlers under the age of three residing in Massachusetts have an *IFSP* for early intervention services. This is 10.6% of Massachusetts’ total population of children under the age of three. The national average for all states is 3.48%. Massachusetts continues to serve one of the highest percentages of children from birth to three years of age.
* Massachusetts’ eligibility criterion for children receiving *EI* services is classified as “broad”. *EI* programs in Massachusetts serve children who have developmental difficulties due to identified disabilities or delays, or if typical development, are at risk of developing delay due to certain birth or environmental circumstances. The following is comparative data with states having similar eligibility criteria for infants and toddlers served under the age of three:

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| ***Children from Birth to Three Years Old in Massachusetts who Receive EI Services*** | | | | |
| *State target: 6.0%* | | | | |
| ***Region*** | ***Agency*** | ***Meets or***  ***exceeds***  ***state***  ***target*** | ***Program***  ***Percent*** | ***Diff from***  ***State***  ***Target*** |
| Southeast | Arc of the South Shore/First Early Intervention Program | Yes | 6.7% | 0.7% |
| Northeast | Aspire Early Intervention Program | Yes | 13.6% | 7.6% |
| Southeast | Associates for Human Services Taunton Early Intervention Program | Yes | 12.1% | 6.1% |
| Southeast | BAMSI Early Intervention | Yes | 13.0% | 7.0% |
| Boston | Bay Cove Early Intervention | Yes | 6.3% | 0.3% |
| Northeast | BEAM Early Intervention | Yes | 14.0% | 8.0% |
| West | Behavioral Health Network EI (BHN Early Intervention) | Yes | 19.7% | 13.7% |
| Boston | Boston Children's Hospital Early Intervention Program | Yes | 6.3% | 0.3% |
| Metro | Cambridge/Somerville Early Intervention at Riverside | Yes | 7.0% | 1.0% |
| West | Center for Human Development Early Intervention Program | Yes | 19.7% | 13.7% |
| Central | Community Healthlink Lipton Early Intervention Program | Yes | 6.6% | 0.6% |
| Boston | Criterion Boston Early Intervention Program | Yes | 6.3% | 0.3% |
| West | Criterion Heritage Early Intervention Program | Yes | 13.0% | 7.0% |
| Northeast | Criterion Medford Early Intervention Program | Yes | 7.1% | 1.1% |
| Central | Criterion Middlesex Early Intervention Program | Yes | 9.1% | 3.1% |
| West | Criterion Riverway Early Intervention Program | Yes | 13.1% | 7.1% |
| Northeast | Criterion Stoneham Early Intervention Program | Yes | 6.4% | 0.4% |
| Central | Criterion Valley Early Intervention Program | Yes | 11.2% | 5.2% |
| Central | Criterion Wachusett Early Intervention Program | Yes | 9.7% | 3.7% |
| Central | Criterion Worcester Early Intervention Program | Yes | 11.5% | 5.5% |
| Boston | Dimock Early Intervention Program | Yes | 6.3% | 0.3% |
| Metro | Eliot Cambridge/Somerville Early Intervention Program | Yes | 7.0% | 1.0% |
| Northeast | Eliot Malden Early Intervention Program | Yes | 7.1% | 1.1% |
| Metro | Enable Early Intervention | Yes | 11.7% | 5.7% |
| Boston | Harbor Area Early Intervention/North Suffolk Mental Health |  | 1.7% | -4.3% |
| Southeast | Kennedy Donovan Center - Cape Cod & Islands Early Intervention Program |  | 5.6% | -0.4% |
| Southeast | Kennedy Donovan Center- Attleboro Early Intervention Program | Yes | 10.7% | 4.7% |
| Southeast | Kennedy Donovan Center- Greater Plymouth Early Intervention Program | Yes | 8.8% | 2.8% |
| Southeast | Kennedy Donovan Center- New Bedford Early Intervention Program | Yes | 10.7% | 4.7% |
| Central | Kennedy Donovan Center- South Central Early Intervention Program | Yes | 9.8% | 3.8% |
| West | May Center for EI | Yes | 13.0% | 7.0% |
| Southeast | Meeting Street Early Intervention | Yes | 10.7% | 4.7% |
| Central | Minute Man Arc Early Intervention Program | Yes | 9.8% | 3.7% |
| Northeast | Northeast Arc EI- Northshore | Yes | 13.6% | 7.6% |
| Northeast | Northeast Arc EI-Cape Ann | Yes | 13.3% | 7.3% |
| West | Northern Berkshire Early Intervention Program | Yes | 16.6% | 10.6% |
| West | Pediatric Development Center Early Intervention Program | Yes | 12.0% | 6.0% |
| West | Pediatric Development Center South Early Intervention Program | Yes | 15.5% | 9.5% |
| Southeast | People Incorporated Early Intervention | Yes | 14.7% | 8.7% |
| Central | Pernet Early Intervention Program | Yes | 11.5% | 5.5% |
| Metro | Riverside Early Intervention - Needham | Yes | 8.2% | 2.2% |
| Southeast | South Bay Community Services - Early Childhood, Brockton | Yes | 13.0% | 7.0% |
| Southeast | South Bay Community Services - Early Childhood, Fall River/Swansea | Yes | 14.7% | 8.7% |
| Central | South Bay Community Services - Early Childhood, Framingham | Yes | 9.1% | 3.1% |
| Northeast | South Bay Community Services - Early Childhood, Lawrence | Yes | 12.9% | 6.9% |
| Northeast | South Bay Community Services - Early Childhood, Lowell | Yes | 14.1% | 8.0% |
| Central | South Bay Community Services - Early Childhood, Worcester | Yes | 11.5% | 5.5% |
| Metro | Step One Early Intervention Program | Yes | 7.4% | 1.3% |
| Northeast | The Professional Center for Child Development | Yes | 12.9% | 6.9% |
| West | The Reach Program of ServiceNet | Yes | 13.1% | 7.1% |
| Northeast | Thom Anne Sullivan Center | Yes | 14.1% | 8.0% |
| Boston | Thom Boston Metro Early Intervention Program | Yes | 6.3% | 0.3% |
| Metro | Thom Charles River Early Intervention Program | Yes | 8.1% | 2.1% |
| Central | Thom Marlboro Area Early Intervention Program | Yes | 12.4% | 6.4% |
| Northeast | Thom Mystic Valley Early Intervention Program | Yes | 10.7% | 4.6% |
| Metro | Thom Neponset Valley Early Intervention Program | Yes | 11.7% | 5.7% |
| Northeast | Thom Pentucket Area Early Intervention Program | Yes | 16.4% | 10.4% |
| West | Thom Springfield Infant Toddler Services | Yes | 19.7% | 13.7% |
| West | Thom Westfield Infant Toddler Services | Yes | 12.4% | 6.4% |
| Central | Thom Worcester Area Early Intervention Program | Yes | 11.5% | 5.5% |

# Infants and Toddlers whose EI Eligibility Evaluation and Initial IFSP Meeting was Completed in a Timely Manner

***Description***

This indicator reports on the percent of *EI* eligible infants and toddlers with an *IFSP* service plan for who an evaluation, assessment and an initial *IFSP* meeting were conducted within 45 days of the date of referral to an early intervention program. An *eligibility evaluation* is an examination with the child and family that employs a tool utilized by a multidisciplinary team for the purpose of determining a child’s eligibility for *EI* services.

***State Target***

100% of *EI* eligible infants and toddlers with an *IFSP* service plan will have an evaluation, assessment, and initial *IFSP* meeting conducted within 45 days of the date of referral to an early intervention program. There may be children whose evaluation, assessment and initial *IFSP* meeting did not occur within 45 days of referral but had appropriate justification for the delay (e.g., child was sick). These are considered to be compliant.

***Data Source***

Infants and toddlers who had *evaluation and assessment activities* and an initial *IFSP* meeting between July 1, 2019 and June 30, 2020 based on data received from the *Early Intervention Client System (EICS)*.

***Statewide Results***

* State Average: 99.7%
* 99.7% of *evaluation and assessment activities*, and an initial *IFSP* meeting occurred within 45 days of referral or did not occur within 45 days of referral but had appropriate justification for the delay *(e.g., child was sick)*.
* 20,764 of the 20,831 initial *IFSP* service plans were signed within 45 days of the referral date or were not signed within 45 days but had appropriate justification for the delay (e.g., child was sick).

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| ***Child’s EI Eligibility Evaluation and Initial IFSP Meeting was Completed in a Timely Manner*** | | | | |
| *State Target: 100%* | | | | |
| ***Region*** | ***Agency*** | ***Meets or***  ***exceeds***  ***state***  ***target*** | ***Program***  ***Percent*** | ***Diff from***  ***State***  ***Target*** |
| Southeast | Arc of the South Shore/First Early Intervention Program |  | 99.5% | -0.5% |
| Northeast | Aspire Early Intervention Program |  | 99.9% | -0.1% |
| Southeast | Associates for Human Services Taunton Early Intervention Program | Yes | 100% | 0.0% |
| Southeast | BAMSI Early Intervention | Yes | 100% | 0.0% |
| Boston | Bay Cove Early Intervention | Yes | 100% | 0.0% |
| Northeast | BEAM Early Intervention | Yes | 100% | 0.0% |
| West | Behavioral Health Network EI (BHN Early Intervention) | Yes | 100% | 0.0% |
| Boston | Boston Children's Hospital Early Intervention Program | Yes | 100% | 0.0% |
| Metro | Cambridge/Somerville Early Intervention at Riverside | Yes | 100% | 0.0% |
| Southeast | Cape Cod & Islands Early Childhood Intervention Program | Yes | 100% | 0.0% |
| West | Center for Human Development Early Intervention Program |  | 99.4% | -0.6% |
| Central | Community Healthlink Lipton Early Intervention Program | Yes | 100% | 0.0% |
| Boston | Criterion Boston Early Intervention Program | Yes | 100% | 0.0% |
| West | Criterion Heritage Early Intervention Program |  | 99.8% | -0.2% |
| Northeast | Criterion Medford Early Intervention Program | Yes | 100% | 0.0% |
| Central | Criterion Middlesex Early Intervention Program | Yes | 100% | 0.0% |
| West | Criterion Riverway Early Intervention Program | Yes | 100% | 0.0% |
| Northeast | Criterion Stoneham Early Intervention Program | Yes | 100% | 0.0% |
| Central | Criterion Valley Early Intervention Program |  | 99.5% | -0.5% |
| Central | Criterion Wachusett Early Intervention Program | Yes | 100% | 0.0% |
| Central | Criterion Worcester Early Intervention Program | Yes | 100% | 0.0% |
| Boston | Dimock Early Intervention Program |  | 81.4% | -18.6% |
| Metro | Eliot Cambridge/Somerville Early Intervention Program | Yes | 100% | 0.0% |
| Northeast | Eliot Malden Early Intervention Program | Yes | 100% | 0.0% |
| Metro | Enable Early Intervention | Yes | 100% | 0.0% |
| Boston | Harbor Area Early Intervention/North Suffolk Mental Health | Yes | 100% | 0.0% |
| Southeast | Kennedy Donovan Center - Cape Cod & Islands Early Intervention Program | Yes | 100% | 0.0% |
| Southeast | Kennedy Donovan Center- Attleboro Early Intervention Program | Yes | 100% | 0.0% |
| Southeast | Kennedy Donovan Center- Greater Plymouth Early Intervention Program |  | 97.1% | -2.9% |
| Southeast | Kennedy Donovan Center- New Bedford Early Intervention Program |  | 99.7% | -0.3% |
| Central | Kennedy Donovan Center- South Central Early Intervention Program | Yes | 100% | 0.0% |
| West | May Center for EI | Yes | 100% | 0.0% |
| Southeast | Meeting Street Early Intervention |  | 98.3% | -1.7% |
| Central | Minute Man Arc Early Intervention Program |  | 97.9% | -2.1% |
| Northeast | Northeast Arc EI- Northshore |  | 99.4% | -0.6% |
| Northeast | Northeast Arc EI-Cape Ann | Yes | 100% | 0.0% |
| West | Northern Berkshire Early Intervention Program | Yes | 100% | 0.0% |
| West | Pediatric Development Center Early Intervention Program | Yes | 100% | 0.0% |
| West | Pediatric Development Center South Early Intervention Program | Yes | 100% | 0.0% |
| Southeast | People Incorporated Early Intervention |  | 99.4% | -0.6% |
| Central | Pernet Early Intervention Program | Yes | 100% | 0.0% |
| Metro | Riverside Early Intervention - Needham | Yes | 100% | 0.0% |
| Southeast | South Bay Community Services - Early Childhood, Brockton | Yes | 100% | 0.0% |
| Southeast | South Bay Community Services - Early Childhood, Fall River/Swansea | Yes | 100% | 0.0% |
| Central | South Bay Community Services - Early Childhood, Framingham | Yes | 100% | 0.0% |
| Northeast | South Bay Community Services - Early Childhood, Lawrence | Yes | 100% | 0.0% |
| Northeast | South Bay Community Services - Early Childhood, Lowell | Yes | 100% | 0.0% |
| Central | South Bay Community Services - Early Childhood, Worcester | Yes | 100% | 0.0% |
| Metro | Step One Early Intervention Program | Yes | 100% | 0.0% |
| Northeast | The Professional Center for Child Development | Yes | 100% | 0.0% |
| West | The Reach Program of ServiceNet |  | 99.7% | -0.3% |
| Northeast | Thom Anne Sullivan Center |  | 99.9% | -0.1% |
| Boston | Thom Boston Metro Early Intervention Program |  | 98.5% | -1.5% |
| Metro | Thom Charles River Early Intervention Program | Yes | 100% | 0.0% |
| Central | Thom Marlboro Area Early Intervention Program | Yes | 100% | 0.0% |
| Northeast | Thom Mystic Valley Early Intervention Program | Yes | 100% | 0.0% |
| Metro | Thom Neponset Valley Early Intervention Program | Yes | 100% | 0.0% |
| Northeast | Thom Pentucket Area Early Intervention Program |  | 99.8% | -0.2% |
| West | Thom Springfield Infant Toddler Services | Yes | 100% | 0.0% |
| West | Thom Westfield Infant Toddler Services | Yes | 100% | 0.0% |
| Central | Thom Worcester Area Early Intervention Program | Yes | 100% | 0.0% |

# Infants and Toddlers Leaving Early Intervention Services who received Timely Transition Planning

***Description***

This indicator reports on the percent of all infants and toddlers leaving early intervention who received timely transition planning to support the child’s transition to preschool and other appropriate community services, including:

1. Having a completed individual *transition plan* with transition steps and services documented on the *IFSP* service plan;
2. Notification to the *Local Education Agency* (LEA) and the *State Education Agency* (SEA) occurred, if child is potentially eligible for *special education*; and
3. Having a *transition planning conference* occur prior to the 3rd birth date, if child is potentially eligible for *special education*.

***State Target***

1. 100% of children 24 months of age or older leaving early intervention have a completed individual *transition plan* with transition steps and services documented on the *IFSP* between 9 months & 90 days of the child's third birth date.
2. 100% of children who are potentially eligible for *special education* have been referred to the *Local Education Agency (LEA)* and the *State Education Agency* (SEA) has been notified 90 days or more prior to the child's third birth date
3. 100% of children who are potentially eligible for *special education* have received a *transition planning conference* between 9 months & 90 days of the child's third birth date.

***Data Source***

a) All infants and toddlers having an *IFSP* service plan who were discharged from early intervention services between 7/1/2019 and 6/30/2020 based on data received from the *Early Intervention Client System (EICS)*;

b & c) All infants and toddlers having an *IFSP* service plan who were discharged from early intervention services between 7/1/2019 and 6/30/2020 and referred to *special education* from early intervention services based on data received from the *Early Intervention Transition Survey (TSS),* a system used to collect *LEA* and *SEA* notification and transition planning conference information.

***Statewide Results***

State Averages:

* 98.4% of all children discharged 24 months of age or older had an individual *transition plan* fully developed at the time of discharge. There were 9,686 discharges out of 9,842 having a *transition plan*.
* 80.6% of children discharged from *EI* and potentially eligible for *special education* had a timely notification sent to the *SEA*. There were 7,235 discharged children out of 8,982 who were referred to the SEA and had a notification sent to the *SEA* within the compliant timeframe or who had a justifiable reason for not meeting the timeframe*.*
* 99.8% of children discharged from *EI* and potentially eligible for *special education* had a *transition planning conference*. There were 8,170 discharged children out of 8,186 who had a *transition planning conference.*

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| ***Transition Planning for Children Leaving Early Intervention Services*** | | | | | | | | | | |
| *State Target:* | | *100%* | | | *100%* | | | *100%* | | |
| ***Region*** | ***Agency*** | ***A. Complete Tran Plan*** | | | ***B. LEA Referral*** | | | ***C. Conference occurred*** | | |
| ***Meets or***  ***exceeds***  ***state***  ***target*** | ***Program***  ***Percent*** | ***Diff from***  ***State***  ***Target*** | ***Meets or***  ***exceeds***  ***state***  ***target*** | ***Program***  ***Percent*** | ***Diff from***  ***State***  ***Target*** | ***Meets or***  ***exceeds***  ***state***  ***target*** | ***Program***  ***Percent*** | ***Diff from***  ***State***  ***Target*** |
| Southeast | Arc of the South Shore/First Early Intervention Program |  | 99.4% | 0.6% | Yes | 100% | 0.0% | Yes | 100% | 0.0% |
| Northeast | Aspire Early Intervention Program |  | 98.9% | 1.1% | Yes | 100% | 0.0% | Yes | 100% | 0.0% |
| Southeast | Associates for Human Services Taunton Early Intervention Program | Yes | 100% | 0.0% | Yes | 100% | 0.0% | Yes | 100% | 0.0% |
| Southeast | BAMSI Early Intervention |  | 98.7% | 1.3% | Yes | 100% | 0.0% | Yes | 100% | 0.0% |
| Boston | Bay Cove Early Intervention |  | 96.7% | 3.3% |  | 99.5% | 0.5% | Yes | 100% | 0.0% |
| Northeast | BEAM Early Intervention |  | 96.2% | 3.8% | Yes | 100% | 0.0% | Yes | 100% | 0.0% |
| West | Behavioral Health Network EI (BHN Early Intervention) | Yes | 100% | 0.0% | Yes | 100% | 0.0% | Yes | 100% | 0.0% |
| Boston | Boston Children's Hospital Early Intervention Program |  | 95.6% | 4.4% | Yes | 100% | 0.0% | Yes | 100% | 0.0% |
| Metro | Cambridge/Somerville Early Intervention at Riverside | Yes | 100% | 0.0% | Yes | 100% | 0.0% | Yes | 100% | 0.0% |
| West | Center for Human Development Early Intervention Program |  | 97.2% | 2.8% | Yes | 100% | 0.0% | Yes | 100% | 0.0% |
| Central | Community Healthlink Lipton Early Intervention Program |  | 99.3% | 0.7% | Yes | 100% | 0.0% |  | 98.9% | 1.1% |
| Boston | Criterion Boston Early Intervention Program |  | 96.3% | 3.7% | Yes | 100% | 0.0% | Yes | 100% | 0.0% |
| West | Criterion Heritage Early Intervention Program |  | 99.7% | 0.3% | Yes | 100% | 0.0% | Yes | 100% | 0.0% |
| Northeast | Criterion Medford Early Intervention Program |  | 98.1% | 1.9% | Yes | 100% | 0.0% | Yes | 100% | 0.0% |
| Central | Criterion Middlesex Early Intervention Program |  | 98.2% | 1.8% | Yes | 100% | 0.0% | Yes | 100% | 0.0% |
| West | Criterion Riverway Early Intervention Program |  | 98.0% | 2.0% | Yes | 100% | 0.0% | Yes | 100% | 0.0% |
| Northeast | Criterion Stoneham Early Intervention Program |  | 99.3% | 0.7% | Yes | 100% | 0.0% | Yes | 100% | 0.0% |
| Central | Criterion Valley Early Intervention Program |  | 98.7% | 1.3% | Yes | 100% | 0.0% | Yes | 100% | 0.0% |
| Central | Criterion Wachusett Early Intervention Program | Yes | 100% | 0.0% | Yes | 100% | 0.0% | Yes | 100% | 0.0% |
| Central | Criterion Worcester Early Intervention Program |  | 94.7% | 5.3% | Yes | 100% | 0.0% | Yes | 100% | 0.0% |
| Boston | Dimock Early Intervention Program |  | 98.4% | 1.6% | Yes | 100% | 0.0% | Yes | 100% | 0.0% |
| Metro | Eliot Cambridge/Somerville Early Intervention Program | Yes | 100% | 0.0% | Yes | 100% | 0.0% | Yes | 100% | 0.0% |
| Northeast | Eliot Malden Early Intervention Program |  | 97.4% | 2.6% | Yes | 100% | 0.0% | Yes | 100% | 0.0% |
| Metro | Enable Early Intervention | Yes | 100% | 0.0% | Yes | 100% | 0.0% | Yes | 100% | 0.0% |
| Boston | Harbor Area Early Intervention/North Suffolk Mental Health |  | 99.2% | 0.8% | Yes | 100% | 0.0% | Yes | 100% | 0.0% |
| Southeast | Kennedy Donovan Center - Cape Cod & Islands Early Intervention Program | Yes | 100% | 0.0% | Yes | 100% | 0.0% |  | 99.1% | 0.9% |
| Southeast | Kennedy Donovan Center- Attleboro Early Intervention Program |  | 96.8% | 3.2% | Yes | 100% | 0.0% |  | 99.5% | 0.5% |
| Southeast | Kennedy Donovan Center- Greater Plymouth Early Intervention Program |  | 96.7% | 3.3% |  | 99.4% | 0.6% |  | 99.4% | 0.6% |
| Southeast | Kennedy Donovan Center- New Bedford Early Intervention Program | Yes | 100% | 0.0% | Yes | 100% | 0.0% | Yes | 100% | 0.0% |
| Central | Kennedy Donovan Center- South Central Early Intervention Program |  | 96.2% | 3.8% | Yes | 100% | 0.0% |  | 99.3% | 0.7% |
| West | May Center for EI |  | 96.6% | 3.4% | Yes | 100% | 0.0% | Yes | 100% | 0.0% |
| Southeast | Meeting Street Early Intervention |  | 95.5% | 4.5% | Yes | 100% | 0.0% | Yes | 100% | 0.0% |
| Central | Minute Man Arc Early Intervention Program | Yes | 100% | 0.0% | Yes | 100% | 0.0% | Yes | 100% | 0.0% |
| Northeast | Northeast Arc EI- Northshore |  | 88.3% | 11.7% |  | 99.3% | 0.7% |  | 98.2% | 1.8% |
| Northeast | Northeast Arc EI-Cape Ann |  | 98.1% | 1.9% | Yes | 100% | 0.0% | Yes | 100% | 0.0% |
| West | Northern Berkshire Early Intervention Program |  | 97.8% | 2.2% | Yes | 100% | 0.0% | Yes | 100% | 0.0% |
| West | Pediatric Development Center Early Intervention Program |  | 97.9% | 2.1% |  | 98.4% | 1.6% |  | 97.0% | 3.0% |
| West | Pediatric Development Center South Early Intervention Program |  | 94.1% | 5.9% | Yes | 100% | 0.0% | Yes | 100% | 0.0% |
| Southeast | People Incorporated Early Intervention |  | 99.5% | 0.5% | Yes | 100% | 0.0% | Yes | 100% | 0.0% |
| Central | Pernet Early Intervention Program | Yes | 100% | 0.0% | Yes | 100% | 0.0% | Yes | 100% | 0.0% |
| Metro | Riverside Early Intervention - Needham | Yes | 100% | 0.0% | Yes | 100% | 0.0% | Yes | 100% | 0.0% |
| Southeast | South Bay Community Services - Early Childhood, Brockton |  | 99.2% | 0.8% | Yes | 100% | 0.0% | Yes | 100% | 0.0% |
| Southeast | South Bay Community Services - Early Childhood, Fall River/Swansea |  | 96.3% | 3.7% | Yes | 100% | 0.0% | Yes | 100% | 0.0% |
| Central | South Bay Community Services - Early Childhood, Framingham |  | 97.7% | 2.3% | Yes | 100% | 0.0% | Yes | 100% | 0.0% |
| Northeast | South Bay Community Services - Early Childhood, Lawrence |  | 98.6% | 1.4% | Yes | 100% | 0.0% | Yes | 100% | 0.0% |
| Northeast | South Bay Community Services - Early Childhood, Lowell |  | 99.2% | 0.8% | Yes | 100% | 0.0% | Yes | 100% | 0.0% |
| Central | South Bay Community Services - Early Childhood, Worcester |  | 98.6% | 1.4% | Yes | 100% | 0.0% | Yes | 100% | 0.0% |
| Metro | Step One Early Intervention Program |  | 97.1% | 2.9% | Yes | 100% | 0.0% | Yes | 100% | 0.0% |
| Northeast | The Professional Center for Child Development |  | 98.4% | 1.6% |  | 99.1% | 0.9% | Yes | 100% | 0.0% |
| West | The Reach Program of ServiceNet |  | 93.5% | 6.5% | Yes | 100% | 0.0% |  | 97.8% | 2.2% |
| Northeast | Thom Anne Sullivan Center |  | 99.3% | 0.7% | Yes | 100% | 0.0% | Yes | 100% | 0.0% |
| Boston | Thom Boston Metro Early Intervention Program | Yes | 100% | 0.0% |  | 99.5% | 0.5% | Yes | 100% | 0.0% |
| Metro | Thom Charles River Early Intervention Program |  | 98.9% | 1.1% | Yes | 100% | 0.0% | Yes | 100% | 0.0% |
| Central | Thom Marlboro Area Early Intervention Program |  | 99.0% | 1.0% | Yes | 100% | 0.0% | Yes | 100% | 0.0% |
| Northeast | Thom Mystic Valley Early Intervention Program |  | 98.8% | 1.2% | Yes | 100% | 0.0% | Yes | 100% | 0.0% |
| Metro | Thom Neponset Valley Early Intervention Program |  | 99.5% | 0.5% |  | 99.4% | 0.6% |  | 99.5% | 0.5% |
| Northeast | Thom Pentucket Area Early Intervention Program |  | 99.7% | 0.3% | Yes | 100% | 0.0% | Yes | 100% | 0.0% |
| West | Thom Springfield Infant Toddler Services |  | 98.7% | 1.3% | Yes | 100% | 0.0% |  | 99.7% | 0.3% |
| West | Thom Westfield Infant Toddler Services |  | 96.3% | 3.7% |  | 99.3% | 0.7% |  | 98.2% | 1.8% |
| Central | Thom Worcester Area Early Intervention Program |  | 99.1% | 0.9% | Yes | 100% | 0.0% | Yes | 100% | 0.0% |

# Glossary of Terms

**Annual Performance Report (APR)**

The *Annual Performance Report* (APR) provides annual data updates on the *SPP* indicators for the purpose of determining compliance with federal regulations and state standards. See also *State Performance Plan (SPP)*.

**Catchment Area**

An *EI catchment area* is the area and population comprising one or more cities and towns in Massachusetts from which an early intervention program provides services. There are 38 catchment areas served by Massachusetts early intervention programs. Over half (62%) of all EI programs serve children in towns served by another EI program.

**Early Intervention (EI)**

*Early Intervention* in Massachusetts is a statewide, integrated, developmental service available to families of children between birth and three years of age for the purpose of enhancing a child’s potential growth and development. Children may be eligible for EI if they have developmental difficulties due to identified disabilities or delays, or if typical development, are at risk of developing delay due to certain birth or environmental circumstances. EI services are mandated under federal law and are provided by private agencies contracted under The Department of Public Health. There were 59 EI programs across the Commonwealth serving all cities and towns between July 1, 2019 and June 30, 2019 (the reporting period of this report).

Early Intervention services focus on the family unit, utilizing family resources and daily routines to enhance the child’s growth and development. Early Intervention staff work in partnership with individuals present in the child’s natural environment. Early Intervention staff support and encourage the family’s use of and access to community-based resources that will continue to support and enhance the child’s development.

**Early Intervention Client System (EICS)**

The *Early Intervention Client System (EICS)* is a software application used to record and secure information from EI provider agencies about *EI* clients referred to and/or receiving *EI* services in Massachusetts. *EICS* handles referral, evaluation (including eligibility), *IFSP* (Individualized Family Service Plan), transition and discharge information. The data received from *EI* provider agencies via *EICS* is used to profile the infants and toddlers served by early intervention programs and monitor *EI* providers.

**Early Intervention (EI) Annual Report**

The *EI Annual Report* is a report administered by the *Department of Public Health* to local early intervention provider agencies as a means of acquiring data on infants and toddlers served by these programs for the purpose of ensuring SPP indicator target adherence. This data is reported annually as part of the Commonwealth’s APR report to *OSEP* and is used, along with other monitoring data and   
activities, to ensure that local EI programs provide high quality support and services to children and their families.

**Eligibility**

*EI eligibility* is determined with the use of a standardized tool utilized by a multidisciplinary team. Children birth to three years of age living in Massachusetts may be eligible for EI if they have developmental difficulties due to identified disabilities or delays, or if typical development, are at risk of developing delay due to certain birth or environmental circumstances.

**Eligibility Evaluation**

An *eligibility evaluation* is an examination with the child and the family that employs a standardized tool utilized by a multidisciplinary team for the purpose of determining a child’s initial or continuing eligibility for Early Intervention services. The length of time that a child is eligible for EI services is dependent on the child’s eligibility type and can be for a duration of 6 months, 1 year or to their 3rd birthday.

**Evaluation and assessment activities**

An assessment includes the procedures used by appropriately qualified personnel throughout the child’s eligibility in EI to identify (1) the child’s unique strengths and needs; and (2) the resources, priorities, and concerns of the family and supports and services necessary to enhance the family’s capacity to meet the developmental needs of the child.

Eligibility evaluations (See definition above) may take place as part of an assessment. When an evaluation and assessment take place simultaneously, both eligibility and the strengths and needs of the child are determined by a multidisciplinary team. This event is referred to as an eligibility evaluation and assessment.

**Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 2004 (IDEA)**

The *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 2004 (IDEA)* is a law that governs how states and public agencies provide early intervention, special education and related services to eligible infants, toddlers, children and youth with disabilities. IDEA requirements are overseen by the *Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP)* of the U.S. Department of Education. Infants and toddlers with disabilities aged birth to 2 and their families receive early intervention services under *IDEA Part C*. Children and youth aged 3 to 21 receive special education and related services under *IDEA* Part B.

**Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP)**

The *Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP)* is a working document produced collaboratively by EI program staff and family members that contains the agreed upon Early Intervention services for an eligible child and family. It is based on a multidisciplinary evaluation/assessment which provides functional outcomes and includes services necessary to enhance the development of an eligible child, and the capacity of the family to meet the child’s needs. It is developed in collaboration with families as determined by the family with respect to their concerns and priorities.

**IFSP Signature Date**

The *IFSP signature date* is the date that the family and EI program sign the *Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP)* and designates the beginning for the child and family receiving early intervention services.

**Indicators**

The *State Performance Plan (SPP)* identifies areas of performance or *indicators* for early Intervention services with each *indicator* having targets to be met. Improvement activities are identified, and plans put in place by the Department of Public Health to help met these targets. The early intervention *indicators* described in this report are listed under “The Indicators” section of this report.

**Initial IFSP Meeting**

The *initial IFSP meeting* is the first service provided to a child and family after an evaluation/assessment has been performed for a child deemed eligible for early intervention services. It is the beginning of the meeting(s) to determine the services identified under an *IFSP* service plan.

**Local Education Agency (LEA)**

The *Local Education Agency (LEA)* is another term for a school district. The LEA is responsible for providing special education services for children aged three to 21. Almost one-half of the children discharged from early intervention services transition to LEA services at the age of three.

**Massachusetts Department of Public Health**

The *Massachusetts* *Department of Public Health* is the oversight agency in the Commonwealth for the *Part C* program, also known as *Early Intervention*, and oversees that all state and federal requirements are adhered to as well as implements state standards and eligibility definitions for the Commonwealth within this program.

**Natural Setting**

A *natural setting* is one that is typical for children of all abilities who are under the age of three. EI services are required to be provided in the child’s natural environment. This may entail providing EI services at the child’s home, day care center or even a park or library.

**Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP)**

The *Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP)* of the U.S. Department of Education is the federal agency that oversees how states and public agencies provide early intervention, special education and related services to eligible infants, toddlers, children and youth with disabilities aged birth to 21. *OSEP* is dedicated to improving results for this population by providing leadership and financial support to assist states and local school districts.

**Part C program**

*Part C* is the federal term used under the *Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004 (IDEA)* for *Early Intervention* (see also *Early Intervention*).

**Referral date**

The *referral date* is the date when a parent or professional (with the parent’s permission) who thinks that a child may benefit from early intervention services makes contact with a local early intervention provider agency.

**Region**

The six early intervention *regions* on the *EI* program reports under the Local Provider Agency Report section of this report are defined by the Department of Public Health to provide a geographic reference to each EI program. They include Boston, Central, Metro, Northeast, Southeast, and West.

**State Education Agency (SEA)**

The State Education Agency (SEA) in Massachusetts is the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (ESE). The Department of Public Health submits notifications of children referred to a Local Education Agency (LEA) based on data received from the Transition Survey System (TSS).

**Special Education**

*Special education* is specially designed instruction and services to meet the educational needs of children over the age of three eligible for these services and is provided by the local school district *(LEA)*. The *Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP)* of the U.S. Department of Education oversees the federal requirements for *special education* for each state. Over one-third of the children discharged from early intervention services transition to *special education* at the age of three.

**State Performance Plan (SPP)**

The *Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP)* of the U.S. Department of Education requires each state to have in place a *State Performance Plan (SPP)*. This document evaluates the state’s efforts to implement the requirements of *Part C* of the *Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004* (IDEA), which defines early intervention services for infants and toddlers (from birth through age two) and their families. The *SPP* describes targets and improvement activities for various areas of performance for the early intervention program. Each area of performance is described as an indicator with each indicator having targets to be met in the future along with improvement activities identified to help met these targets.

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health is the oversight agency in the Commonwealth for the *Part C* program, also known as *Early Intervention*, and oversees that all federal requirements are adhered to as well as implements state standards and eligibility definitions for the Commonwealth within this program. The Department is required to submit an *SPP* and to report annually on the state’s progress in meeting the indicator targets set in the *SPP*. The *SPP* is updated annually when there are any changes in improvement activities, timelines or resources. State level performance updates for each of the indicator targets identified in the *SPP* is reported annually in the *Annual Performance Report (APR)*.

The *SPP* indicator information and the *APR* data reports are used for quality improvement purposes and to determine compliance with federal and state requirements. Through a process of setting targets, analyzing data and tracking progress, the state and local EI programs can identify areas of strength and areas that need improvement. Plans are then developed to address concerns and continue EI program successes. This ensures that local EI programs provide high quality support and services to children and families throughout the Commonwealth.

**State Target**

Each *indicator* on the *State Performance Plan (SPP)* has a state target, a specified percentage designated by either a federal or state mandate, that all EI programs are expected to reach and maintain. A “Yes” appears on the EI program reports under the Local Provider Agency Report section of this report when an EI program has met or surpassed the *state target* for an *indicator*.

**Transition**

*Transition* in EI is the process of planning for community supports and services for a child leaving an EI program. *Transition* is seen as an ongoing process once the child reaches 2-1/2 years of age and entails a *transition planning conference* to discuss next steps for the child and family.

**Transition Plan**

An individualized *transition plan* developed by the family and EI staff is included as part of the child’s IFSP service plan to identify individualized transition steps and services to support the child’s transition to preschool and other appropriate community services.

**Transition Planning Conference**

The *transition planning conference* is a required meeting that is held with a child and family at least 90 days and up to 9 months prior to the child’s third birthday as part of preparing the family for the termination of EI services by informing them about all possible transition options and discussing concrete next steps. For children potentially eligible for *special education* services through their *Local Education Agency (LEA)*, the *LEA* is invited to the *transition planning conference*.

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