

SD Part C

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Executive Summary:

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Part C is known as the Birth to Three program in South Dakota and is housed within the Department of Education within the Division of Educational Services and Support. This division is comprised of SPED Part B, Title, Child and Adult Nutrition (CANs) and SPED Part C.

The Birth to Three program has contracts with seven regional Birth to Three programs throughout the state. These regional programs provide the service coordination for 66 counties in South Dakota. South Dakota Birth to Three has a strong partnership with school districts as all evaluations for Birth to Three are conducted by school district personnel. This creates a link for family engagement and communication between families, Birth to Three and the child's resident school district.

South Dakota Birth to Three utilizes an online data system in which Individualized Family Service Plans are entered. This secure system allows for real time information for providers, service coordinators and state staff. Through this system, South Dakota is able to verify that regional programs and providers are consistently achieving high levels of compliance with IDEA requirements.

The federal Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) evaluates State's data using the Results-Driven Accountability (RDA) Matrix. The RDA Matrix is individualized and annually each state receives a Determination of Meets Requirements, Needs Assistance or Needs Intervention. The determination is based on combined scoring of two components 1) Compliance and 2) Results for an overall score. States scoring 80% or greater are Determined to Meet Requirements. States with at least 60% but less than 80% would be Needs Assistance and State's with less than 60% are Needs Intervention.

OSEP gave the state of South Dakota a 2017 Determination of Needs Assistance in meeting the requirements of the Part C of IDEA. South Dakota received 68.75% as an overall percentage.

In accordance with the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) Determination Letter received June 29, 2017, South Dakota must report:

1. The technical assistance sources from which the State received assistance; and
2. The actions the state took as a result of that technical assistance.

South Dakota, having received 100% score in Compliance, focused attention on Results Component. In South Dakota's 2017 Results Driven Accountability Matrix (RDA) full scores were not received in the areas of 1) Data Completeness, and 2) Child Performance. Therefore, with the assistance of OSEP-funded technical assistance centers such as DaSy, ECTA, NCSI and IDC as well as collaboration with the National BDI Users Group, BDI States and BDI Publisher, South Dakota has taken necessary steps to improve child outcome data.

In response to the 2017 Determinations from OSEP, South Dakota has reviewed and refined established procedures and policies to address Data Quality for child outcomes. There are two areas in Data Quality addressed. First data completeness. During FFY2016 South Dakota once again showed growth with a 65.97% completion rate as compared to FFY2015 64.81% completion rate. It is important to note, since FFY2013 South Dakota has increased data completeness 19.47%.

To address the data anomalies factor in data quality, South Dakota worked closely with OSEP-funded technical assistance centers and fellow BDI states, along with BDI publisher and a private consultant. South Dakota identified that existing business rules measuring child outcomes were not closely aligned to the state eligibility guidelines. A new set of business rules were developed to measure child outcomes. These rules now better align with South Dakota Birth to Three eligibility guidelines. The new business rules improved the OSEP identified data anomalies in South Dakota's progress categories a through e.

South Dakota also improved Summary Statement 1 and Summary Statement 2 performance in both Outcome A and Outcome C. Summary Statement 1 for Outcome B also showed significant improvement. Summary Statement 2 for Outcome B, performance dropped bringing South Dakota closer to the national average.

These new business rules have improved South Dakota's data quality to better represent child outcomes through aligning closer to the State's eligibility guidelines.

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General Supervision System:

The systems that are in place to ensure that IDEA Part C requirements are met, e.g., monitoring systems, dispute resolution systems.

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The South Dakota Birth to Three program policies and procedures are based on the federal regulations for Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) at 34 CFR Part 303 and state rules at Article 24:14. The following is an overview of the State's general supervision system:

Infrastructure

- The lead agency is the Department of Education. The Birth to Three program has divided the state into seven regions which include 66 counties.
- Every three years, the Birth to Three program puts forth a Request for Proposal (RFP) to provide service coordination. This RFP is advertised to the public and interested organizations. Upon approval, one year contracts are approved with recipients submitting financial and budgetary information through quarterly progress reports.
- Each early intervention provider is required to submit certification, licensure, and background checks to ensure they meet the state's qualified standards. These documents are reviewed by Birth to Three state staff.
- Early intervention providers sign a provider agreement to abide by all federal and state laws and regulations which include requirements related to serving children in natural environments.
- In addition, the state Birth to Three office provides oversight to school district programs providing Birth to Three services to children who meet specific eligibility requirements.
- In the summer of 2015, in conjunction with the SSIP Phase II, South Dakota restructured the Birth to Three program state leadership team. In order to better meet the needs of the Birth to Three program and support the systemic changes of the SSIP, a team member was designated to provide statewide technical assistance, a team member was devoted to data analysis and data quality, and another team member to the professional development associated with the evidence-based practices and the training that will be ongoing. Each program specialist is, however, cross-trained for each area to ensure full assistance to Birth to Three partners.

Data System

- The State Birth to Three program has an online data system that includes data on programmatic and demographic elements and includes all children's IFSPs. The system also facilitates the billing process for early intervention services.
- The billing system allows early intervention providers to only bill for what was written by the IFSP team in regards to frequency/intensity/location of early intervention services.
- Each provider reimbursement request, submitted via the online system, is reviewed by Birth to Three state office staff to ensure state and federal regulations and guidelines are met before payment is approved.
- All provider reimbursement requests are linked to IFSPs. Providers are unable to bill for services that are not linked to an IFSP.
- The State Birth to Three online IFSP data system also allows service coordinators to view reports relating to child count verification and SPP/APR indicators. There are several reports that serve as edit checks in order to assist service coordinators in ensuring the data they enter are valid and reliable.

Monitoring

- The Birth to Three state office conducts ongoing monitoring activities on all programs and services. The seven regional programs are held responsible for implementing the Birth to Three program consistent with federal and state requirements. The state data system is the primary source of monitoring data. State staff are able to review compliance and reports on most SPP/APR indicators through the data system. In some instances, state staff conduct additional drill-down and inquiry to obtain information on reasons for potential delay or other factors important to consider in monitoring for requirements.
- Noncompliance identified result in a finding of noncompliance. The state then works with the entity to ensure and verify correction of the noncompliance according to the two federal requirement prongs of correction (OSEP 09-02).
- In some instances, based on data slippage, parent information, past data reports etc., an onsite focused monitoring by Birth to Three state staff occurs. Focused monitoring involves reviewing specific children's files, interviewing service coordinators, early intervention providers, parents, etc. Findings resulting from the focused monitoring are issued as necessary. A corrective action plan for compliance issues or an improvement plan for data slippage is developed involving the regional service coordinators and others (e.g. early intervention providers, school districts, etc). State Birth to Three staff approve the corrective action plan or improvement plan and provide technical assistance, assuring all improvement activities are completed in accordance with federal requirements. Verification of correction of any noncompliance is made in accordance with the required 2 prongs of correction in OSEP 09-02.
- If a regional program does not meet the corrective action plan within one year, the state uses the additional incentives and/or sanctions as identified in writing to the agency. The content of the letter would include the following information:
 1. Failure to voluntarily correct an identified deficiency constitutes a failure to administer the program in compliance with federal law.
 2. The action the Division of Educational Services and Support (DESS) intends to take in order to enforce compliance with the state and federal law.
 3. The right to a hearing prior to DESS exercise of its enforcement responsibility; and
 4. The consequences of the DESS enforcement action on continued and future state and federal funding.

Dispute Resolution

Public and parent concerns may be submitted to the state office at any time. Program contact information and 1-800 number is available on the Birth to Three website and public awareness materials. Dispute resolution processes consistent with federal and state

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regulation are available including: state administrative complaint resolution, due process hearing, mediation and resolution.

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Technical Assistance System:

The mechanisms that the State has in place to ensure the timely delivery of high quality, evidenced based technical assistance and support to early intervention service (EIS) programs.

The South Dakota Birth to Three program provides ongoing comprehensive technical assistance (TA) that includes:

- The provision of specific technical assistance to regional service coordination programs and direct service providers.
- Scheduled service coordinator calls are offered to provide TA on specific topics including improvement strategies for data quality, SPP/APR indicator training, child outcomes, outreach with other state partners and collaboration with family/community support entities.
- State staff are available and provide daily real-time TA via telephone calls and emails and onsite visits as requested.
- Technology is used to provide ongoing support as well. This includes a state listserv which is used to send information to service coordinators, school districts, SICC members and early intervention providers statewide. The listserv is used to provide pertinent program information about policy and procedure updates, rules and regulations, program needs/shortages, and training opportunities.
- Regional quarterly submission of service coordinator professional development activities and case load data with TA response as needed.
- Service coordinator contact information is shared among all state Birth to Three personnel, giving ease of access among providers and coordinators to share best practices and collaborate on issues.

The state staff have developed and provided regional staff a self-monitoring checklist that covers the SPP/APR indicators and federal/state rules and regulations. This is recommended to be used by regional staff to determine the status of their implementation of Part C requirements to guide their on-going supervision and continuous improvement. Regional programs can request technical assistance from state staff as needed to address any issues identified.

The state team also uses the results of the annual APR performance including the results from the annual parent surveys to help plan technical assistance activities.

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Professional Development System:

The mechanisms the State has in place to ensure that service providers are effectively providing services that improve results for infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families.

The South Dakota Birth to Three program's Professional Development system has a number of components including:

1. All providers who work in the program must meet qualified personnel standards as required by federal and state regulations.
2. All new service coordinators receive several days of one-on-one trainings along with comprehensive online module training on evidence-based practices.
3. All new service providers receive one-on-one reimbursement training.
4. An annual face to face training is held for all Birth to Three service coordinators.
5. Monthly service coordinator calls are held with Birth to Three state staff and include updates on policies and procedures, and presentations on relevant topics by Parent Connection (State PTI) and other state agency partners. Topics have included implementation of routines based home visiting, Routines Based Interview (RBI) implementation and fidelity, parent rights, hearing services, vision services, outcome writing, state and federal rules, interpreter services, etc.

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6. Statewide and regional public trainings are offered on topics such as early literacy, family engagement, evidence based practices, early childhood guidelines and a Birth to Three program overview. These trainings are open to service coordinators and direct service providers.

7. Periodic training events are also held as needed for service providers related to use of private insurance, Medicaid reimbursement, and tele-therapy.

8. Continued use of online platform to support the ongoing professional development needs of service coordinators and direct service providers. This comprehensive learning opportunity provides a support system and promotes participation in ongoing professional development regardless of physical location. Within this online tool, modules have been developed to meet the specific needs of the early interventionist in implementing identified evidence-based practices and measuring child and family outcomes. Using this platform, the South Dakota Birth to Three program is building a continuum of learning opportunities for our early interventionists regardless of their role in the Birth to Three program. Established as a private learning community, participants can also access research, a video library, discussion boards and blogs. Resources are available for new and seasoned early interventionists. This online tool is facilitated by Birth to Three state professional development staff.

The online platform provides cost-effective training opportunities for the SSIP. It also proves a reliable tool to present current and accurate information to all early interventionists.

9. Periodic training opportunities provided in collaboration with other state and community agencies including the Center for Disabilities, Part B, Parent Connection, Head Start, Medicaid, MIECHV, Child Care Services and Human Services.

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Stakeholder Involvement: apply this to all Part C results indicators

The mechanism for soliciting broad stakeholder input on targets in the SPP, including revisions to targets.

The South Dakota Part C Birth to Three program has a strong relationship with the State Interagency Coordinating Council. Through quarterly meetings, members are kept abreast of program development and data trends. The State Interagency Coordinating Council (SICC) was heavily involved in the planning and writing the 5-year Birth to Three SPP/APR plan. This was through regularly scheduled SICC meetings as well as other communications.

In August 2017, the SICC convened to review Birth to Three 2017 Determinations and data trends in relation to targets. SICC members reviewed and analyzed state and regional data with special consideration of data quality, trends, national data and child outcome business rules. SICC members discussed and considered facts specific to South Dakota data quality, critical shortage of providers, population sparsity in rural geographic locations leading to limited resources, Birth to Three program growth and financial implication. It was decided that targets would remain the same with no adjustments.

To ensure a broad overview of the state early intervention and demographics, SICC members represent a wide variety of programs and agencies such as Early Head Start, the Division of Insurance, early intervention providers, parents, South Dakota's Parent Training and Information Center (PTI) Parent Connection, South Dakota Department of Health, Black Hills State University Personnel Preparation, South Dakota Medical Service/Medicaid, South Dakota Office of Coordination of Homeless Children, South Dakota Foster Care/Child Protection Services/Auxiliary Placement, South Dakota Department of Human Services, South Dakota Child Care Services, Birth to Three regional program contractors, South Dakota education cooperative, Part B, Part B 619, school district special education administration, Tribal Head Start, South Dakota State Legislator and Part C staff. The diversity of membership results in valuable discussion of resources, challenges, initiatives and recommendations.

State ICC meeting dates, times, agendas and meeting minutes are posted on the Department of Education website and the South Dakota Boards and Commissions website. These meetings are open to the public.

A final copy of the SPP/APR is provided to the Secretary of Education who is a member of the Governor's cabinet. A copy is also provided to the Governor's office.

The SPP/APR was developed by the Part C Birth to Three state staff with input from stakeholders and assistance from the Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center (ECTA), the Center for IDEA Early Childhood Data Systems (DaSy) and a private consultant.

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Reporting to the Public:

How and where the State reported to the public on the FFY 2015 performance of each EIS Program or Provider located in the State on the targets in the SPP/APR as soon as practicable, but no later than 120 days following the State's submission of its FFY 2015 APR, as required by 34 CFR §303.702(b)(1)(i)(A); and a description of where, on its Web site, a complete copy of the State's SPP, including any revision if the State has revised the SPP that it submitted with its FFY 2015 APR in 2017, is available.

The South Dakota Birth to Three State Performance Plan/Annual Performance Report (SPP/APR) is located on the state's Department of Education website at <http://doe.sd.gov/oess/Birthto3.aspx>. Program APRs from the last several years are also posted on this site.

The South Dakota Birth to Three program annually reports to the public on performance of each region for indicators C-1 to C-8 as compared to state performance. These regional program reports are located on the Birth to Three website at <http://doe.sd.gov/oess/Birthto3.aspx>.

Public Notices are also posted in the five (5) major South Dakota newspapers notifying the public of the website <http://doe.sd.gov/oess/Birthto3.aspx>, where the State Performance Plan/Annual Performance Report (SPP/APR) and regional reports can be accessed and availability of hard copies of the reports upon request. Newspapers printing the public notices are as follows: Sioux Falls Argus Leader; Aberdeen American News; Huron Plainsman; Pierre Capital Journal; and Rapid City Journal.

Notification is also sent to the SICC and Stakeholders, all regional Birth to Three programs, service coordinators, and providers of the availability of these reports on the Birth to Three website <http://doe.sd.gov/oess/Birthto3.aspx> and the availability of hard copies upon request.

South Dakota Parent Connection also announces the publication of these reports in their newsletters "weConnect" and "Circuit," for parents.

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Actions required in FFY 2015 response

OSEP Response

The State's determinations for both 2016 and 2017 were Needs Assistance. Pursuant to section 616(e)(1) of the IDEA and 34 C.F.R. § 300.604(a), OSEP's June 29, 2017 determination letter informed the State that it must report with its FFY 2016 SPP/APR submission, due February 1, 2018, on: (1) the technical assistance sources from which the State received assistance; and (2) the actions the State took as a result of that technical assistance. The State provided the required information.

States were instructed to submit Phase III Year Two of the State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP) by April 2, 2018. The State provided the required information.

In the FFY 2017 APR, the State must report FFY data for the State-identified Measurable Result (SiMR). Additionally, the State must, consistent with its evaluation plan described in Phase II, assess and report on its progress implementing the SSIP. Specifically, the State must provide: (1) a narrative or graphic representation of the principal activities; (2) measures and outcomes that were implemented since the State's last SSIP submission (i.e., April 2, 2018); and (3) a summary of the infrastructure improvement strategies and evidence-based practices that were implemented and progress toward short- and long-term outcomes that are intended to impact the SiMR.

Required Actions

FFY 2016 Part C State Performance Plan (SPP)/Annual Performance Report (APR)
Indicator 1: Timely provision of services

Monitoring Priority: Early Intervention Services In Natural Environments

Compliance indicator: Percent of infants and toddlers with Individual Family Service Plans (IFSPs) who receive the early intervention services on their IFSPs in a timely manner.

(20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(A) and 1442)

Historical Data

Baseline Data: 2005

FFY	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Target			100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Data		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

FFY	2015
Target	100%
Data	100%

Key: Gray – Data Prior to Baseline Yellow – Baseline

FFY 2016 - FFY 2018 Targets

FFY	2016	2017	2018
Target	100%	100%	100%

FFY 2016 SPP/APR Data

Number of infants and toddlers with IFSPs who receive the early intervention services on their IFSPs in a timely manner	Total number of infants and toddlers with IFSPs	FFY 2015 Data*	FFY 2016 Target*	FFY 2016 Data
378	409	100%	100%	100%

<p>Number of documented delays attributable to exceptional family circumstances <i>This number will be added to the "Number of infants and toddlers with IFSPs who receive their early intervention services on their IFSPs in a timely manner" field above to calculate the numerator for this indicator.</i></p>	31
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Include your State's criteria for "timely" receipt of early intervention services (i.e., the time period from parent consent to when IFSP services are actually initiated).

South Dakota has defined 'timely' as services beginning within 30 days of the child's IFSP start date, with parental consent.

What is the source of the data provided for this indicator?

- State monitoring
- State database

Provide the time period in which the data were collected (e.g., September through December, fourth quarter, selection from the full reporting period).

For Indicator C1, one quarter of the fiscal year was used to determine compliance with this indicator. The state selected the 2nd quarter of FFY2016 (Oct. 1, 2016 to Dec. 31, 2016).

Describe how the data accurately reflect data for infants and toddlers with IFSPs for the full reporting period.

For Indicator C1, one quarter of the fiscal year was used to determine compliance with the indicator. The State selected the second quarter of FFY2016 (October 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016). This poll is considered representative of the full reporting year because the same variables are in place for this quarter of the fiscal year as in all quarters. The South Dakota Birth to Three program is confident that the chosen reporting period accurately reflects data for infants and toddlers with IFSPs for FFY2016.

Actions required in FFY 2015 response

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none

Note: Any actions required in last year's response table that are related to correction of findings should be responded to on the "Correction of Previous Findings of Noncompliance" page of this indicator. If your State's only actions required in last year's response are related to findings of noncompliance, a text field will not be displayed on this page.

Correction of Findings of Noncompliance Identified in FFY 2015

Findings of Noncompliance Identified	Findings of Noncompliance Verified as Corrected Within One Year	Findings of Noncompliance Subsequently Corrected	Findings Not Yet Verified as Corrected
0	0	0	0

OSEP Response

The State reported that it used data from a State database to report on this indicator. The State further reported that it did not use data for the full reporting period (July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017). The State described how the time period in which the data were collected accurately reflects data for infants and toddlers with IFSPs for the full reporting period.

Required Actions

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Indicator 2: Services in Natural Environments**

Monitoring Priority: Early Intervention Services In Natural Environments

Results indicator: Percent of infants and toddlers with IFSPs who primarily receive early intervention services in the home or community-based settings.

(20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(A) and 1442)

Historical Data

Baseline Data: 2005

FFY	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Target ≥			96.60%	96.90%	97.20%	97.50%	97.80%	97.80%	97.80%	96.80%	96.80%
Data		96.80%	98.00%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	98.96%	99.92%

FFY	2015
Target ≥	96.80%
Data	99.83%

Key: Gray – Data Prior to Baseline Yellow – Baseline Blue – Data Update

FFY 2016 - FFY 2018 Targets

FFY	2016	2017	2018
Target ≥	96.80%	96.80%	97.00%

Key:

Targets: Description of Stakeholder Input - Please see the Stakeholder Involvement section of the [introduction](#).

Enter additional information about stakeholder involvement

Prepopulated Data

Source	Date	Description	Data	Overwrite Data
SY 2016-17 Child Count/Educational Environment Data Groups	7/12/2017	Number of infants and toddlers with IFSPs who primarily receive early intervention services in the home or community-based settings	1,200	
SY 2016-17 Child Count/Educational Environment Data Groups	7/12/2017	Total number of infants and toddlers with IFSPs	1,200	

FFY 2016 SPP/APR Data

Number of infants and toddlers with IFSPs who primarily receive early intervention services in the home or community-based settings	Total number of infants and toddlers with IFSPs	FFY 2015 Data*	FFY 2016 Target*	FFY 2016 Data
1,200	1,200	99.83%	96.80%	100%

Actions required in FFY 2015 response

none

OSEP Response

Required Actions

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Indicator 3: Early Childhood Outcomes

Monitoring Priority: Early Intervention Services In Natural Environments

Results indicator: Percent of infants and toddlers with IFSPs who demonstrate improved:

- A. Positive social-emotional skills (including social relationships);
- B. Acquisition and use of knowledge and skills (including early language/ communication); and
- C. Use of appropriate behaviors to meet their needs.

(20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(A) and 1442)

Does your State's Part C eligibility criteria include infants and toddlers who are at risk of having substantial developmental delays (or "at-risk infants and toddlers") under IDEA section 632(5)(B)(i)? No

Historical Data

	Baseline Year	FFY	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
A1	2013	Target ≥						44.90%	45.00%	45.00%	45.00%	50.48%	50.48%
		Data					53.80%	44.90%	38.40%	48.90%	48.90%	50.48%	51.39%
A2	2013	Target ≥						81.30%	81.40%	81.40%	81.40%	85.37%	85.37%
		Data					85.40%	81.30%	80.20%	84.10%	85.10%	85.37%	84.89%
B1	2013	Target ≥						49.30%	49.40%	49.40%	49.40%	58.82%	58.82%
		Data					59.40%	49.30%	47.40%	48.60%	57.90%	58.82%	54.97%
B2	2013	Target ≥						65.30%	65.40%	65.40%	65.40%	69.51%	69.51%
		Data					72.60%	65.30%	65.00%	65.00%	68.60%	69.51%	67.49%
C1	2013	Target ≥						64.90%	65.00%	65.00%	65.00%	57.26%	57.26%
		Data					55.30%	64.90%	68.00%	67.60%	60.90%	57.26%	56.74%
C2	2013	Target ≥						90.00%	90.10%	90.10%	90.10%	84.63%	84.63%
		Data					91.10%	90.00%	91.20%	91.70%	83.70%	84.63%	87.35%

	FFY	2015
A1	Target ≥	50.48%
	Data	36.10%
A2	Target ≥	85.37%
	Data	78.46%
B1	Target ≥	58.82%
	Data	50.00%
B2	Target ≥	69.51%
	Data	64.05%
C1	Target ≥	57.26%
	Data	48.45%
C2	Target ≥	84.63%
	Data	80.20%

Key: Gray – Data Prior to Baseline Yellow – Baseline Blue – Data Update

FFY 2016 - FFY 2018 Targets

FFY	2016	2017	2018
Target A1 ≥	50.48%	50.48%	51.00%
Target A2 ≥	85.37%	85.37%	85.50%
Target B1 ≥	58.82%	58.82%	60.00%
Target B2 ≥	69.51%	69.51%	70.00%
Target C1 ≥	57.26%	57.26%	57.76%
Target C2 ≥	84.63%	84.63%	85.00%

Key:

Targets: Description of Stakeholder Input - Please see the Stakeholder Involvement section of the [introduction](#).

Enter additional information about stakeholder involvement

FFY 2016 SPP/APR Data

Number of infants and toddlers with IFSPs assessed	692.00
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Outcome A: Positive social-emotional skills (including social relationships)

	Number of Children	Percentage of Children
a. Infants and toddlers who did not improve functioning	2.00	0.29%
b. Infants and toddlers who improved functioning but not sufficient to move nearer to functioning comparable to same-aged peers	127.00	18.35%
c. Infants and toddlers who improved functioning to a level nearer to same-aged peers but did not reach it	12.00	1.73%
d. Infants and toddlers who improved functioning to reach a level comparable to same-aged peers	124.00	17.92%
e. Infants and toddlers who maintained functioning at a level comparable to same-aged peers	427.00	61.71%

	Numerator	Denominator	FFY 2015 Data*	FFY 2016 Target*	FFY 2016 Data
A1. Of those children who entered or exited the program below age expectations in Outcome A, the percent who substantially increased their rate of growth by the time they turned 3 years of age or exited the program $(c+d)/(a+b+c+d)$.	136.00	265.00	36.10%	50.48%	51.32%
A2. The percent of infants and toddlers who were functioning within age expectations in Outcome A by the time they turned 3 years of age or exited the program $(d+e)/(a+b+c+d+e)$.	551.00	692.00	78.46%	85.37%	79.62%

Outcome B. Acquisition and use of knowledge and skills (including early language/ communication)

	Number of Children	Percentage of Children
a. Infants and toddlers who did not improve functioning	0.00	
b. Infants and toddlers who improved functioning but not sufficient to move nearer to functioning comparable to same-aged peers	135.00	19.51%
c. Infants and toddlers who improved functioning to a level nearer to same-aged peers but did not reach it	145.00	20.95%
d. Infants and toddlers who improved functioning to reach a level comparable to same-aged peers	228.00	32.95%
e. Infants and toddlers who maintained functioning at a level comparable to same-aged peers	184.00	26.59%

	Numerator	Denominator	FFY 2015 Data*	FFY 2016 Target*	FFY 2016 Data
B1. Of those children who entered or exited the program below age expectations in Outcome B, the percent who substantially increased their rate of growth by the time they turned 3 years of age or exited the program $(c+d)/(a+b+c+d)$.	373.00	508.00	50.00%	58.82%	73.43%
B2. The percent of infants and toddlers who were functioning within age expectations in Outcome B by the time they turned 3 years of age or exited the program $(d+e)/(a+b+c+d+e)$.	412.00	692.00	64.05%	69.51%	59.54%

Reasons for B2 Slippage

South Dakota continues to focus on the quality of Indicator C3 in accurately measuring child outcomes. During Phase I of the SSIP, Stakeholders identified data quality as one of four main action strands in the State's Theory of Action and South Dakota has continued to seek quality data.

OSEP gave the state of South Dakota a 2017 Determination of Needs Assistance in meeting the requirements of the Part C of IDEA and required South Dakota work with appropriate entities to improve its performance in those results elements for which the State did not receive full scores. South Dakota worked closely with OSEP-funded technical assistance centers DaSy and ECTA. South Dakota also partook in DaSy sponsored national BDI User Group, consisting of other state Part C programs that use the BDI-2 as their child outcome tool. South Dakota Part C data manager and director attended the OSEP Leadership Conference in Washington DC August, 2017 attending data related sessions. Other resources included a private consultant and the BDI publisher. This work resulted in South Dakota identifying a new set of business rules to determine child outcomes that better align with the state's eligibility guidelines.

South Dakota business rules now include all five developmental domains of the Battelle Developmental Inventory Second Edition (BDI-2). Also included are the thirteen subdomains. Better alignment of the business rules to the state's eligibility criteria has led to improved data quality that more closely aligns to national averages. Summary Statement 1 and Summary Statement 2 for Outcome A and Outcome C have improved. Summary Statement 1 for Outcome B has also improved. Summary Statement 2 for Outcome B did show slippage, but is now more closely aligned to the national average.

The new business rules have improved data quality in the area of data anomalies. South Dakota will continue to analyze progress categories to look for patterns in all three Outcome areas.

FFY 2016 Part C State Performance Plan (SPP)/Annual Performance Report (APR)
Outcome C: Use of appropriate behaviors to meet their needs

	Number of Children	Percentage of Children
a. Infants and toddlers who did not improve functioning	0.00	
b. Infants and toddlers who improved functioning but not sufficient to move nearer to functioning comparable to same-aged peers	34.00	4.91%
c. Infants and toddlers who improved functioning to a level nearer to same-aged peers but did not reach it	84.00	12.14%
d. Infants and toddlers who improved functioning to reach a level comparable to same-aged peers	185.00	26.73%
e. Infants and toddlers who maintained functioning at a level comparable to same-aged peers	389.00	56.21%

	Numerator	Denominator	FFY 2015 Data*	FFY 2016 Target*	FFY 2016 Data
C1. Of those children who entered or exited the program below age expectations in Outcome C, the percent who substantially increased their rate of growth by the time they turned 3 years of age or exited the program (c+d)/(a+b+c+d).	269.00	303.00	48.45%	57.26%	88.78%
C2. The percent of infants and toddlers who were functioning within age expectations in Outcome C by the time they turned 3 years of age or exited the program (d+e)/(a+b+c+d+e).	574.00	692.00	80.20%	84.63%	82.95%

The number of infants and toddlers who did not receive early intervention services for at least six months before exiting the Part C program

The number of infants and toddlers who exited the Part C program during the reporting period, as reported in the State's part C exiting 618 data	
The number of those infants and toddlers who did not receive early intervention services for at least six months before exiting the Part C program.	

Please note that this data about the number of infants and toddlers who did not receive early intervention services for at least six months before exiting the Part C program is optional in this FFY16 submission. It will be required in the FFY17 submission.

Was sampling used? No

Did you use the Early Childhood Outcomes Center (ECO) Child Outcomes Summary (COS) process? No
 Provide the criteria for defining "comparable to same-aged peers."

South Dakota's business rules define comparable to same-aged peers using a Standard Score of 78.

South Dakota rules now include five developmental areas and the 13 subdomains. A child's Standard Score on the Personal-Social Domain is used to answer Indicator 3A. The Cognitive and Communication Domains are used to indicate a child's progress in Indicator 3B and the Adaptive and Motor Domains indicate a child's progress for Indicator 3C.

With the implementation of South Dakota's new business rules, no changes were made to the definition of comparable to same-aged peers.

List the instruments and procedures used to gather data for this indicator.

In South Dakota, school districts are required by administrative rule to conduct the evaluation to determine a child's eligibility for Part C services. The Battelle Developmental Inventory Second Edition (BDI-2) is the tool utilized by Part B and Part C offices. Children are evaluated using this consistent method which enhances the validity of the data. The entry scores are determined by the standard deviation scores from each outcome area for each child. An "exit" BDI-2 assessment is given to children who have been in the Birth to Three program for at least 6 months and are exiting. This exit assessment serves two purposes, one for children transitioning at age three to determine eligibility for Part B 619 programs and secondly for the Part C program to determine child's developmental status.

Entry and exit BDI-2 scores are stored in the BDI-2 database. From this database, state Part C staff retrieve scores of children who have exited the Part C program during the reporting period. Part C state staff collaborate with evaluators and the Part B 619 coordinator to ensure all appropriate testing was completed and scores reported. BDI-2 entry and exit scores are then compared for those exiting children, and formulated according to the state's BDI-2 business rules to determine the child's progress in the three outcomes areas.

During FFY2016, July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017, 1049 children exited the Birth to Three program of which 692 children had qualifying entry and exit BDI-2 scores. This computes to a 65.97% completion rate, a 1.16% increase over FFY2015 completion rate. Entry scores for the 692 exiting children were compared to their exit scores using defined state business rules. Resulting data was entered into the GRADS360 Indicator C3 table and reported accordingly. One of the areas the state did not receive full points for in the 2017 Determination, was Data Completeness. As part of the SSIP work, the State has established procedures to increase this completion rate. Over the past three years, since FFY2013 the state has increased the completion rate 19.47%.

South Dakota will continue to monitor and provide technical assistance to continue to maintain and/or increase the completion percentage for Indicator C3.

Actions required in FFY 2015 response

none

OSEP Response

States must report the following data starting with the FFY 2017 SPP/APR submission, due February 2019: (1) the number of infants and toddlers who exited the Part C program during the reporting period, as reported in the State's Part C exiting data under Section 618 of the IDEA; and (2) the number of those infants and toddlers who did not receive early intervention services for at least six months before exiting the Part C program.

Required Actions

**FFY 2016 Part C State Performance Plan (SPP)/Annual Performance Report (APR)
Indicator 4: Family Involvement**

Monitoring Priority: Early Intervention Services In Natural Environments

Results indicator: Percent of families participating in Part C 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.

(20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(A) and 1442)

Historical Data

	Baseline Year	FFY	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
A	2006	Target ≥					96.20%	96.40%	96.60%	96.60%	96.60%	93.90%	93.90%
		Data			93.90%	97.80%	96.50%	98.40%	99.30%	99.20%	99.04%	96.83%	99.67%
B	2006	Target ≥					89.80%	90.00%	90.20%	90.20%	90.20%	89.40%	89.40%
		Data			89.40%	97.40%	95.60%	97.60%	98.60%	98.30%	98.09%	97.74%	98.68%
C	2006	Target ≥					89.60%	89.80%	90.00%	90.00%	90.00%	89.30%	89.30%
		Data			89.30%	94.30%	96.20%	98.40%	99.00%	98.30%	98.56%	96.38%	98.68%

	FFY	2015
A	Target ≥	93.90%
	Data	99.19%
B	Target ≥	89.40%
	Data	98.92%
C	Target ≥	89.30%
	Data	98.38%

Key: Gray – Data Prior to Baseline Yellow – Baseline Blue – Data Update

FFY 2016 - FFY 2018 Targets

FFY	2016	2017	2018
Target A ≥	93.90%	94.00%	94.10%
Target B ≥	89.40%	89.50%	90.00%
Target C ≥	89.30%	89.50%	90.00%

Key:

Targets: Description of Stakeholder Input - Please see the Stakeholder Involvement section of the [introduction](#).

Enter additional information about stakeholder involvement

FFY 2016 SPP/APR Data

Number of families to whom surveys were distributed	935.00
Number of respondent families participating in Part C	31.12% 291.00
A1. Number of respondent families participating in Part C who report that early intervention services have helped the family know their rights	287.00
A2. Number of responses to the question of whether early intervention services have helped the family know their rights	290.00
B1. Number of respondent families participating in Part C who report that early intervention services have helped the family effectively communicate their children's needs	284.00
B2. Number of responses to the question of whether early intervention services have helped the family effectively communicate their children's needs	289.00
C1. Number of respondent families participating in Part C who report that early intervention services have helped the family help their children develop and learn	285.00
C2. Number of responses to the question of whether early intervention services have helped the family help their children develop and learn	288.00

	FFY 2015 Data*	FFY 2016 Target*	FFY 2016 Data
A. Percent of families participating in Part C who report that early intervention services have helped the family know their	99.19%	93.90%	98.97%

FFY 2016 Part C State Performance Plan (SPP)/Annual Performance Report (APR)

	FFY 2015 Data*	FFY 2016 Target*	FFY 2016 Data
rights			
B. Percent of families participating in Part C who report that early intervention services have helped the family effectively communicate their children's needs	98.92%	89.40%	98.27%
C. Percent of families participating in Part C who report that early intervention services have helped the family help their children develop and learn	98.38%	89.30%	98.96%

Was sampling used? No

Was a collection tool used? Yes

Is it a new or revised collection tool? No

The demographics of the families responding are representative of the demographics of infants, toddlers, and families enrolled in the Part C program.
Yes

Include the State's analysis of the extent to which the demographics of the families responding are representative of the demographics of infants, toddlers, and families enrolled in the Part C program.

In FFY2016, a total of 935 surveys were distributed to Part C families; 291 were returned for a response rate of 31.1%. The validity and reliability of the survey is ensured by having a carefully crafted survey that is understandable, measures the indicator, and is based on a representative group of parents. The representativeness of the surveys was assessed by examining the demographic characteristics survey responses, to the demographic characteristics of children in South Dakota's Part C program. This comparison indicates the results are representative by geographic region where the child receives services, the age of the child at referral and race/ethnicity of the child. For example, 13% of parents who returned a survey indicated that their children are Native American and 16% of children served by Part C are Native American; 75.9% of the parents who returned a survey indicated that their children are white and 73.7% of children in Part C are white. There were no significant differences found among different groups of family member respondents. Results indicate that families are very positive about their Individual Family Service Plan (IFSP), their early intervention service providers, and their service coordinator.

Actions required in FFY 2015 response

none

OSEP Response

Required Actions

**FFY 2016 Part C State Performance Plan (SPP)/Annual Performance Report (APR)
Indicator 5: Child Find (Birth to One)**

Monitoring Priority: Effective General Supervision Part C / Child Find

Results indicator: Percent of infants and toddlers birth to 1 with IFSPs compared to national data.

(20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442)

Historical Data

Baseline Data: 2005

FFY	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Target ≥			0.93%	0.95%	0.97%	0.89%	0.90%	0.91%	0.91%	0.82%	0.82%
Data		0.82%	1.21%	1.15%	0.87%	0.88%	1.21%	1.25%	1.36%	1.64%	1.67%

FFY	2015
Target ≥	0.82%
Data	1.26%

Key: Gray – Data Prior to Baseline Yellow – Baseline Blue – Data Update

FFY 2016 - FFY 2018 Targets

FFY	2016	2017	2018
Target ≥	0.82%	0.85%	0.86%

Key:

Targets: Description of Stakeholder Input - Please see the Stakeholder Involvement section of the [introduction](#).

Enter additional information about stakeholder involvement

Prepopulated Data

Source	Date	Description	Data	Overwrite Data
SY 2016-17 Child Count/Educational Environment Data Groups	7/12/2017	Number of infants and toddlers birth to 1 with IFSPs	199	null
U.S. Census Annual State Resident Population Estimates April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2016	6/22/2017	Population of infants and toddlers birth to 1	12,217	null
TBD			null	

FFY 2016 SPP/APR Data

Number of infants and toddlers birth to 1 with IFSPs	Population of infants and toddlers birth to 1	FFY 2015 Data*	FFY 2016 Target*	FFY 2016 Data
199	12,217	1.26%	0.82%	1.63%

Compare your results to the national data

In FFY2016, South Dakota served 1.63% of the state population of infants and toddlers birth to one, compared to the national average of 1.24%

According to IDEA 2016 data of children under the age of one receiving services by eligibility, South Dakota ranks 7th out of the 20 states in Category B Eligibility criteria. South Dakota ranks 1st out of the 11 states with Education Lead Agency.

FFY 2016 Part C State Performance Plan (SPP)/Annual Performance Report (APR)

none

OSEP Response

Required Actions

**FFY 2016 Part C State Performance Plan (SPP)/Annual Performance Report (APR)
Indicator 6: Child Find (Birth to Three)**

Monitoring Priority: Effective General Supervision Part C / Child Find

Results indicator: Percent of infants and toddlers birth to 3 with IFSPs compared to national data.

(20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442)

Historical Data

Baseline Data: 2009

FFY	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Target ≥			2.86%	2.87%	2.88%	2.84%	2.85%	2.86%	2.86%	2.81%	2.81%
Data		2.91%	2.97%	3.27%	3.14%	2.81%	3.10%	3.10%	3.05%	3.21%	3.43%

FFY	2015
Target ≥	2.81%
Data	3.17%

Key: Gray – Data Prior to Baseline Yellow – Baseline Blue – Data Update

FFY 2016 - FFY 2018 Targets

FFY	2016	2017	2018
Target ≥	2.81%	2.82%	2.83%

Key:

Targets: Description of Stakeholder Input - Please see the Stakeholder Involvement section of the [introduction](#).

Enter additional information about stakeholder involvement

Prepopulated Data

Source	Date	Description	Data	Overwrite Data
SY 2016-17 Child Count/Educational Environment Data Groups	7/12/2017	Number of infants and toddlers birth to 3 with IFSPs	1,200	
U.S. Census Annual State Resident Population Estimates April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2016	6/22/2017	Population of infants and toddlers birth to 3	36,915	
TBD			null	

FFY 2016 SPP/APR Data

Number of infants and toddlers birth to 3 with IFSPs	Population of infants and toddlers birth to 3	FFY 2015 Data*	FFY 2016 Target*	FFY 2016 Data
1,200	36,915	3.17%	2.81%	3.25%

Compare your results to the national data

In FFY2016, South Dakota served 3.25% of the state population of infants and toddlers birth to age three. This exceeds the State target of 2.81% and the national average of 3.12%

According to IDEA 2016 data of children served ages birth to three, South Dakota ranked 10th out of the 20 states in Category B Eligibility criteria. South Dakota ranks third out of 11 states with Education Lead Agency.

Actions required in FFY 2015 response

FFY 2016 Part C State Performance Plan (SPP)/Annual Performance Report (APR)

none

OSEP Response

Required Actions

**FFY 2016 Part C State Performance Plan (SPP)/Annual Performance Report (APR)
Indicator 7: 45-day timeline**

Monitoring Priority: Effective General Supervision Part C / Child Find

Compliance indicator: Percent of eligible infants and toddlers with IFSPs for whom an initial evaluation and initial assessment and an initial IFSP meeting were conducted within Part C's 45-day timeline.

(20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442)

Historical Data

Baseline Data: 2005

FFY	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Target			100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Data		97.30%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99.44%	100%

FFY	2015
Target	100%
Data	100%

Key: Gray – Data Prior to Baseline Yellow – Baseline

FFY 2016 - FFY 2018 Targets

FFY	2016	2017	2018
Target	100%	100%	100%

FFY 2016 SPP/APR Data

Number of eligible infants and toddlers with IFSPs for whom an initial evaluation and assessment and an initial IFSP meeting was conducted within Part C's 45-day timeline	Number of eligible infants and toddlers evaluated and assessed for whom an initial IFSP meeting was required to be conducted	FFY 2015 Data*	FFY 2016 Target*	FFY 2016 Data
237	273	100%	100%	100%
Number of documented delays attributable to exceptional family circumstances <i>This number will be added to the "Number of eligible infants and toddlers with IFSPs for whom an initial evaluation and assessment and an initial IFSP meeting was conducted within Part C's 45-day timeline" field above to calculate the numerator for this indicator.</i>				36

What is the source of the data provided for this indicator?

- State monitoring
- State database

Provide the time period in which the data were collected (e.g., September through December, fourth quarter, selection from the full reporting period).

The State selected the second quarter of FFY2016 (October 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016).

Describe how the data accurately reflect data for infants and toddlers with IFSPs for the full reporting period.

For Indicator C7, one quarter of the fiscal year was used to determine compliance with the indicator. The State selected the second quarter of FFY2016 (October 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016). This poll is considered representative of the full reporting year because the same variables are in place for this quarter of the fiscal year as in all quarters. The South Dakota Birth to Three program is confident that the chosen reporting period accurately reflects data for infants and toddlers with IFSPs for FFY2016.

Actions required in FFY 2015 response

none

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Correction of Findings of Noncompliance Identified in FFY 2015

Findings of Noncompliance Identified	Findings of Noncompliance Verified as Corrected Within One Year	Findings of Noncompliance Subsequently Corrected	Findings Not Yet Verified as Corrected
0	0	0	0

OSEP Response

The State reported that it used data from a State database to report on this indicator. The State further reported that it did not use data for the full reporting period (July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017). The State described how the time period in which the data were collected accurately reflects data for infants and toddlers with IFSPs for the full reporting period.

Required Actions

**FFY 2016 Part C State Performance Plan (SPP)/Annual Performance Report (APR)
Indicator 8A: Early Childhood Transition**

Monitoring Priority: Effective General Supervision Part C / Effective Transition

Compliance indicator: The percentage of toddlers with disabilities exiting Part C with timely transition planning for whom the Lead Agency has:

- A. Developed an IFSP with transition steps and services at least 90 days, and at the discretion of all parties, not more than nine months, prior to the toddler's third birthday;
- B. Notified (consistent with any opt-out policy adopted by the State) the State educational agency (SEA) and the local educational agency (LEA) where the toddler resides at least 90 days prior to the toddler's third birthday for toddlers potentially eligible for Part B preschool services; and
- C. Conducted the transition conference held with the approval of the family at least 90 days, and at the discretion of all parties, not more than nine months, prior to the toddler's third birthday for toddlers potentially eligible for Part B preschool services.

(20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442)

Historical Data

Baseline Data: 2005

FFY	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Target			100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Data		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

FFY	2015
Target	100%
Data	100%

Key: Gray – Data Prior to Baseline Yellow – Baseline

FFY 2016 - FFY 2018 Targets

FFY	2016	2017	2018
Target	100%	100%	100%

FFY 2016 SPP/APR Data

Data include only those toddlers with disabilities exiting Part C with timely transition planning for whom the Lead Agency has developed an IFSP with transition steps and services at least 90 days, and at the discretion of all parties, not more than nine months, prior to the toddler's third birthday.

- Yes
- No

Number of children exiting Part C who have an IFSP with transition steps and services	Number of toddlers with disabilities exiting Part C	FFY 2015 Data*	FFY 2016 Target*	FFY 2016 Data
155	157	100%	100%	100%

Number of documented delays attributable to exceptional family circumstances <i>This number will be added to the "Number of children exiting Part C who have an IFSP with transition steps and services" field to calculate the numerator for this indicator.</i>	2
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What is the source of the data provided for this indicator?

- State monitoring
- State database

Provide the time period in which the data were collected (e.g., September through December, fourth quarter, selection from the full reporting period).

For Indicator C8A, one quarter of the fiscal year was used to determine compliance with this indicator. The state selected the 2nd quarter of FFY2016 (Oct. 1, 2016 to Dec. 31, 2016).

Describe how the data accurately reflect data for infants and toddlers with IFSPs for the full reporting period.

For Indicator C8A, one quarter of the fiscal year was used to determine compliance with the indicator. The State selected the second quarter of FFY2016 (October 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016). This poll is considered representative of the full reporting year because the same variables are in place for this quarter of the fiscal year as in all quarters. The South Dakota Birth to Three program is confident that the chosen reporting period accurately reflects data for infants and toddlers with IFSPs for FFY2016.

Actions required in FFY 2015 response

none

Note: Any actions required in last year's response table that are related to correction of findings should be responded to on the "Correction of Previous Findings of Noncompliance" page of this indicator. If your State's only actions required in last year's response are related to findings of noncompliance, a text field will not be displayed on this page.

Correction of Findings of Noncompliance Identified in FFY 2015

Findings of Noncompliance Identified	Findings of Noncompliance Verified as Corrected Within One Year	Findings of Noncompliance Subsequently Corrected	Findings Not Yet Verified as Corrected
0	0	0	0

OSEP Response

The State reported that it used data from a State database to report on this indicator. The State further reported that it did not use data for the full reporting period (July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017). The State described how the time period in which the data were collected accurately reflects data for infants and toddlers with IFSPs for the full reporting period.

Required Actions

**FFY 2016 Part C State Performance Plan (SPP)/Annual Performance Report (APR)
Indicator 8B: Early Childhood Transition**

Monitoring Priority: Effective General Supervision Part C / Effective Transition

Compliance indicator: The percentage of toddlers with disabilities exiting Part C with timely transition planning for whom the Lead Agency has:

- A. Developed an IFSP with transition steps and services at least 90 days, and at the discretion of all parties, not more than nine months, prior to the toddler's third birthday;
- B. Notified (consistent with any opt-out policy adopted by the State) the State educational agency (SEA) and the local educational agency (LEA) where the toddler resides at least 90 days prior to the toddler's third birthday for toddlers potentially eligible for Part B preschool services; and
- C. Conducted the transition conference held with the approval of the family at least 90 days, and at the discretion of all parties, not more than nine months, prior to the toddler's third birthday for toddlers potentially eligible for Part B preschool services.

(20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442)

Historical Data

Baseline Data: 2005

FFY	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Target			100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Data		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

FFY	2015
Target	100%
Data	100%

Key: Gray – Data Prior to Baseline Yellow – Baseline

FFY 2016 - FFY 2018 Targets

FFY	2016	2017	2018
Target	100%	100%	100%

FFY 2016 SPP/APR Data

Data include notification to both the SEA and LEA

- Yes
- No

Number of toddlers with disabilities exiting Part C where notification to the SEA and LEA occurred at least 90 days prior to their third birthday for toddlers potentially eligible for Part B preschool services	Number of toddlers with disabilities exiting Part C who were potentially eligible for Part B	FFY 2015 Data*	FFY 2016 Target*	FFY 2016 Data
157	157	100%	100%	100%

<p>Number of parents who opted out This number will be subtracted from the "Number of toddlers with disabilities exiting Part C who were potentially eligible for Part B" field to calculate the denominator for this indicator.</p>	0
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Describe the method used to collect these data

In South Dakota, all children are potentially eligible for Part B. One-hundred and ten days prior to child turning three years old the states data system automatically generates an email to notify the Special Education Director of the LEA and the SEA. In addition, service coordinators send the LEA another notification prior to the child turning three years of age.

Do you have a written opt-out policy? No

What is the source of the data provided for this indicator?

- State monitoring
- State database

Provide the time period in which the data were collected (e.g., September through December, fourth quarter, selection from the full reporting period).

FFY 2016 Part C State Performance Plan (SPP)/Annual Performance Report (APR)

For Indicator C8B, one quarter of the fiscal year was used to determine compliance with this indicator. The state selected the 2nd quarter of FFY2016 (Oct. 1, 2016 to Dec. 31, 2016).

Describe how the data accurately reflect data for infants and toddlers with IFSPs for the full reporting period.

For Indicator C8B, one quarter of the fiscal year was used to determine compliance with the indicator. The State selected the second quarter of FFY2016 (October 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016). This poll is considered representative of the full reporting year because the same variables are in place for this quarter of the fiscal year as in all quarters. The South Dakota Birth to Three program is confident that the chosen reporting period accurately reflects data for infants and toddlers with IFSPs for FFY2016.

Actions required in FFY 2015 response

none

Note: Any actions required in last year's response table that are related to correction of findings should be responded to on the "Correction of Previous Findings of Noncompliance" page of this indicator. If your State's only actions required in last year's response are related to findings of noncompliance, a text field will not be displayed on this page.

Correction of Findings of Noncompliance Identified in FFY 2015

Findings of Noncompliance Identified	Findings of Noncompliance Verified as Corrected Within One Year	Findings of Noncompliance Subsequently Corrected	Findings Not Yet Verified as Corrected
0	0	0	0

OSEP Response

The State reported that it used data from a State database to report on this indicator. The State further reported that it did not use data for the full reporting period (July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017). The State described how the time period in which the data were collected accurately reflects data for infants and toddlers with IFSPs for the full reporting period.

Required Actions

**FFY 2016 Part C State Performance Plan (SPP)/Annual Performance Report (APR)
Indicator 8C: Early Childhood Transition**

Monitoring Priority: Effective General Supervision Part C / Effective Transition

Compliance indicator: The percentage of toddlers with disabilities exiting Part C with timely transition planning for whom the Lead Agency has:

- A. Developed an IFSP with transition steps and services at least 90 days, and at the discretion of all parties, not more than nine months, prior to the toddler's third birthday;
- B. Notified (consistent with any opt-out policy adopted by the State) the State educational agency (SEA) and the local educational agency (LEA) where the toddler resides at least 90 days prior to the toddler's third birthday for toddlers potentially eligible for Part B preschool services; and
- C. Conducted the transition conference held with the approval of the family at least 90 days, and at the discretion of all parties, not more than nine months, prior to the toddler's third birthday for toddlers potentially eligible for Part B preschool services.

(20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442)

Historical Data

Baseline Data: 2005

FFY	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Target			100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Data		94.60%	96.50%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99.38%	100%

FFY	2015
Target	100%
Data	100%

Key: Gray – Data Prior to Baseline Yellow – Baseline

FFY 2016 - FFY 2018 Targets

FFY	2016	2017	2018
Target	100%	100%	100%

FFY 2016 SPP/APR Data

Data reflect only those toddlers for whom the Lead Agency has conducted the transition conference held with the approval of the family at least 90 days, and at the discretion of all parties, not more than nine months, prior to the toddler's third birthday for toddlers potentially eligible for Part B preschool services

- Yes
- No

Number of toddlers with disabilities exiting Part C where the transition conference occurred at least 90 days, and at the discretion of all parties at least nine months prior to the toddler's third birthday for toddlers potentially eligible for Part B	Number of toddlers with disabilities exiting Part C who were potentially eligible for Part B	FFY 2015 Data*	FFY 2016 Target*	FFY 2016 Data
155	157	100%	100%	100%

Number of toddlers for whom the parent did not provide approval for the transition conference <i>This number will be subtracted from the "Number of toddlers with disabilities exiting Part C who were potentially eligible for Part B" field to calculate the denominator for this indicator.</i>	0
Number of documented delays attributable to exceptional family circumstances <i>This number will be added to the "Number of toddlers with disabilities exiting Part C where the transition conference occurred at least 90 days, and at the discretion of all parties at least nine months prior to the toddler's third birthday for toddlers potentially eligible for Part B" field to calculate the numerator for this indicator.</i>	2

What is the source of the data provided for this indicator?

- State monitoring
- State database

Provide the time period in which the data were collected (e.g., September through December, fourth quarter, selection from the full reporting period).

For Indicator 8C, one quarter of the fiscal year was used to determine compliance with this indicator. The state selected the 2nd quarter of FFY2016 (Oct. 1, 2016 to Dec. 31, 2016).

Describe how the data accurately reflect data for infants and toddlers with IFSPs for the full reporting period.

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For Indicator C8C, one quarter of the fiscal year was used to determine compliance with the indicator. The State selected the second quarter of FFY2016 (October 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016). This poll is considered representative of the full reporting year because the same variables are in place for this quarter of the fiscal year as in all quarters. The South Dakota Birth to Three program is confident that the chosen reporting period accurately reflects data for infants and toddlers with IFSPs for FFY2016.

Actions required in FFY 2015 response

none

Note: Any actions required in last year's response table that are related to correction of findings should be responded to on the "Correction of Previous Findings of Noncompliance" page of this indicator. If your State's only actions required in last year's response are related to findings of noncompliance, a text field will not be displayed on this page.

Correction of Findings of Noncompliance Identified in FFY 2015

Findings of Noncompliance Identified	Findings of Noncompliance Verified as Corrected Within One Year	Findings of Noncompliance Subsequently Corrected	Findings Not Yet Verified as Corrected
0	0	0	0

OSEP Response

The State reported that it used data from a State database to report on this indicator. The State further reported that it did not use data for the full reporting period (July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017). The State described how the time period in which the data were collected accurately reflects data for infants and toddlers with IFSPs for the full reporting period.

Required Actions

**FFY 2016 Part C State Performance Plan (SPP)/Annual Performance Report (APR)
Indicator 9: Resolution Sessions**

Monitoring Priority: Effective General Supervision Part C / General Supervision

Results indicator: Percent of hearing requests that went to resolution sessions that were resolved through resolution session settlement agreements (applicable if Part B due process procedures under section 615 of the IDEA are adopted).

(20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442)

Historical Data

Baseline Data:

FFY	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Target ≥											
Data											

FFY	2015
Target ≥	
Data	

Key: Gray – Data Prior to Baseline Yellow – Baseline Blue – Data Update

FFY 2016 - FFY 2018 Targets

FFY	2016	2017	2018
Target ≥			

Key:

Targets: Description of Stakeholder Input - Please see the Stakeholder Involvement section of the [introduction](#).

Enter additional information about stakeholder involvement

Prepopulated Data

Source	Date	Description	Data	Overwrite Data
SY 2016-17 EMAPS IDEA Part C Dispute Resolution Survey; Section C: Due Process Complaints	11/1/2017	3.1(a) Number resolution sessions resolved through settlement agreements	n	null
SY 2016-17 EMAPS IDEA Part C Dispute Resolution Survey; Section C: Due Process Complaints	11/1/2017	3.1 Number of resolution sessions	n	null

FFY 2016 SPP/APR Data

3.1(a) Number resolution sessions resolved through settlement agreements	3.1 Number of resolution sessions	FFY 2015 Data*	FFY 2016 Target*	FFY 2016 Data
0	0			0%

Actions required in FFY 2015 response

none

OSEP Response

The State reported fewer than ten resolution sessions held in FFY 2016. The State is not required to provide targets until any fiscal year in which ten or more resolution sessions were held.

Required Actions

**FFY 2016 Part C State Performance Plan (SPP)/Annual Performance Report (APR)
Indicator 10: Mediation**

Monitoring Priority: Effective General Supervision Part C / General Supervision

Results indicator: Percent of mediations held that resulted in mediation agreements.

(20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442)

Historical Data

Baseline Data: 2005

FFY	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Target ≥											
Data											

FFY	2015
Target ≥	
Data	

Key: Gray – Data Prior to Baseline Yellow – Baseline Blue – Data Update

FFY 2016 - FFY 2018 Targets

FFY	2016	2017	2018
Target ≥			

Key:

Targets: Description of Stakeholder Input - Please see the Stakeholder Involvement section of the [introduction](#).

Enter additional information about stakeholder involvement

Prepopulated Data

Source	Date	Description	Data	Overwrite Data
SY 2016-17 EMAPS IDEA Part C Dispute Resolution Survey; Section B: Mediation Requests	11/1/2017	2.1.a.i Mediations agreements related to due process complaints	n	null
SY 2016-17 EMAPS IDEA Part C Dispute Resolution Survey; Section B: Mediation Requests	11/1/2017	2.1.b.i Mediations agreements not related to due process complaints	n	null
SY 2016-17 EMAPS IDEA Part C Dispute Resolution Survey; Section B: Mediation Requests	11/1/2017	2.1 Mediations held	n	null

FFY 2016 SPP/APR Data

2.1.a.i Mediations agreements related to due process complaints	2.1.b.i Mediations agreements not related to due process complaints	2.1 Mediations held	FFY 2015 Data*	FFY 2016 Target*	FFY 2016 Data
0	0	0			

Actions required in FFY 2015 response

none

OSEP Response

The State reported fewer than ten mediations held in FFY 2016. The State is not required to provide targets until any fiscal year in which ten or more mediations were held.

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**FFY 2016 Part C State Performance Plan (SPP)/Annual Performance Report (APR)
Indicator 11: State Systemic Improvement Plan**

Monitoring Priority: General Supervision

Results indicator: The State's SPP/APR includes a State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP) that meets the requirements set forth for this indicator.

Reported Data

Baseline Data: 2013

FFY	2013	2014	2015	2016
Target		58.82%	58.82%	58.82%
Data	58.82%	54.97%	50.00%	

Key: Gray – Data Prior to Baseline Yellow – Baseline
Blue – Data Update

FFY 2017 - FFY 2018 Targets

FFY	2017	2018
Target	58.82%	60.00%

Key:

Description of Measure

The measure used in the collection of data for this indicator is the COSF (Child Outcome Summary Form). Entry data is collected on all children and exit data is collected upon exiting the program, if the child has been in South Dakota Birth to Three for 6 months or longer. Data under Summary Statement 1, in the Knowledge and Skills outcome area (those children making substantial progress towards functioning as same age peers), will be used to measure progress.

The baseline was established from the FFY2013, the last fiscal year, and targets were set with an increase evident by FFY2018. State Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC) members, several who also are members of the State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP) stakeholder group, discussed at length the targets for Indicator C-3b, Summary Statement 1. State ICC members discussed and considered facts specific to South Dakota including but not limited to critical shortage of providers, population sparsity in rural geographic locations leading to limited resources, Birth to Three program growth and financial implication (see SPP/APR Indicator C-3 Stakeholder Input). Given these facts, State ICC members proceeded with a rich conversation and unanimously recommended a conservative approach to the targets. This approach allows the state Birth to Three team to put in place statewide evidence based practices that will impact knowledge and skills outcomes.

The State Birth to Three team regularly provides state ICC members with data reports. Through this manner, State ICC members will evaluate over time if there is evidence to support increasing the targets prior to FY2018.

Targets: Description of Stakeholder Input - Please see the Stakeholder Involvement section of the [introduction](#).

Enter additional information about stakeholder involvement

Overview

South Dakota Part C Birth to Three program obtained broad stakeholder input when setting targets for Indicator C-3. This includes the following:

SICC Involvement

Since January 2014, the State Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC) has been heavily involved in the ongoing efforts of familiarizing themselves with the SPP/APR process and the planning and writing the new 5-year Birth to Three SPP/APR plan. This has been done through regularly scheduled State ICC meetings as well as other communications. The culmination of the State ICC work took place in November and December of 2014 and January 2015 when the group met several times to specifically work on setting the SPP/APR targets. During these meetings, State ICC members reviewed and analyzed state and regional data with special consideration of data quality, trends, national data and other state data sources. State ICC members discussed and considered facts specific to South Dakota including but not limited to critical shortage of providers, population sparsity in rural geographic locations leading to limited resources, Birth to Three program growth and financial implication.

State ICC members represent a wide variety of programs and agencies such as Early Head Start, the Division of Insurance, early intervention providers, parents, South Dakota Parent Connection (PTI), South Dakota Department of Health, Black Hills State University Personnel Preparation, South Dakota Medical Service/Medicaid, South Dakota Office of Coordination of Homeless Children, South

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Dakota Foster Care/Child Protection Services/Auxiliary Placement, South Dakota Department of Human Services, South Dakota Child Care Services, Birth to Three regional program contractors, South Dakota education cooperative, Part B, Part B 619, Tribal Head Start, South Dakota State Legislator and Part C program staff. The diversity of membership results in valuable discussion of resources, challenges, initiatives and recommendations.

The State ICC provided the state team with recommended targets for FFY 2013-FFY 2018 for results Indicators C-2, C-3, C-4, C-5 and C-6.

State ICC meetings, dates and times are posted on the South Dakota Boards and Commissions website. This website contains all Governor appointed committee information. A link to this site is available on the Department of Education website. All ICC meetings are open to the public.

A final copy of the SPP/APR is provided to the Secretary of Education who is a member of the Governor's cabinet. A copy is also provided to the Governor's office.

State SIP Stakeholder Involvement

The SPP/APR was developed by the Part C Birth to Three state staff with input from stakeholders and assistance from the Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center (ECTA), the Center for IDEA Early Childhood Data Systems (DaSy), Mountain Plains Regional Resource Center and a private consultant.

Data Analysis

A description of how the State identified and analyzed key data, including data from SPP/APR indicators, 618 data collections, and other available data as applicable, to: (1) select the State-identified Measurable Result(s) for Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities and their Families, and (2) identify root causes contributing to low performance. The description must include information about how the data were disaggregated by multiple variables (e.g., EIS program and/or EIS provider, geographic region, race/ethnicity, socioeconomic status, gender, etc.) As part of its data analysis, the State should also consider compliance data and whether those data present potential barriers to improvement. In addition, if the State identifies any concerns about the quality of the data, the description must include how the State will address these concerns. Finally, if additional data are needed, the description should include the methods and timelines to collect and analyze the additional data.

Analysis of State Infrastructure to Support Improvement and Build Capacity

A description of how the State analyzed the capacity of its current infrastructure to support improvement and build capacity in EIS programs and/or EIS providers to implement, scale up, and sustain the use of evidence-based practices to improve results for infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families. State systems that make up its infrastructure include, at a minimum: governance, fiscal, quality standards, professional development, data, technical assistance, and accountability/monitoring. The description must include current strengths of the systems, the extent the systems are coordinated, and areas for improvement of functioning within and across the systems. The State must also identify current State-level improvement plans and other early learning initiatives, such as Race to the Top-Early Learning Challenge and the Home Visiting program and describe the extent that these new initiatives are aligned, and how they are, or could be, integrated with, the SSIP. Finally, the State should identify representatives (e.g., offices, agencies, positions, individuals, and other stakeholders) that were involved in developing Phase I of the SSIP and that will be involved in developing and implementing Phase II of the SSIP.

State-identified Measurable Result(s) for Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities and Their Families

A statement of the result(s) the State intends to achieve through the implementation of the SSIP. The State-identified Measurable Result(s) for Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities and their Families must be aligned to an SPP/APR indicator or a component of an SPP/APR indicator. The State-identified Measurable Result(s) for Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities and their Families must be clearly based on the Data and State Infrastructure Analyses and must be a child- or family-level outcome in contrast to a process outcome. The State may select a single result (e.g., increase the rate of growth in infants and toddlers demonstrating positive social-emotional skills) or a cluster of related results (e.g., increase the percentage reported under child outcome B under Indicator 3 of the SPP/APR (knowledge and skills) and increase the percentage trend reported for families under Indicator 4 (helping their child develop and learn)).

Statement

The South Dakota Birth to Three State Identified Measurable Result (SIMR)

To substantially increase the rate of children’s growth in their acquisition and use of knowledge and skills, including early language/communication, by the time they exit the program, as defined by the targets established for Indicator 3B, Summary Statement 1 in each of the years FFY 2014-2018.

Description

See "South Dakota Part C State Systemic Improvement Plan 2017" in below Attachment section.

Selection of Coherent Improvement Strategies

An explanation of how the improvement strategies were selected, and why they are sound, logical and aligned, and will lead to a measurable improvement in the State-identified Measurable Result(s) for Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities and their Families. The improvement strategies should include the strategies, identified through the Data and State Infrastructure Analyses, that are needed to improve the State infrastructure and to support EIS program and/or EIS provider implementation of evidence-based practices to improve the State-identified result(s) for infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families. The State must describe how implementation of the improvement strategies will address identified root causes for low performance and ultimately build EIS program and/or EIS provider capacity to achieve the State-identified Measurable Result(s) for Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities and their Families.

See "South Dakota Part C State Systemic Improvement Plan 2017" in below attachment section.

Theory of Action

A graphic illustration that shows the rationale of how implementing the coherent set of improvement strategies selected will increase the State’s capacity to lead meaningful change in EIS programs and/or EIS providers, and achieve improvement in the State-identified Measurable Result(s) for Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities and their Families.

[South Dakota Part C Theory of Action](#) South Dakota Part C Theory of Action

 Provide a description of the provided graphic illustration (optional)

Infrastructure Development

- (a) Specify improvements that will be made to the State infrastructure to better support EIS programs and providers to implement and scale up EBPs to improve results for infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families.
- (b) Identify the steps the State will take to further align and leverage current improvement plans and other early learning initiatives and programs in the State, including Race to the Top-Early Learning Challenge, Home Visiting Program, Early Head Start and others which impact infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families.
- (c) Identify who will be in charge of implementing the changes to infrastructure, resources needed, expected outcomes, and timelines for completing improvement efforts.
- (d) Specify how the State will involve multiple offices within the State Lead Agency, as well as other State agencies and stakeholders in the improvement of its infrastructure.

See Attached

Support for EIS programs and providers Implementation of Evidence-Based Practices

- (a) Specify how the State will support EIS providers in implementing the evidence-based practices that will result in changes in Lead Agency, EIS program, and EIS provider practices to achieve the SIMR(s) for infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families.
- (b) Identify steps and specific activities needed to implement the coherent improvement strategies, including communication strategies and stakeholder involvement; how identified barriers will be addressed; who will be in charge of implementing; how the activities will be implemented with fidelity; the resources that will be used to implement them; and timelines for completion.
- (c) Specify how the State will involve multiple offices within the Lead Agency (and other State agencies such as the SEA) to support EIS providers in scaling up and sustaining the implementation of the evidence-based practices once they have been implemented with fidelity.

See Attached

Evaluation

(a) Specify how the evaluation is aligned to the theory of action and other components of the SSIP and the extent to which it includes short-term and long-term objectives to measure implementation of the SSIP and its impact on achieving measurable improvement in SIMR(s) for infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families.

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(b) Specify how the evaluation includes stakeholders and how information from the evaluation will be disseminated to stakeholders.

(c) Specify the methods that the State will use to collect and analyze data to evaluate implementation and outcomes of the SSIP and the progress toward achieving intended improvements in the SIMR(s).

(d) Specify how the State will use the evaluation data to examine the effectiveness of the implementation; assess the State's progress toward achieving intended improvements; and to make modifications to the SSIP as necessary.

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Technical Assistance and Support

Describe the support the State needs to develop and implement an effective SSIP. Areas to consider include: Infrastructure development; Support for EIS programs and providers implementation of EBP; Evaluation; and Stakeholder involvement in Phase II.

See Attached

Phase III submissions should include:

- Data-based justifications for any changes in implementation activities.
- Data to support that the State is on the right path, if no adjustments are being proposed.
- Descriptions of how stakeholders have been involved, including in decision-making.

A. Summary of Phase 3

1. Theory of action or logic model for the SSIP, including the SiMR.
2. The coherent improvement strategies or principle activities employed during the year, including infrastructure improvement strategies.
3. The specific evidence-based practices that have been implemented to date.
4. Brief overview of the year's evaluation activities, measures, and outcomes.
5. Highlights of changes to implementation and improvement strategies.

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B. Progress in Implementing the SSIP

1. Description of the State's SSIP implementation progress: (a) Description of extent to which the State has carried out its planned activities with fidelity—what has been accomplished, what milestones have been met, and whether the intended timeline has been followed and (b) Intended outputs that have been accomplished as a result of the implementation activities.
2. Stakeholder involvement in SSIP implementation: (a) How stakeholders have been informed of the ongoing implementation of the SSIP and (b) How stakeholders have had a voice and been involved in decision-making regarding the ongoing implementation of the SSIP.

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C. Data on Implementation and Outcomes

1. How the State monitored and measured outputs to assess the effectiveness of the implementation plan: (a) How evaluation measures align with the theory of action, (b) Data sources for each key measure, (c) Description of baseline data for key measures, (d) Data collection procedures and associated timelines, (e) [If applicable] Sampling procedures, (f) [If appropriate] Planned data comparisons, and (g) How data management and data analysis procedures allow for assessment of progress toward achieving intended improvements
2. How the State has demonstrated progress and made modifications to the SSIP as necessary: (a) How the State has reviewed key data that provide evidence regarding progress toward achieving intended improvements to infrastructure and the SiMR, (b) Evidence of change to baseline data for key measures, (c) How data support changes that have been made to implementation and improvement strategies, (d) How data are informing next steps in the SSIP implementation, and (e) How data support planned modifications to intended outcomes (including the SiMR)—rationale or justification for the changes or how data support that the SSIP is on the right path
3. Stakeholder involvement in the SSIP evaluation: (a) How stakeholders have been informed of the ongoing evaluation of the SSIP and (b) How stakeholders have had a voice and been involved in decision-making regarding the ongoing evaluation of the SSIP

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D. Data Quality Issues: Data limitations that affected reports of progress in implementing the SSIP and achieving the SiMR

1. Concern or limitations related to the quality or quantity of the data used to report progress or results
2. Implications for assessing progress or results
3. Plans for improving data quality

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E. Progress Toward Achieving Intended Improvements

1. Infrastructure changes that support SSIP initiatives, including how system changes support achievement of the SiMR, sustainability, and scale-up
2. Evidence that SSIP's evidence-based practices are being carried out with fidelity and having the desired effects
3. Outcomes regarding progress toward short-term and long-term objectives that are necessary steps toward achieving the SiMR
4. Measurable improvements in the SiMR in relation to targets

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F. Plans for Next Year

1. Additional activities to be implemented next year, with timeline
2. Planned evaluation activities including data collection, measures, and expected outcomes
3. Anticipated barriers and steps to address those barriers
4. The State describes any needs for additional support and/or technical assistance

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OSEP Response

Required Actions

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Certify and Submit your SPP/APR**

I certify that I am the Director of the State's Lead Agency under Part C of the IDEA, or his or her designee, and that the State's submission of its IDEA Part C State Performance Plan/Annual Performance Report is accurate.

Selected: Designated by the Lead Agency Director to certify

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