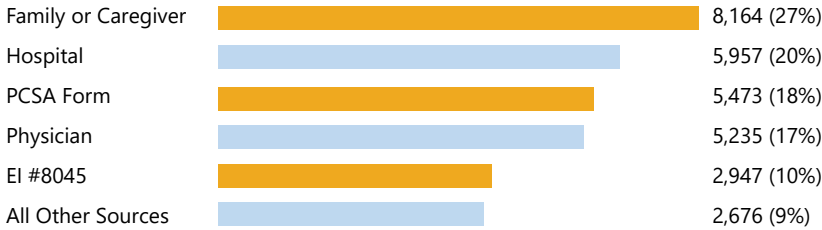


Early Intervention is a statewide system that provides coordinated early intervention (EI) services to families with children under the age of three with developmental delays or disabilities. The federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) establishes EI programs in all 50 states. In Ohio, the Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD) serves as the lead agency for the EI program. Terms included here are defined in rule and can be found at [OhioEarlyIntervention.org](http://OhioEarlyIntervention.org).

## Referrals

Referral Source

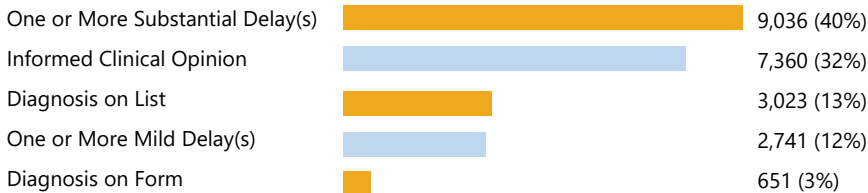


Unique Referrals Made to Early Intervention in SFY21

**30,452**

## Children Served

Eligibility Reason



Total Children Served in Early Intervention in SFY21

**22,811**

Average Children Served at Any Given Point in Time

**10,600**

Due to the majority of evaluations being completed virtually during the COVID-19 pandemic, a significantly higher percentage of children were made eligible via ICO in SFY21 than in previous years.

## Services on Initial IFSPs

Special Instruction	7,208	59%
Speech-language Pathology	3,102	25%
Occupational Therapy	1,571	13%
Physical Therapy	1,487	12%

Special Instruction Percent Listed on Initial IFSPs in SFY21

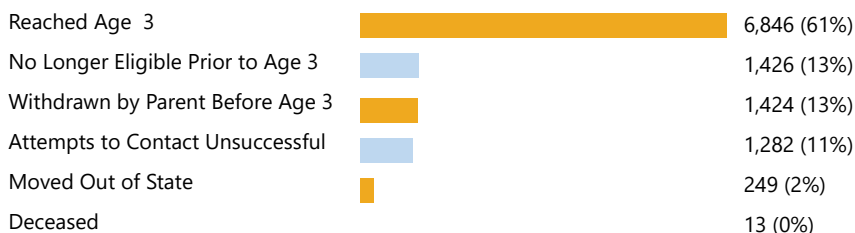
**59%**

Total Number of Initial IFSPs

**12,175**

## Exiting/Length of Stay

Exit Reason



Average Age at Initial Determination of Need for EI Services

**19 months**

Average Time Those Children Stayed in the Program

**11.4 months**

Nearly two thirds (61%) of children served in EI were exited in SFY21 due to reaching age three. Around 13% were exited because they were no longer eligible prior to age three.