

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.

Referrals

| Referral Source | # | % |
|---------------------|-------|-------|
| Family or Caregiver | 9,969 | (29%) |
| Hospital | 7,052 | (21%) |
| Physician | 6,470 | (19%) |
| PCSA Form | 4,598 | (14%) |
| EI #8045 | 3,404 | (10%) |
| All Other Sources | 2,535 | (7%) |

34,028

unique referrals were made to EI in SFY22.

Children Served

| Eligibility Reason | # | % |
|----------------------------------|--------|-------|
| One or More Substantial Delay(s) | 10,675 | (41%) |
| Informed Clinical Opinion (ICO) | 7,113 | (28%) |
| Dx on List | 4,005 | (16%) |
| One or More Mild Delay(s) | 3,377 | (13%) |
| Dx on Form | 603 | (2%) |

25,733

children were served in EI in SFY22. An average of 12,009 were being served at any point in time.

Due to the majority of evaluations being completed virtually during the COVID-19 pandemic, there were still a significantly higher percentage of children made eligible via ICO in SFY22 than in previous years.

Services on Initial IFSPs

| Services | # | % |
|---------------------------|-------|-------|
| Special Instruction | 8,791 | (59%) |
| Speech-language Pathology | 3,434 | (23%) |
| Physical Therapy | 1,932 | (13%) |
| Occupational Therapy | 1,828 | (12%) |

59%

of the 14,877 initial IFSPs in SFY22 listed Special Instruction.

Exiting/Length of Stay

| Exit Reason | # | % |
|-----------------------------------|-------|-------|
| Reached Age 3 | 7,608 | (64%) |
| No Longer Eligible Prior to Age 3 | 1,628 | (14%) |
| Withdrawn by Parent Before Age 3 | 1,383 | (12%) |
| Attempts to Contact Unsuccessful | 945 | (8%) |
| Moved Out of State | 284 | (2%) |
| Deceased | 24 | (0%) |

20.2

was the average age in months at initial E&A completion of children who were served and exited EI in SFY22.

10.7

was the average stay in months of children served in EI and exited during SFY22.