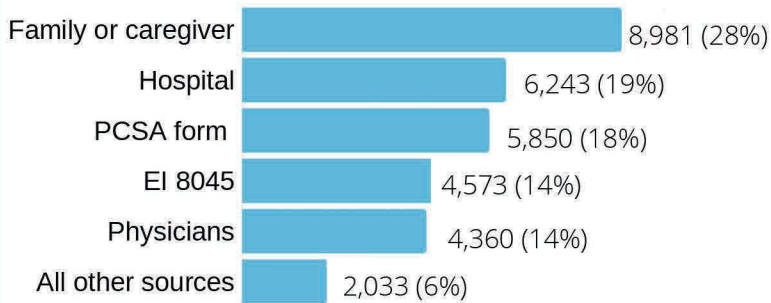


Early Intervention, known as EI, is a statewide system that provides coordinated services to parents of eligible children under the age of 3 with developmental delays or disabilities. The federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) establishes EI programs in all 50 states. In Ohio, the Department of Developmental Disabilities 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



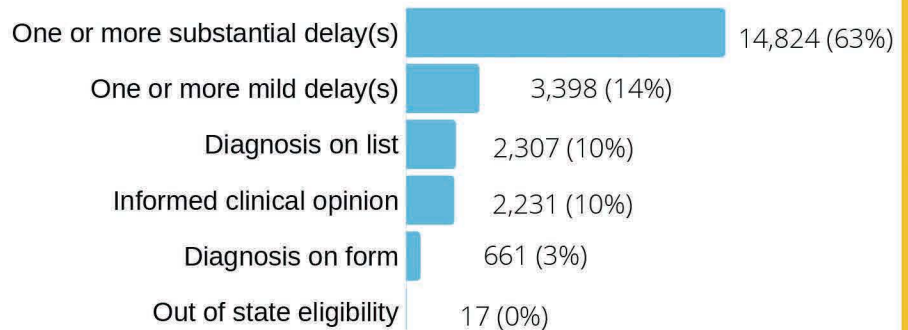
\*PCSA stands for public children services agency.



**23,438**  
total children served in 2019  
**11,066**  
average served at any given time

Nearly two-thirds of children served in SFY19 became eligible due to a substantial delay in at least one area of development.

## Children Served



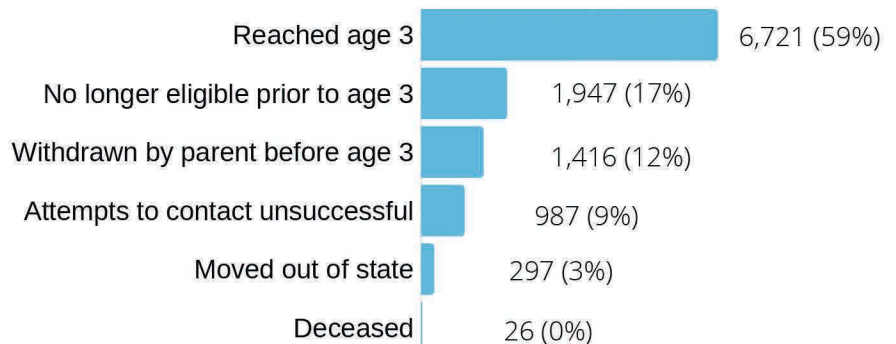
## Services on Initial IFSPs

Individualized Family Service Plan

|                      |       |     |
|----------------------|-------|-----|
| Special instruction  | 7,926 | 61% |
| Speech therapy       | 3,093 | 24% |
| Physical therapy     | 1,734 | 13% |
| Occupational therapy | 1,501 | 12% |



## Exiting/Length of Stay



More than half (59%) of children exited EI in SFY19 due to reaching age 3 and 17% because they were no longer eligible prior to age 3.

**11 months**  
average time in EI  
**19 months**  
average age at initial need for services