

## Ohio Early Intervention SFY24 Summary

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 Children and Youth (DCY) 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

34,748 unique referrals were made to Early Intervention in SFY24.

Referral Source	#	%
Family or Caregiver	10,835	31%
Hospital	7,226	21%
Physician	6,944	20%
PCSA Form	3,731	11%
EI #8045	3,404	10%
All Other Sources	2,608	8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>34,748</b>	

### Children Served

A total of 29,622 children were served in EI in SFY24. An average of 14,161 were being served at any point in time.

Eligibility Reason	Number	Percent
One or More Substantial Delay(s)	13,120	44%
One or More Mild Delay(s)	4,474	15%
Informed Clinical Opinion (ICO)	5,957	20%
Dx on List	5,135	17%
Dx on Form	936	3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>29,622</b>	

### Services on Initial IFSPs

Special Instruction was listed on 56% of initial IFSPs in SFY24.

Services on Initial IFSPs	#	%
Special Instruction	8,919	56%
Speech-language pathology	3,378	21%
Physical Therapy	2,018	13%
Occupational Therapy	2,010	13%
<b>Total Initial IFSPs</b>	<b>15,798</b>	

### Exiting/Length of Stay

Of those served in EI who exited in SFY24, children were an average of 20.0 months at initial E&A completion and stayed in the program an average of 10.9 months.

Exit Reason	#	%
Reached age 3	9,430	64%
No longer eligible for Part C prior to reaching age 3	1,983	14%
Withdrawn by parent (guardian) before age 3	1,907	13%
Attempts to contact unsuccessful	1,042	7%
Moved out of state (before child is age 3)	279	2%
Deceased	34	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,675</b>	



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