

Ohio Early Intervention

SFY25 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.


REFERRALS



33,816 unique referrals were made to Early Intervention in SFY25.

Referral Source	Number	Percent
Family or Caregiver	10,472	31%
Hospital	7,276	22%
Physician	6,834	20%
PCSA Form	3,390	10%
EI #8045	3,247	10%
All Other Sources	2,597	8%
Total	33,816	

CHILDREN SERVED



29,681 children were served in EI in SFY25. An average of 14,445 were being served at any point in time.

Eligibility Reason	Number	Percent
One or More Substantial Delay(s)	11,972	40%
One or More Mild Delay(s)	4,733	16%
Informed Clinical Opinion (ICO)	5,326	18%
Dx on List	6,235	21%
Dx on Form	1,415	5%
Total	29,681	

SERVICES ON INITIAL INDIVIDUALIZED FAMILY SERVICE PLANS (IFSPs)



56% of the initial IFSPs in SFY25 listed Special Instruction.

Services on Initial IFSPs	Number	Percent
Special Instruction	8,761	56%
Speech-Language Pathology	3,254	21%
Occupational Therapy	2,142	14%
Physical Therapy	2,098	13%
Total	15,718	

EXITING/LENGTH OF STAY



19.7 months was the average age at initial E&A completion.

10.9 months was the average stay of children served in EI and exited during SFY25.

Exit Reason	Number	Percent
Reached Age 3	9,346	64%
Withdrawn by Parent (Guardian) Before Age 3	2,058	14%
No Longer Eligible for Part C Prior to Reaching Age 3	1,754	12%
Attempts to Contact Unsuccessful	1,152	8%
Moved Out of State (Before Child is Age 3)	250	2%
Deceased	20	0%
Total	14,580	