



ICC State Update

May 6, 2026

FSSA/DDARS Updates



Quarterly Financial Reviews (QFRs)

- 2026 Schedule: Aug 5, Oct 27
- Join in person – Indiana Government Center Auditorium
- Join virtually via the FSSA YouTube Channel
<https://www.youtube.com/@FSSAIndianavideos/streams>
- Attendees can submit questions to asktheseecretary@fssa.in.gov
- All FSSA Division Presentations 9:30am-3:00pm
- DDARS timeslot 1:30-2:45pm



First Steps Early Intervention Program SFY 2026 - Year to Date

Statewide Service Delivery System

9 central office staff

100 Independent Providers

9 System Points of Entry

- 250 Service Coordinators

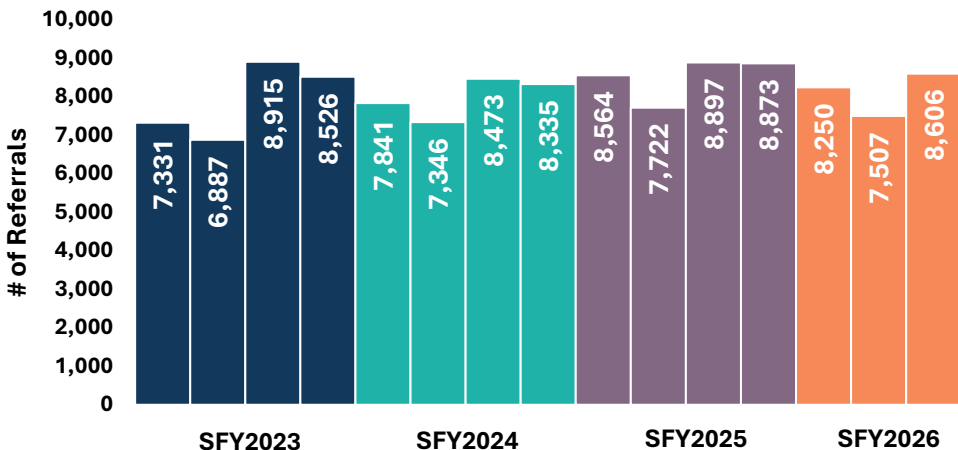
43 Provider Agencies

- ~1,800 providers

- Nutrition, social work, psychology, audiology, ophthalmology, interpreter services



Quarterly Referral Trends By SFY



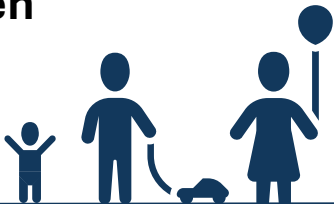
Number of Children Referred SFY26 YTD

24,361



Number of Children Served SFY26 YTD

24,128



Number of Family Visits SFY26 YTD

563,780



Referral Sources SFY26 YTD

Medical/Health Services 61.7%

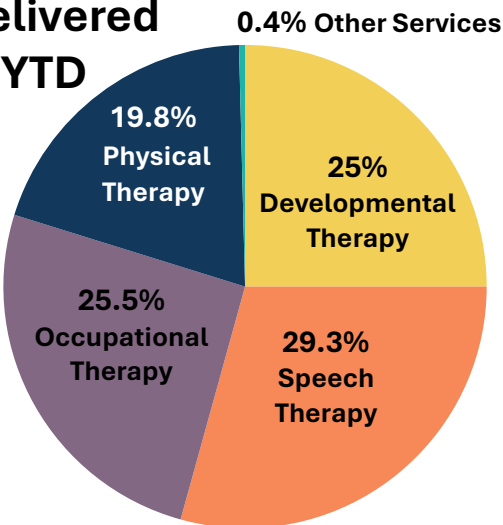
Parent/Family/Friends 24.3%

Social Services 10.8%

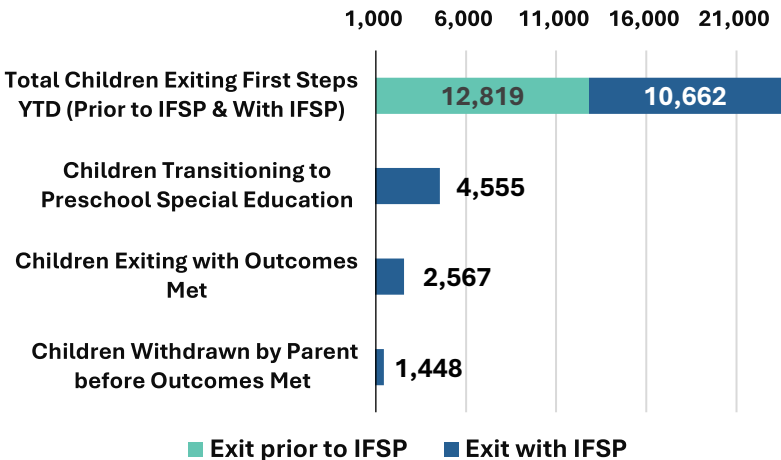
Child Care 1.6%

EI Provider 1.6%

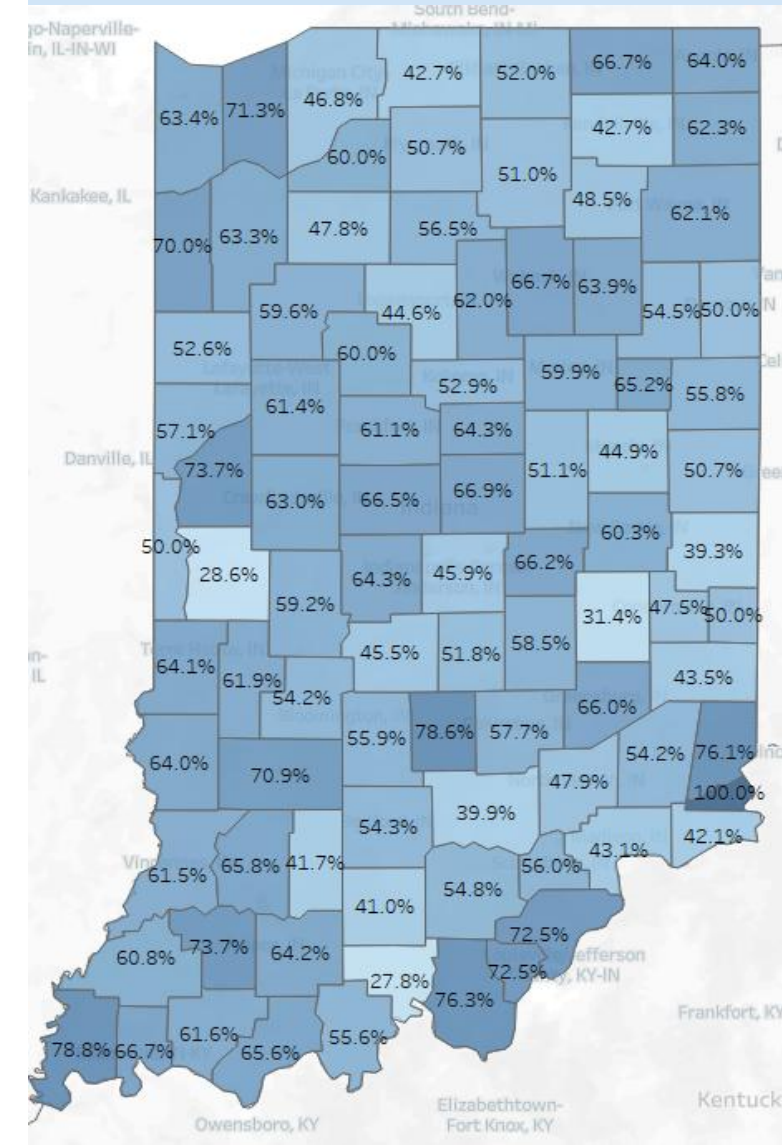
Services Delivered SFY26 YTD



Exit Data SFY26 YTD



Percent of referrals moving to evaluation per county



EIHub Update



EI Hub release January 2026

Final release for the
gap work



Next release scheduled for fall 2026

First tier of IFSP
Child Phase
SL Improvements



Next steps: Tier two of IFSP panel and roles

Program Updates



- Part C Grant Application
 - Posted for review and comment until May 18, 2026
 - <https://www.in.gov/fssa/ddars/bds-policies/ddars-draft-policies-for-public-comment/>
 - Comments can be sent to: Christina.Commons@fssa.in.gov
 - Applications due May 19, 2026
 - Awards should be received by July 1, 2026
- Request For Proposals (RFPs)
 - Caregiver Coaching and Professional Development System Contracts Awarded to Indiana University
- FFY24 APR Submitted – Determinations should be received June 2026

Program Updates Cont.



- Federal Monitoring Update
 - Awaiting formal response letter from OSEP
 - Working to implement new policies and procedures by July 28, 2026
 - Procedural Safeguards
 - Prior Written Notice
 - Dispute Resolution
 - Hearing Officer/Mediator Training
 - Local Determinations
 - Agency Monitoring – Cohort 2 monitoring period will begin July 1, 2026
- Child Care Collaboration
 - Assist early intervention providers in delivering services in child care programs
 - Letter to child care programs
 - Flyer on best practices for family, program, and provider collaboration
- Transition from Early Intervention Work
 - Revising transition meeting and transition conference forms
 - Creating documents to support families in their child's transition from First Steps
 - Collaboration with IDOE

Program Updates Cont.

- BCDS is hosting Data Lunch and Learns
 - First Lunch and Learn hosted March 25, 2026
 - Reviewed Look – Think – Act framework for reviewing and analyzing data
 - Reviewed and analyzed child language data
 - Next Lunch and Learn scheduled for May 27, 2025 12pm ET
 - Email FirstStepsWeb@fssa.in.gov should you wish to attend





2026 Early Intervention Conference

The Indiana Early Intervention Conference will be held June 11th and 12th at the Monroe Convention Center in Bloomington, Indiana

In person registrations - SOLD OUT
Virtual registrations still available - \$75

Visit the [conference website](#) or scan the QR code to register.



Thank you!



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