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Early Childhood Intervention (ECI) Program Update

**Early Childhood Intervention
Advisory Committee Meeting
April 6, 2022**

ECI Program Update

- Quarterly data
- Training and outreach
- Office of Special Education Program, Early Intervention Personnel Retention Grant
- State Systemic Improvement Plan
- Rules update
- American Rescue Plan Act funding
- Texas Workforce Commission funded initiatives



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Quarterly Data

Children Referred and Served



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	SFY 2019	SFY 2020	SFY 2021	SFY 2022 Q1	SFY 2022 Q2	SFY 2022 YTD
Average Monthly Referrals	7,350	6,604	7,193	7,336	7,290	7,313
Average Monthly Unduplicated Eligibility Determination	4,334	3,746	3,872	4,015	3,662	3,839
Average Monthly Enrolled	28,687	28,519	27,860	29,631	30,196	29,914
Average Monthly Comprehensive Served	31,433	31,285	30,516	32,456	32,842	32,649
Cumulative Quarterly/Average Annual Total Clients Served (unduplicated)	60,596	59,234	60,204	38,214	43,653	43,563

Delivered Services and Evaluations



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	SFY 2019	SFY 2020	SFY 2021	SFY 2022 Q1	SFY 2022 Q2	SFY 2022 YTD
Average Monthly Delivered Service Hours (not parent-arranged)	85,979	74,845	70,999	73,478	67,106	70,292
Average Service Hours Per Child Per Month	2.73	2.39	2.33	2.26	2.04	2.15
Average Monthly Service Coordination (SC)/Targeted Case Management (TCM) Hours	12,891	11,358	6,052	7,608	6,781	7,195
Average Monthly SC/TCM Hours Per Child Per Month	0.66	0.63	0.54	0.57	0.54	0.56
Average Monthly Initial Comprehensive Evaluations	4,149	3,607	3,735	2,388	2,266	2,676



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Training and Outreach

Training

- A presentation on the importance of early intervention at the Office of Disability Prevention for Children annual conference on March 15, 2022.
- A presentation and exhibit table at the Texas Council on Family Relations annual conference on March 24-25, 2022.



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Outreach



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Recent events:

- American Occupational Therapy Association Conference on March 31-April 3, 2022
- Houston Area Virtual Job Fair on April 5, 2022

Upcoming events:

- Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired Low Vision Conference on May 6, 2022
- Women, Infants and Children Nutrition and Breastfeeding Conference on June 21-23, 2022

Child Find Self-Assessment

- The child find self-assessment workgroup:
 - Includes representatives from various stakeholder groups and referral sources, ECI contractors and families.
- The workgroup will:
 - continue to analyze feedback received during the assessment surveys and family focus groups,
 - evaluate current child find efforts, and
 - identify new projects to bring improvements.
- Workgroup meeting has been set for April 13, 2022.



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**Office of Special Education
Programs (OSEP)
Personnel Retention Grant**

Personnel Retention Grant Activities

- ECI Empowerment Coalition for Innovative Leaders Summit on March 24-25, 2022.
- Stipends to support implementation of evidence-based retention strategies for contractors with the highest turnover rates.
- Professionalism, Engagement, Empowerment, and Resource Network meetings and newsletter continue.



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State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP)

SSIP

- SSIP report submitted on February 1, 2022.
- Cohort #4 of the Shelden & Rush Foundational and Master Coach Training was March 31-April 1, 2022.
 - 139 staff from 22 ECI contractors took Foundational Training.
- Cadre #2 of the Master Coach Training started with this cohort.
 - 57 staff from 20 ECI contractors took Master Coach Training.



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Rules Update

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- Rule amendments to the Texas Administrative Code, Title 26, Part 1, Chapter 350, Early Childhood Intervention Services were published in the Texas Register and made effective on March 17, 2022.



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American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding

ARPA Funding

- Determining amounts to be used for mid-year contract increases in the current fiscal year.
- Planning for a pilot program to fund infant and early childhood mental health consultation for ECI providers.



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Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) Funding Initiatives

TWC Funding

ECI will be implementing four strategies to improve the knowledge base of childcare center staff and ECI personnel and to improve the overall relationship between ECI providers and childcare centers.

1. Funding to support ECI contractors to provide training to childcare centers.
2. Joint training conferences for ECI personnel and childcare staff.
3. Ages and Stages Questionnaire, Train-the-Trainer content.
4. Infant Mental Health Endorsement through First3Years.

Total funding amount: \$4,545,000.



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Thank You

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