



## KEIS First Friday Focus – January 2026

A place to get quick updates spotlighting what's happening in the Kentucky Early Intervention System (KEIS). The newsletter is sent on the first Friday of every month and is hosted on [Service Provider Information](#).

### Helpful Reminders

- 1099s will be mailed at the end of the month. Please verify your mailing address in [Kentucky's Vendor Self Service System](#). For questions, contact the Kentucky Department of Revenue at 502-564-8639.
- Confirm any 2026 insurance changes with families and share updates with the Service Coordinator for TOTS.
- Agency Administrators must submit updated annual documentation of all attempts to become in-network with insurers for their providers' caseloads.
- Providers leaving or switching agencies must notify their POE manager(s) and the KEIS State Office at least ten business days before their exit. The notice should specify whether they are leaving KEIS, changing agencies (with the new agency's name) or becoming an independent contractor. Providers must also coordinate with service coordinators to ensure new authorizations are in place before resuming services to avoid gaps or billing errors.

### Contacting KEIS

**General Assistance:** [DPHKEIS@ky.gov](mailto:DPHKEIS@ky.gov)

**Billing:** [DPHKEISBilling@ky.gov](mailto:DPHKEISBilling@ky.gov)

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### Our Incredible Early Intervention Team

Your patience, compassion and unwavering dedication shine through in everything you do. In early intervention, these strengths are more than just qualities; they are powerful tools that empower families, nurture growth and open doors to new possibilities for the children you support.

Every moment you spend coaching a caregiver, celebrating a small victory or gently guiding a child's development creates a ripple that extends far beyond what you may see in the moment. Please remember that the work you do matters deeply. Your presence matters. You matter.

Keep doing what you're doing, because your strengths are transforming lives every single day. Thank you for showing up with heart, skill and hope. Our families and children feel it, and so do we.

### Coaching Through Strengths: Empowering Caregivers in Everyday Moments

Last month, we described strengths-based practices with reflections from caregivers that highlighted the positive impact KEIS services had on their families. Caregiver coaching in early intervention naturally fits with strength-based practices because it focuses on identifying, using and building upon the existing strengths and abilities of both the caregiver and child. We discover caregiver priorities during joint planning and then observe the caregiver and child interactions during everyday routines to understand what is already working well and where there are opportunities for learning. Reflective questions invite caregivers to share their thoughts about the interactions, helping them think strategically and plan what to try next. Ongoing, supportive feedback reinforces the trusting relationship. In essence, caregiver coaching brings strength-based practices to life by helping caregivers feel empowered, confident and capable of supporting their child's learning and development.

### Growth Reflected in December 1 Child Count

#### December 1 Federal Child Count



The Part C December 1 child count is an annual federal requirement under IDEA Section 618, which documents the number of children receiving early intervention services, along with their ages and the service settings. KEIS is pleased to report a slight increase from 2024.