

A place where you can get quick updates that spotlight what’s going on in Kentucky’s Early Intervention System (KEIS) through the listserv on the first Friday of every month

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Notable Exit Data Trends

As this federal fiscal year comes to a close, the SLA has been preparing exit data for reporting and noticed some exciting trends in comparison to FFY 20 data.

Number of children identified eligible for Part B services with public preschools	28% increase
Number of children who exited with no referral to other programs	31% increase
Number of children with no determination of eligibility for Part B services	55% decrease
Number of children who were withdrawn from program by parents/guardians	49% decrease
Number of cases closed due to unsuccessful attempts to contact families	43% decrease

While the number of children and families enrolled in KEIS is not back to pre-pandemic numbers yet, we are seeing much improvement. The increase in children exiting the program without referrals to other programs is a huge testimony to the quality of the early intervention services children and families receive through KEIS providers. We want to thank all our early interventionists for the work they do to help families and children across the state feel confident, competent, and ready for whatever the future holds.

Office of Special Education Programs- Differentiated Monitoring and Support (DMS)

As part of the nationwide push for results-driven accountability from the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP), KEIS will soon be participating in federal monitoring. There has been a recent shift from monitoring state programs based solely on compliance with the Individuals with Disability Education Act (IDEA) to monitoring based on both compliance and improving results for infants, toddlers, and their families. SLA staff will begin Phase 1 of DMS this month. This phase includes the submission of a variety of resources, documents, and protocol interviews to OSEP in preparation for an onsite or virtual visit. Phase 2 consists of the visit, after which a monitoring report will be issued. Phase 3 includes any follow-up needed from OSEP before the monitoring process is closed. Throughout this process, OSEP staff may choose to interview SLA staff, POE staff, early interventionists, and participating families. We look forward to sharing all the great things you are doing for children and families in Kentucky.

New Billing Staff

The SLA is excited to announce that Meagan Preston and Keri Gregory have been hired as Administrative Specialists. Both will be assisting with KEIS billing. We are so happy to have some extra billing support at the SLA. Please help Meagan and Keri feel welcome.

We are still working on filling the other vacant billing position. Hopefully the billing staff will be back at full capacity very soon. We appreciate your patience as we work through hiring and training new billing staff.

KEIS Provides a Healthy Work/Life Balance

One of the many benefits of working in Kentucky's Early Intervention System is having the ability to create a healthy work/life balance. Early interventionists can schedule EI visits around holiday activities and children's special events. This scheduling ability keeps EI providers from missing out on special moments with family and helps to create a better work/life balance.

Quote from Paula Goff, KEIS Part C Coordinator:

"As another holiday season begins, it is a time for thankfulness and reflection. Families are blessed to work with the dedicated early intervention providers who comprise KEIS. The achievement of goals resulting from providers and caregivers working together brings immeasurable happiness to the lives of the families.

As the year closes, the staff at the SLA wants you to know how much we appreciate you. Let's move into the new year with a renewed sense of purpose and joy!"