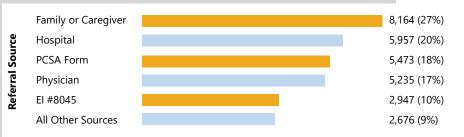
# HIO Early Intervention

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 El programs in all 50 states. In Ohio, the Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD) serves as the lead agency for the El program. Terms included here are defined in rule and can be found at <u>OhioEarlyIntervention.org</u>.

## Referrals



#### **Children Served**

One or More Substantial Delay(s)	9,036 (40%)
Informed Clinical Opinion	7,360 (32%)
Diagnosis on List	3,023 (13%)
One or More Mild Delay(s)	2,741 (12%)
Diagnosis on Form	651 (3%)

### **Services on Initial IFSPs**

Special Instruction	7,208	59%
Speech-language Pathology	3,102	25%
Occupational Therapy	1,571	13%
Physical Therapy	1,487	12%

## **Exiting/Length of Stay**

Reached Age 3	6,846 (61%)
No Longer Eligible Prior to Age 3	1,426 (13%)
Withdrawn by Parent Before Age 3	1,424 (13%)
Attempts to Contact Unsuccessful	1,282 (11%)
Moved Out of State	249 (2%)
Deceased	13 (0%)

Unique Referrals Made to Early Intervention in SFY21

**SFY2021** July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

30,452

Total Children Served in Early Intervention in SFY21

Average Children Served at Any Given Point in Time

10,600

Due to the majority of evaluations being completed virtually during the COVID-19 pandemic, a significantly higher percentage of children were made eligible via ICO in SFY21 than in previous years.

> Special Instruction Percent Listed on Initial IFSPs in SFY21

> > 59% Total Number of Initial IFSPs

12,175

Average Age at Initial Determination of Need for El Services

19 months

Average Time Those Children Stayed in the Program



Nearly two thirds (61%) of children served in El were exited in SFY21 due to reaching age three. Around 13% were exited because they were no longer eligible prior to age three.



\*Please note the COVID-19 pandemic has had a significant impact on El data; thus, care should be taken when making comparisons to prior year data.

Exit Reasor