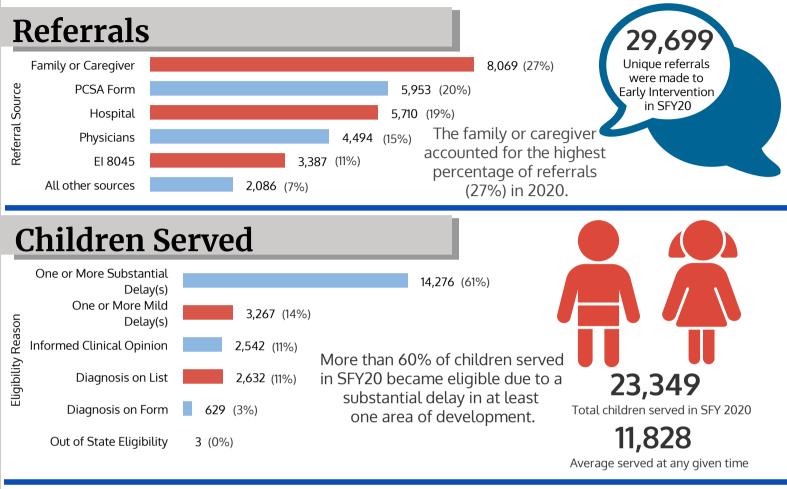
SFY2020 July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020

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 EI programs in all 50 states. In Ohio, the Department of Developmental Disabilities serves as the lead agency for the EI program. Terms included here are defined in rule and can be found at OhioEarlyIntervention.org.



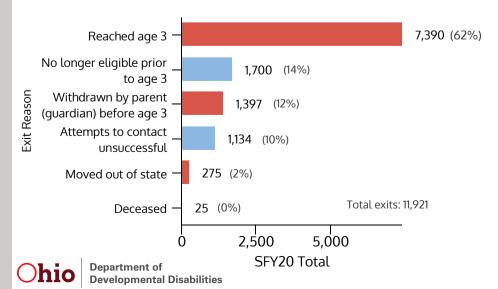
Services on Initial IFSPs

Special Instruction	7,115	59%
Speech Therapy	2,780	23%
Physical Therapy	1,618	13%
Occupational Therapy	1,467	12%

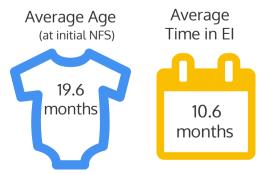


Special Instruction was listed on 59% of 12,066 initial IFSPs in SFY20.

Exiting/Length of Stay



Nearly two thirds (62%) of children exited EI in SFY20 due to reaching age 3 and 14% because they were no longer eligible prior to age 3.



Of all children who exited, the average age at initial need for services (NFS) was 19.6 months and they were served in El for 10.6 months, on average.

The COVID-19 pandemic had a significant impact on the number of referrals to EI and the number of children served starting in March 2020. Caution should be taken when making comparisons to prior year EI data.