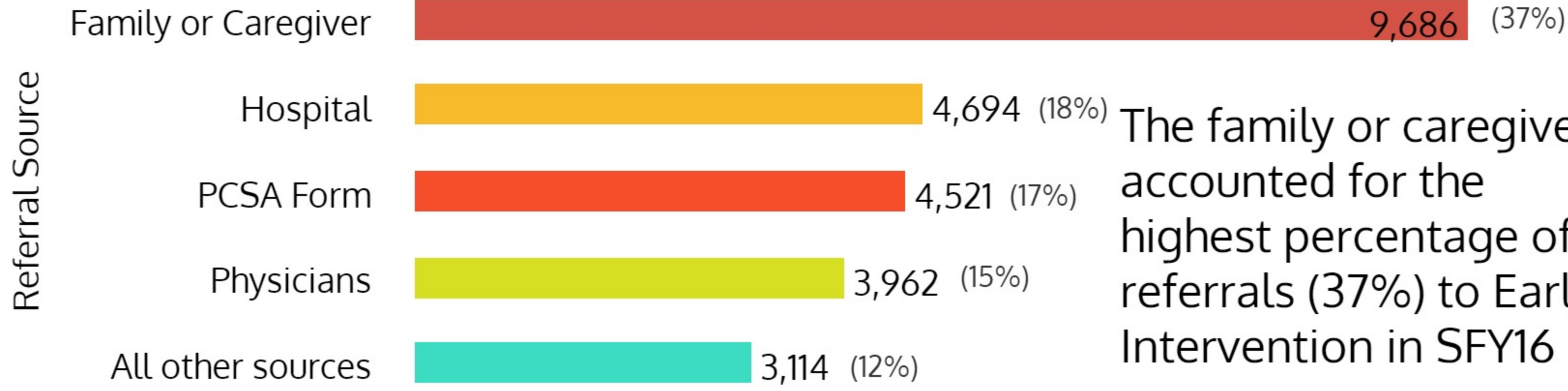


Early Intervention

Early Intervention (EI) is a statewide system that provides coordinated early intervention services to parents of eligible children under the age of three with developmental delays or disabilities. The federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) establishes EI programs in the states. In Ohio, the Department of Developmental Disabilities serves as the lead agency for the EI program.

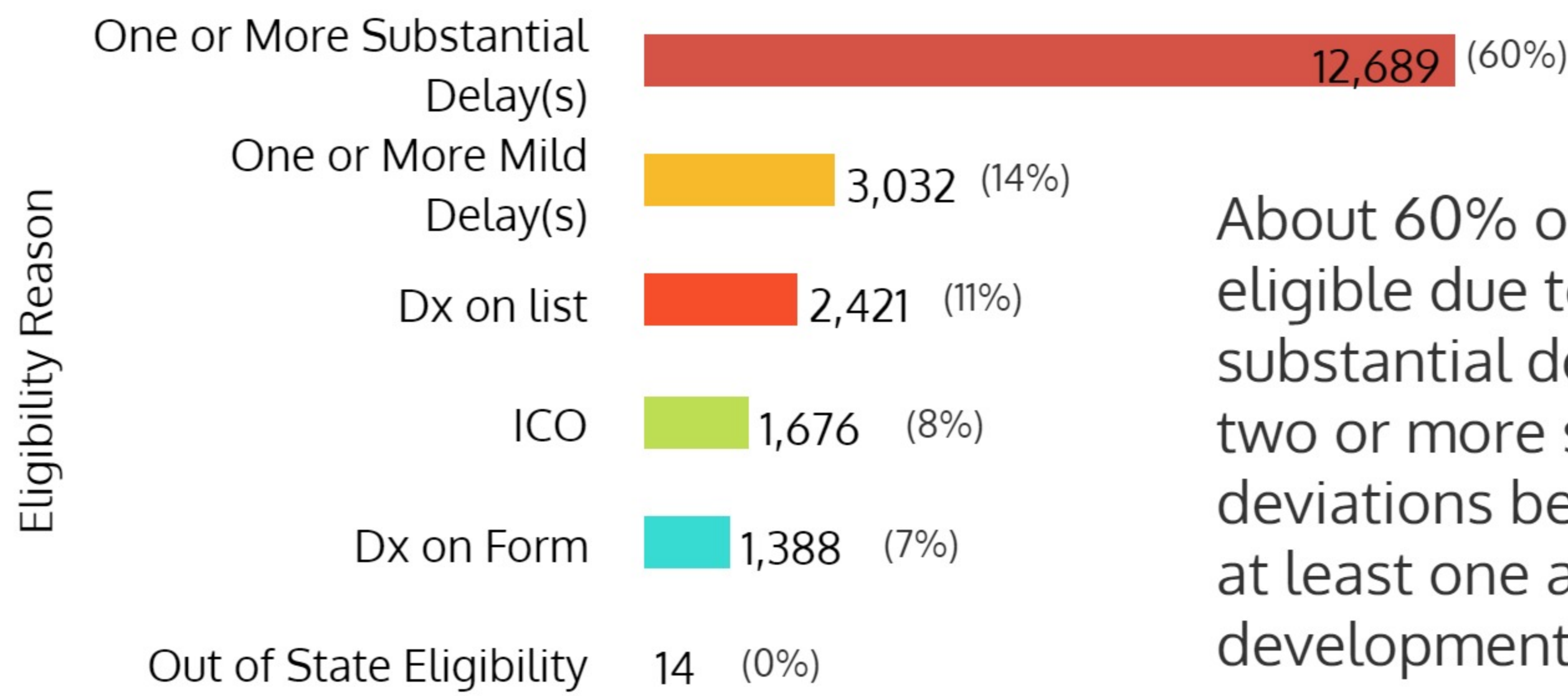
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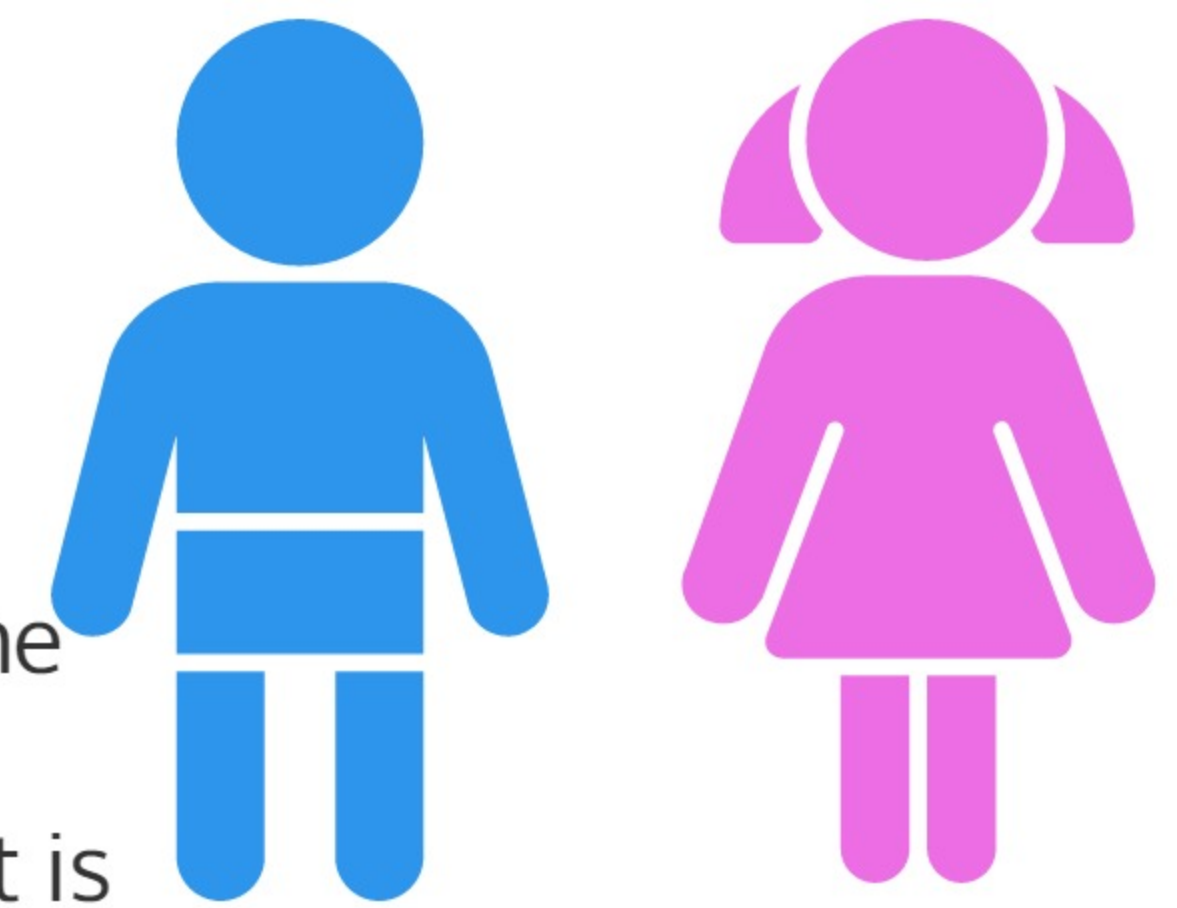
The family or caregiver accounted for the highest percentage of referrals (37%) to Early Intervention in SFY16



Children Served



About 60% of children became eligible due to having a substantial delay (a delay that is two or more standard deviations below the mean) in at least one area of development



21,220

Total children served in SFY16

10,263

Average served at any given time

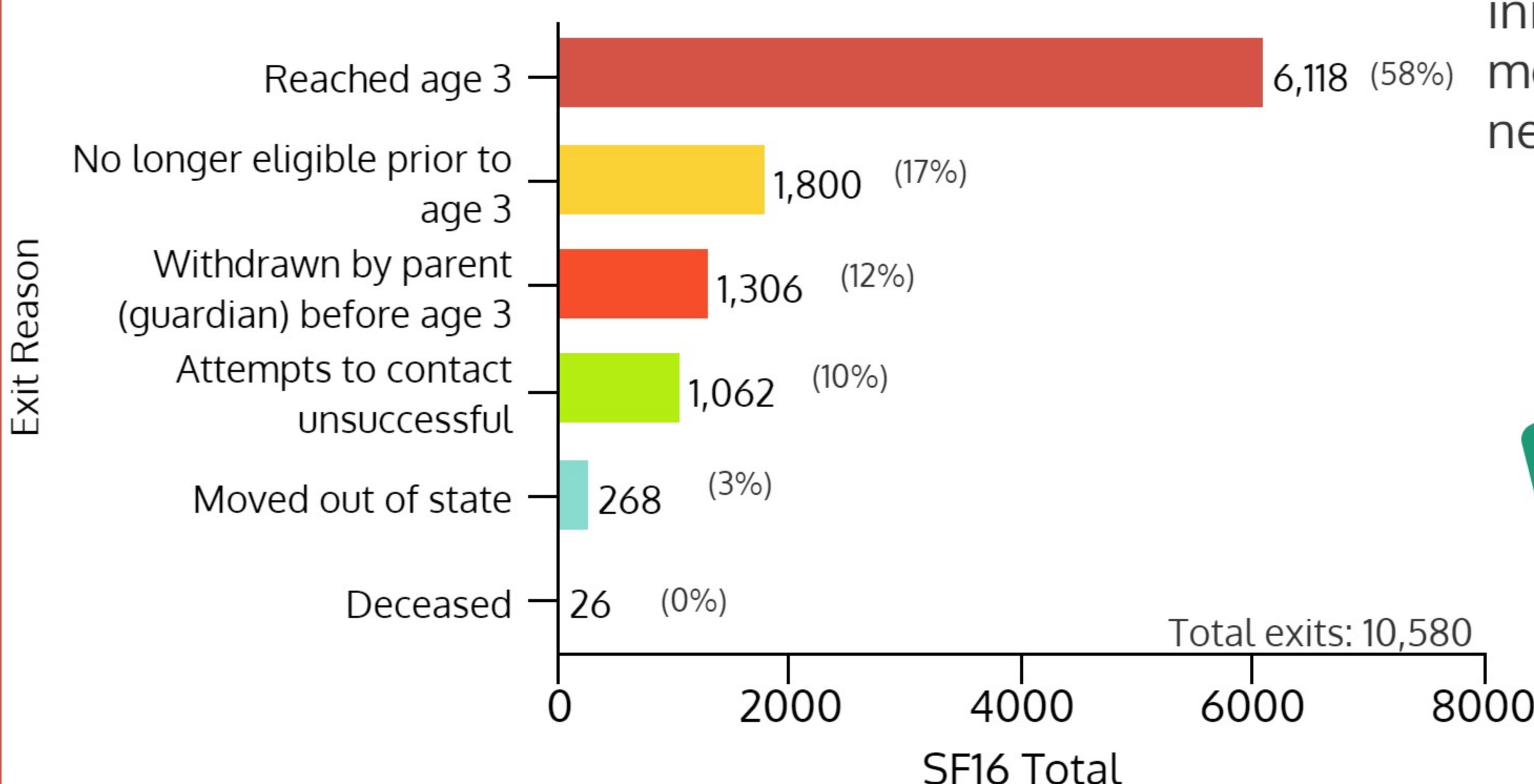
Services on Initial IFSPs

Service	Count	Percentage
Special Instruction	7,418	66%
Speech-Language Pathology	2,709	24%
Physical Therapy	1,489	13%
Occupational Therapy	1,138	10%
Family Training, Counseling and Home Visits	392	3%



Special Instruction was listed on 66% of initial IFSPs in SFY16. Speech-Language Pathology Services was listed on 24%; Physical Therapy on 13%; Occupational Therapy on 10%; and Family Training, Counseling, and Home Visits on 3% of initial IFSPs in SFY16.

Exiting/Length of Stay



More than half (58%) of children exited EI in SFY16 due to reaching age three. Of all children who exited, the average age at the initial need for services (NFS) was 18.1 months and they were served in EI for nearly a year (11.3 months).

Average Age (at initial NFS)



Average Time in EI

