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Part C: PRT Performance Report, Public Reporting & Determinations

*Improving Results for Infants and Toddlers
with Disabilities and their Families*

This technical guide outlines the processes used by the Nebraska Part C Co-Lead Agencies, Nebraska Departments of Education and Health & Human Services, to generate the Part C performance report 2015-16 and complete the annual PRT determinations 2017.

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Overview

In accordance with Section 616 of IDEA all states shall report annually to the public on the performance of each local early intervention program located in the State on the targets in the State's Performance Plan and Annual Performance Report (SPP/APR).

The SPP/APR consists of measurable and rigorous targets for each of the indicators established by the Secretary. The state submits an Annual Performance Report (APR) to account for performance against the targets for each indicator. For more information about Nebraska's SPP/APR, visit <http://edn.ne.gov/spp/annual-performance-report.html>.

In addition to these requirements, states must annually complete determinations of local Early Intervention Programs (Planning Region Teams – PRTs). This document describes Nebraska's process used to compile the Part C Performance Report and complete the annual PRT determinations.

Nebraska's Public Reporting: The Part C Performance Report is publicly reported, by Planning Region Teams (PRTs), on the Early Development Network website, <http://edn.ne.gov/spp/regional-data.html>

In order to ensure complete and accurate data, all PRTs are given the opportunity to review their own PRT-level information prior to the release of the PRT Performance Report to the public. Per CFR 303.702, the performance of each PRT must be publicly reported no later than 120 days following the submission of the Nebraska Part C SPP/APR to the US Department of Education, Office of Special Education (OSEP).

Nebraska's PRT Determinations: The Part C Performance Report is also used to complete the annual PRT determinations. Indicators on the Report are considered when completing the determinations. In addition, timely and accurate submission of data are considered.

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Individualized Family Service Plans Completed In a Timely Manner

Indicator C1
Compliance Indicator

Indicator 1: Timely Manner

Data Source: IFSP File Reviews

Data Year: 2015-16

Data Due: Data collected from IFSP File Reviews completed between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2016

Measurement/Calculation:

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|---|
| # of infants and toddlers with IFSPs who receive the early intervention services on their IFSP in a timely manner |
| Total # of infants and toddlers with IFSPs |

Measurement is the # of infants and toddlers with IFSPs who receive the early intervention services on their IFSPs in a timely manner divided by the total # of infants and toddlers with IFSPs.

PRTs participate in this data collection during the established monitoring year. Therefore, PRTs participate in this data collection once every three years.

PRT Performance Report and Determination Considerations: The PRT earns 1.00 points if the target of 100% is met. Actual PRT Performance is displayed in the "PRT Performance" column.

Infants and Toddlers with IFSPs who Primarily Receive Early Intervention Services in the Home or Community Based Settings

Indicator C2
Performance Indicator

Indicator 2: Settings

Data Source: NSSRS October 1, 2015 Child Count – Report of Settings

Data Year: 2015-16

Data Due: October 1, 2015

Measurement/Calculation:

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|--|
| # of infants and toddlers with IFSPs who primarily receive early intervention services in the home or community based settings |
| Total # of infants and toddlers with IFSPs |

Measurement is the # of infants and toddlers with IFSPs who primarily receive early intervention services in the home or community based settings divided by the total # of infants and toddlers with IFSPs.

PRT Performance Report and Determination Considerations: Actual PRT performance is displayed in the “PRT Performance” column.

Results Matter for Children Ages Birth to 3

Indicator C3A-C3C Performance Indicator

Indicator 3: Child Outcomes

Data Source: Teaching Strategies (TS) GOLD Online

Data Year: 2015-16

Data Due: June 30, 2016

Measurement/Calculation:

Percent of infants and toddlers, birth to 3, with IFSPs who demonstrate improved:

| Summary Statement | Outcome A: Positive social-emotional skills (including social relationships) |
|-------------------|---|
| 1. | Of those children who entered or exited the program below age expectations in Outcome A, the percent who substantially increased their rate of growth by the time they exited the program |
| 2. | The percent of children who were functioning within age expectations in Outcome A by the time they exited the program |
| | Outcome B: Acquisition and use of knowledge and skills (including early language/communication and early literacy) |
| 1. | Of those children who entered or exited the program below age expectations in Outcome B, the percent who substantially increased their rate of growth by the time they exited the program |
| 2. | The percent of children who were functioning within age expectations in Outcome B by the time they exited the program |
| | Outcome C: Use of appropriate behaviors to meet their needs |
| 1. | Of those children who entered or exited the program below age expectations in Outcome C, the percent who substantially increased their rate of growth by the time they exited the program |
| 2. | The percent of children who were functioning within age expectations in Outcome C by the time they exited the program |

Public Reporting Considerations:

For child data to be included in this indicator:

- 1) Child must have exited during that year;
- 2) Have complete entry and exit data within TS GOLD; and
- 3) Have been in the program for at least six months.

If the PRT accurately reported no children for the given year (▼), the indicator is removed from the total number of points possible.

⊘ : This designation applies only to Summary Statement 1 for Outcomes A, B and C, if all children demonstrated skills similar to same aged peers at entry. If so, there was no opportunity for children to demonstrate greater than expected gains between the entry and exit checkpoint for Summary Statement 1 and the indicator will be removed from the total number of points possible.

PRT Performance Report and Determination Considerations: Actual PRT performance is displayed in the "PRT Performance" column.

Family Outcomes
Indicator C4
Performance Indicator

Indicator 4: Family Outcomes

Data Source: Part C Family Survey

Data Year: 2015-16

Data Due: April 2016

Measurement/Calculation: Percent of families participating in Part C who report that early intervention services have helped the family:

- A. Know their rights;
- B. Effectively communicate their children's needs; and
- C. Help their children develop and learn.

All parents are surveyed every year. Families are provided with the option of having the survey read to them in English or Spanish through Nebraska Parent Training Information Center (PTI).

PRT Performance Report and Determination Considerations: Actual PRT performance is displayed in the "PRT Performance" column.

Infants, Birth to Age 1, With IFSPs
Indicator C5
Performance Indicator – Impact Area I

Indicator 5: Child Find Ages Birth to 1

Data Source: Data from Vital Statistics – City, County, State Levels and NSSRS

Data Year: 2015-16

Data Due: October 1, 2015

Measurement/Calculation:

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|---|
| # of infants and toddlers birth to 1 IFSPs |
| population of infants and toddlers birth to 1 |

Measurement is the # of infants and toddlers birth to 1 with IFSPs divided by the population of infants and toddlers birth to 1 compared to state data. Data on birth rates is from the DHHS Vital Statistics Office.

PRT Performance Report and Determination Considerations: Actual PRT performance is displayed in the “PRT Performance” column.

Infants and Toddlers, Birth to Age 3, with IFSPs

Indicator C6
Performance Indicator

Indicator 6: Child Find ages Birth to 3

Data Source: Data from Vital Statistics – City, County, State Levels and NSSRS

Data Year: 2015-16

Data Due: October 1, 2015

Measurement/Calculation:

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|---|
| # of infants and toddlers birth to 3 with IFSPs |
| Population of infants and toddlers birth to 3 |

Measurement is the number of infants and toddlers birth to 3 with IFSPs divided by the population of infants and toddlers birth to 3 compared to state data. Data on birth rates is from the DHHS Vital Statistics Office.

PRT Performance Report and Determination Considerations: Actual PRT performance is displayed in the “PRT Performance” column.

Evaluation and Initial IFSP within 45 days

Indicator C7
Compliance Indicator

Indicator 7: Timeliness of Evaluation and IFSP

Data Source: IFSP File Reviews

Data Year: 2015-16

Data Due: IFSP File Reviews completed between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2016

Measurement/Calculation:

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|---|
| # of eligible infants and toddlers with IFSPs for whom an evaluation and assessment and an initial IFSP meeting was conducted with Part C's 45-day timeline |
| # of eligible infants and toddlers evaluated and assessed for whom an initial IFSP meeting was required to be conducted |

Measurement is the # of eligible infants and toddlers with IFSPs for whom an evaluation and assessment and an initial IFSP meeting was conducted within Part C's 45-day timeline divided by the # of eligible infants and toddlers evaluated and assessed for whom an initial IFSP meeting was required to be conducted.

PRTs participate in this data collection during the established monitoring year. Therefore, PRTs participate in this data collection once every three years.

PRT Performance Report and Determination Considerations: The PRT earns 1.00 points if the target of 100% is met. Actual PRT performance is displayed in the "PRT Performance" column.

Transition from Part C to Part B Services

Indicator C8 Compliance Indicator

Indicator 8: Early Childhood Transition

Data Source: IFSP File Reviews

Data Year: 2015-16

Data Due: IFSP File Reviews completed between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2016

Measurement/Calculation: Percent of all children exiting Part C who received timely transition planning to support the child's transition to preschool and other appropriate community services by their third birthday including:

- A. IFSPs with transition steps and services;
- B. Notification to LEA, if child potentially eligible for Part B; and
- C. Transition conference, if child potentially eligible for Part B.

PRTs participate in this data collection during the established monitoring year. Therefore, PRTs participate in this data collection once every three years.

PRT Performance Report and Determination Considerations: The PRT earns 1.00 points if the target of 100% is met. Actual PRT performance is displayed in the "PRT Performance" column.

Timely/Accurate Data

As a reminder, timely and accurate data submissions are considered in the PRT's annual determination. This information is not publicly released in the PRT's performance report; however, late and inaccurate submissions may impact the PRT's performance against the indicator targets. The data collections currently included in the annual PRT determinations are:

| <u>Collection</u> | <u>Date Due</u> | <u>Points Possible</u> |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Grant Application | August 1 | 0.5 |
| Annual PRT Meeting Minutes/Report | August 1 | 0.5 |

SAMPLE PRT Performance Report – Part C
2015 - 2016

Sample PRT

NDE Reviewer: JOHN DOE

| Indicator | State Target | PRT Perf. |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| 1: Timely Services | 1.0000 | 1.0000 |
| 2: Home and Community Based Settings | 0.9700 | 1.0000 |
| 3A1: Early Childhood Outcomes | 0.4000 | 0.4740 |
| 3A2: Early Childhood Outcomes | 0.4450 | 0.2630 |
| 3B1: Early Childhood Outcomes | 0.4050 | 0.4210 |
| 3B2: Early Childhood Outcomes | 0.3400 | 0.2630 |
| 3C1: Early Childhood Outcomes | 0.5650 | 0.7890 |
| 3C2: Early Childhood Outcomes | 0.7200 | 0.2630 |
| 4A: Family Outcomes | 0.8400 | 0.8300 |
| 4B: Family Outcomes | 0.8150 | 0.7800 |
| 4C: Family Outcomes | 0.9140 | 0.8900 |
| 5: Child Find Ages Birth to 1 | 0.0060 | 0.0066 |
| 6: Child Find Ages Birth to 3 | 0.0186 | 0.0142 |
| 7: Timely Evaluations | 1.0000 | 1.0000 |
| 8: Early Childhood Transition | 1.0000 | 1.0000 |

SAMPLE PRT Determination Calculation Summary – Part C

2017

(Determination based on data from July 1, 2015-June 30, 2016)

Sample PRT

NDE Reviewer: JOHN DOE

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|----------------|---------------------------|
| Percentage (%) | Determination |
| 94.23% | Meets Requirements |

| Indicator | State Target | PRT Perf. |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| 2: Home and Community Based Settings | 0.9700 | 1.0000 |
| 3A1: Early Childhood Outcomes | 0.4000 | 0.4740 |
| 3A2: Early Childhood Outcomes | 0.4450 | 0.2630 |
| 3B1: Early Childhood Outcomes | 0.4050 | 0.4210 |
| 3B2: Early Childhood Outcomes | 0.3400 | 0.2630 |
| 3C1: Early Childhood Outcomes | 0.5650 | 0.7890 |
| 3C2: Early Childhood Outcomes | 0.7200 | 0.2630 |
| 4A: Family Outcomes | 0.8400 | 0.8300 |
| 4B: Family Outcomes | 0.8150 | 0.7800 |
| 4C: Family Outcomes | 0.9140 | 0.8900 |
| 5: Child Find Ages Birth to 1 | 0.0060 | 0.0066 |
| 6: Child Find Ages Birth to 3 | 0.0186 | 0.0142 |
| * Average of Monitoring Indicators (1, 7, 8) | 1.0000 | 1.0000 |
| Timely Reporting | 1.0000 | 1.0000 |
| Sum of State Targets/Sum of PRT Performance | 8.4836 | 7.9938 |
| Percent Score = PRT Performance ÷ State Target | 94.23% | |

* The average score of compliance indicators 1, 7, and 8 is included in the PRT Determination Calculation.

The PRT Determination Calculation measurement is the Sum of the PRT Performance divided by the Sum of the State Targets.

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|------------------------|
| Sum of PRT Performance |
| Sum of State Target |

The levels of determination include:

- Meets Requirements (100% to 80.00%)
- Needs Assistance (79.99% to 60%)
- Needs Intervention (59.99% to 40%)
- Needs Substantial Intervention (39.99% and below)