



# Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC) Meeting

April 12, 2024



**Welcome and Call to  
Order**



# Meeting Business

# ICC Members and Vacancies

First Name	Last Name	Seat Designation (specific role)	Appointee Designation
Colleen	Sonosky	Department of Health Care Finance (DHCF) - Medicaid Program Representative Designee	DC Agency Representative
Cynthia	McEwen	Parent Member	Public Member
Nicole	Lee-Mwandha	Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) Designee	DC Agency Representative
Vacant		Agency responsible of payment of early intervention services	Public Member
Quiana	Mitchem	Private provider of early intervention services	Public Member
Vacant		Agency responsible for children's mental health	DC Agency Representative
Dawn	Hilton	OSSE Designee	DC Agency Representative
LeKisha	Jordan	Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia designee	DC Chairman/Council appointee
Charmene	Johnson	Child and Family Services Agency (CFSA) designee	DC Agency Representative
Howard	Liebers	Agency responsible for the regulation of private health insurance	DC Agency Representative
Lysa	Torres	Head Start Member	Public Member
Sara	Mead	Agency Responsible for Child Care	DC Agency Representative
Pending Appointment		Public or Private Provider of Early Intervention Services	Public Member
Pending Appointment		Parent Member	Public Member
Vacant		Parent Member	Public Member
Pending Appointment		Private Provider of Early Intervention Services	Public Member
Vacant		Parent Member	Public Member
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Pending Appointment		Personnel Preparation	Public Member





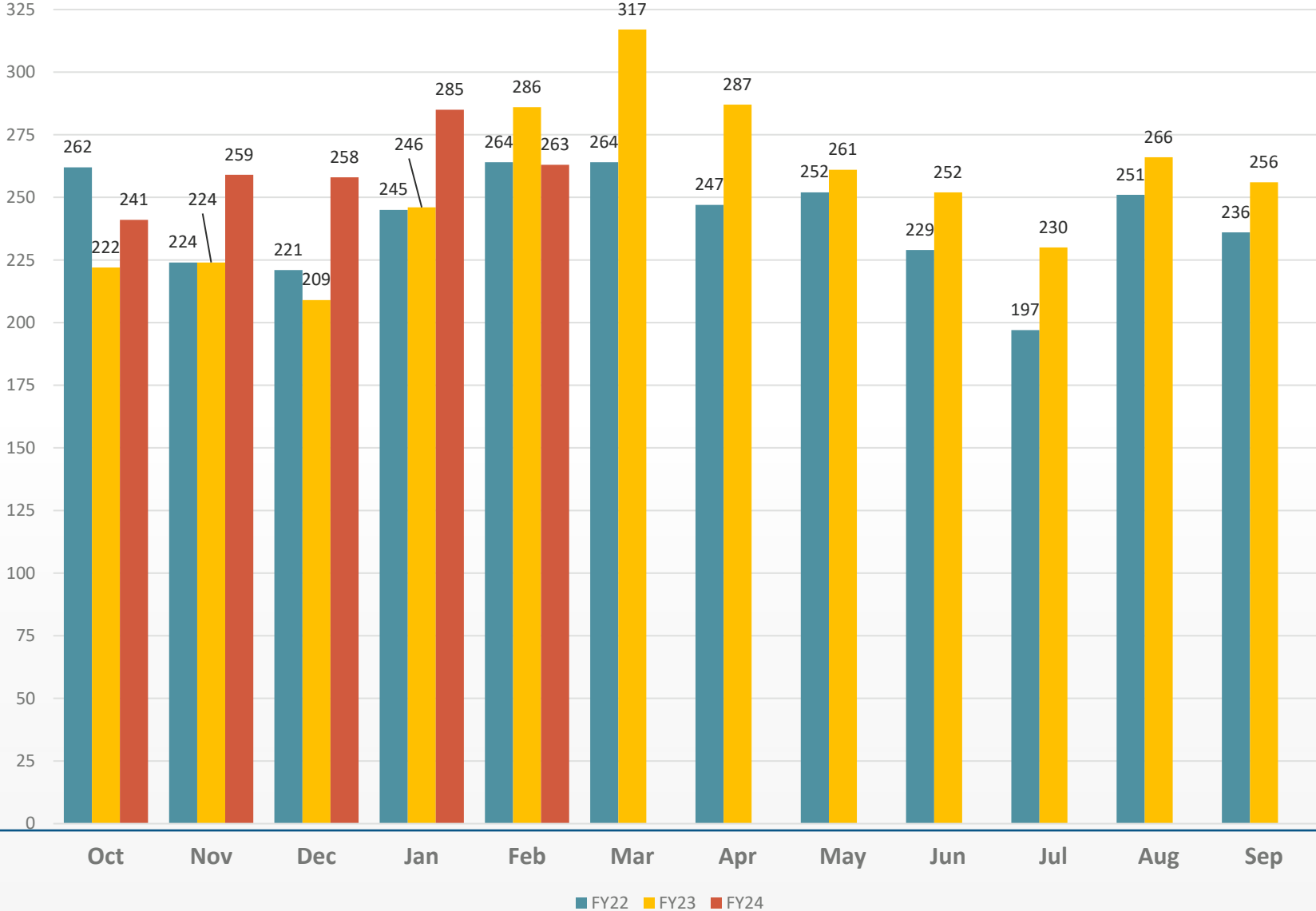


**Strong Start DC Early  
Intervention Program (DC EIP)**

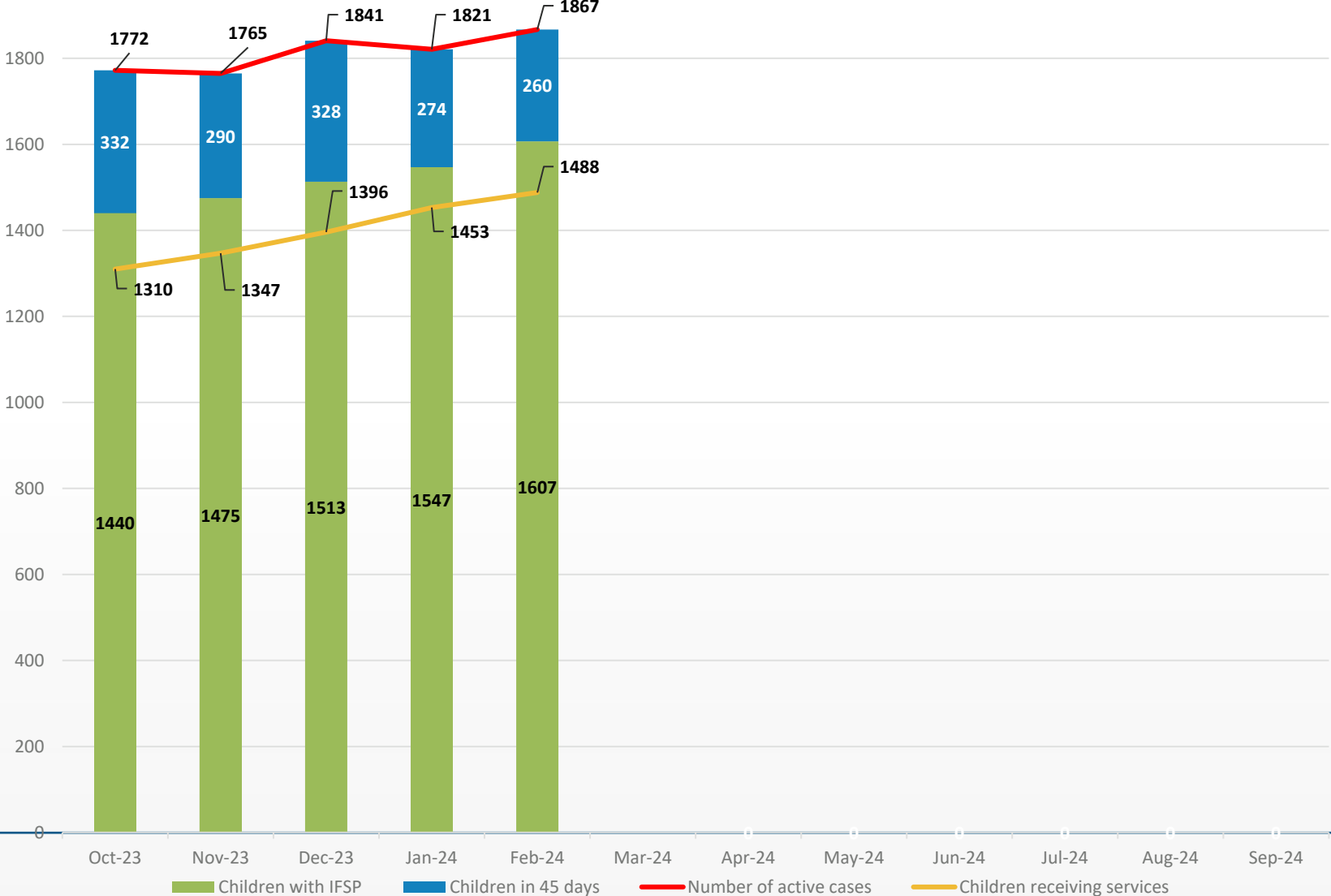


# Program Data Trends and Updates

# Number of Referrals Received

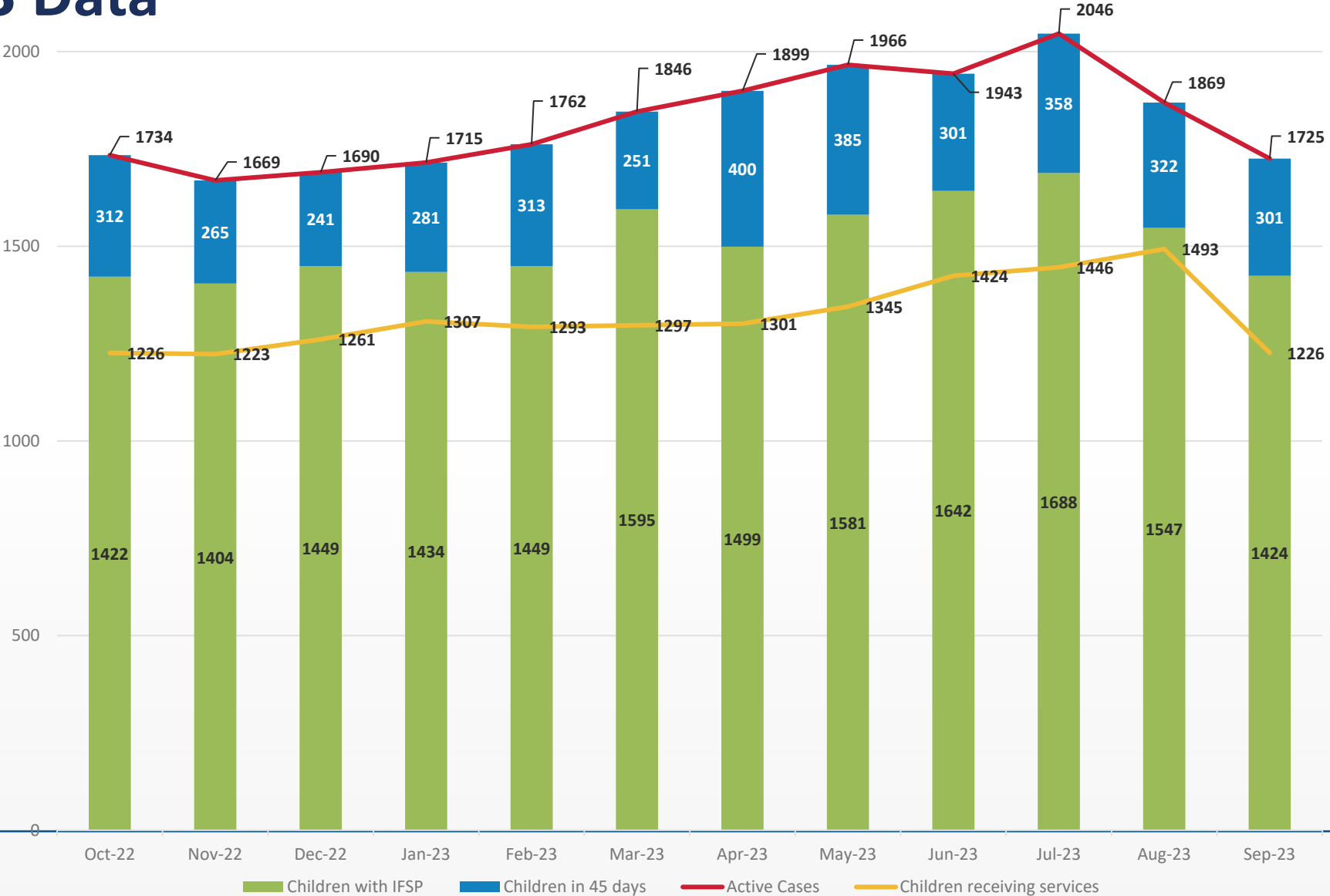


# Fiscal Year 2024 (FY24) Data





# FY23 Data





# Annual Grant Application

# Annual State Application for Federal Fiscal Year 2024 (FFY 2024)

- Draft developed and posted [online](#) for public comment until May 17
- US Department of Education will release Part C allocation table in early May
- Grant application will be updated and final submission to the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) by May 22

# Description of Use of Federal IDEA Part C Funds for the State Lead Agency (LA) and the ICC

Positions Funded	Number of Positions	% of Time Spent on Part C	Salaries & Fringe Benefits	Description of Duties
100% funded with Part C Funds				
< 100% funded with Part C Funds	25	100%	\$2,587,723	All positions are lead agency roles.
<b>Subtotal of amount under A:</b>			\$2,587,723	

# Totals

Row Number	Section	Amount
<b>Enter the subtotal amounts for Sub Sections A-E found in Section III of this application.</b>		
1.	III.A. Funds for the LA and the ICC	\$2,587,723.00
2.	III.B. Maintenance and Implementation Activities for the Lead Agency and the ICC	\$0
3.	III.C. Direct Services	\$0
4.	III.D. Activities by Other State Agencies	\$0
5.	III.E. Description of Optional Use of IDEA Part C Funds	\$0
<b>Enter any Indirect Costs to be Charged (See Section IV.B of this application.)</b>		
6.	IV.B	\$0
<b>Total (Rows 1-6)</b>	<b>No entry</b>	<b>\$2,587,723.00</b>



**Progress on the State  
Systemic Improvement  
Plan (SSIP) for FFY 2023**

# Indicator 11: FFY 2023 Evaluation Plan – Leadership Strand

Strategy	Activity	Timeline	Outcome	Measurement
Finalize plans and protocols for fidelity of practices and implements the plan for reaching and maintaining fidelity for early intervention providers and service coordinators	Review and analyze data from child outcomes and monitor progress on a quarterly basis	March 2024	Providers will provide services in a consistent manner using Evidence-based Practices (EBP)	Completion of fidelity assessment process
	Develop a plan to build the capacity and expertise of fidelity observers to ensure practices are implemented to fidelity	June 2024		
	Review data from fidelity assessments to evaluate progress	October 2024		
Develops and implements an infant mental health framework for Part C early intervention to address social and emotional development of infants and toddlers	Conduct program coach training and leadership training with 2-3 identified vendor agencies from Strong Start that will serve as a pilot	April 2024	Early interventionists will increase the infant mental health competencies and skills of staff to address and improve the social-emotional well-being of children	Number of people who complete the certificate program  Completion of IMH framework
	Develop action plan and implementation plan	July 2024		
	Roll out of Pyramid Model in Strong Start with the pilot group	September 2024		



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In-Progress

Delayed



# Indicator 11: FFY 2023 Evaluation Plan – Data Strand

Strategy	Activity	Timeline	Outcome	Measurement
<p>Develops and implements a new B-21 data system to improve the collection, reporting and use of high-quality data</p>	<p>Test final functionality of the system and train all users</p> <p>Final migration and implementation of Special Programs data system</p>	<p>April 2024</p> <p>July 2024</p>	<p>Early interventionists and local education agencies (LEAs) will have access to accurate and reliable data</p> <p>Parents will have access to their child’s record online</p> <p>Data will be available for the timely and smooth transition of children exiting Part C to Part B services</p>	<p>Number of staff trained on new data system</p>



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# Indicator 11: FFY 2023 Planning – Professional Development and Technical Assistance Strand

Strategy	Activity	Timeline	Outcome	Measurement
Supports provider agencies in providing professional development that support their staff in building competencies to use EBP and maintaining federal and District compliance and improving competencies in the use of EBP	Develop and publish a new website for Strong Start	October 2024	Provider agency leaders will support their early interventionists through professional development, observations, supervision and feedback in the implementation of Natural Learning Environment Practices (NLEP)	Early intervention staff trained and attended professional development opportunities
	Completion of webinar series “Balanced Intervention: Supporting Caregiver & Child Learning during (and between!) EI Visits” for early interventionists and service coordinators	April 2025		
Continues to review and revise professional development offerings for early interventionists	Migration to updated tool for the assessment for child outcomes tool Assessment, Evaluation, and Programming System for Infants and Children, Second Edition (AEPS-2) to the Third Edition (AEPS-3)	December 2024	Provider agency leaders will increase their ability to attract and retain qualified staff	Contract agencies will provide a plan for onboarding new hires
			Providers will increase their understanding and use of the NLEP framework understanding and consistent implementation	Number of fidelity observations of staff by vendor agency



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# Indicator 11: FFY 2023 Evaluation Plan – Accountability Strand

Strategy	Activity	Timeline	Outcome	Measurement
<p>Develops and implements a monitoring system that provides an overall accountability system for early intervention focusing on compliance and quality improvement</p>	<p>Review and update DC Part C Early Intervention general supervision system for fiscal monitoring; Integrated Monitoring, Sustaining Compliance and Results, Data and State Performance Plan/Annual Performance Report (SPP/APR); and Dispute Resolution protocols in preparation for differentiated monitoring and support (DMS) from US Department of Education.</p>	<p>December 2024</p>	<p>Agencies and early interventionists will be held accountable for the administration and provision of services</p>	<p>Completion of a monitoring tool  Utilize the monitoring tool to set a baseline</p>



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**Family Outcomes Technical  
Assistance Cohort**

# Outcomes and goals

- **Outcomes**

- Increase the representativeness of family outcomes data
- Increase equitable family outcomes across all families

- **Goals**

- To increase family engagement to be able to advise and provide support to EIP by June 2024
- To increase family outcomes survey response rate by at least 10 points from 24.45 percent to 34 percent by December 2024
- To collect and analyze data used to determine equitable outcomes by February 2025

# Action Plan

1. Develop a new family outcomes survey
2. Design a new process to disseminate the family outcomes survey and collect the data
3. Develop literature and communication to increase knowledge and purpose of the family outcomes
4. Recruit four parents to commit to quarterly participation in ICC

# Proposed Family Outcomes Survey (FOS)

- Goal is to review and approve the new FOS developed by the team participating in the cohort.
- DC EIP will use the new FOS for FFY23 APR.
  - What thoughts do you have on the proposed changes?
  - What are your thoughts on the language in Option 2 in questions 9, 12 and 13?





# Member Updates



**Public Comment**



**Adjourn Meeting**