



## Background

- \* The DaSy Center supports states in developing or enhancing Part C and Part B Section 619 data systems and coordinating with other statewide efforts to build integrated early childhood data systems.
- \* The DaSy Center has tracked states since 2013 on 10 key indicators of a high-quality state data system.
- \* Having child and personnel data elements in state data systems combined with the ability to link data to other programs, including with K-12 data systems, allows states to:
  - \* answer critical questions about program improvement,
  - \* provide data required for state and federal reporting.

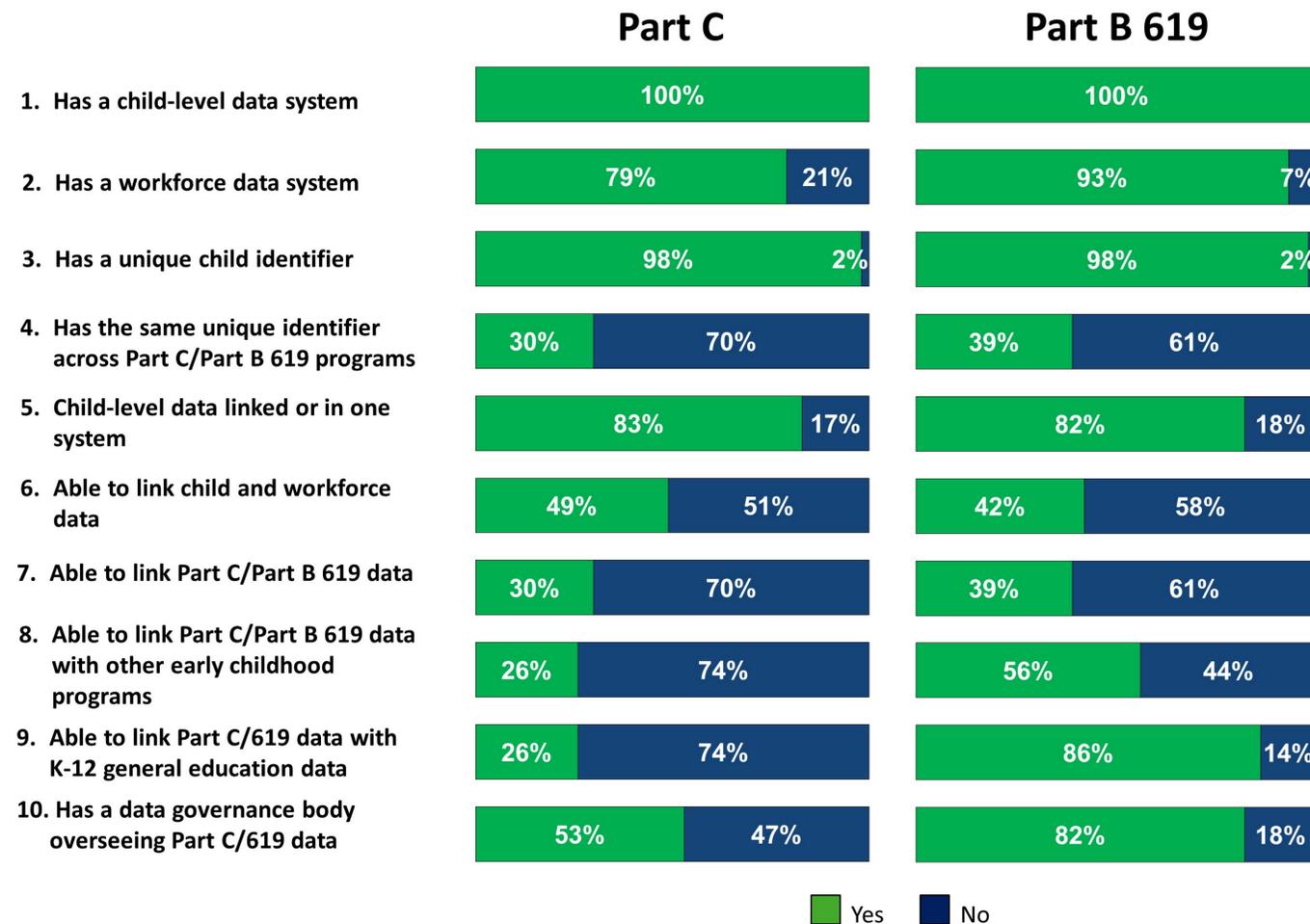
## Method

- \* Part C and Part B 619 state coordinators and/or data managers completed surveys in 2013 and 2019.
- \* We report 2019 survey responses for 50 states, DC, and Puerto Rico.
- \* Forty-three (83%) Part C state coordinators and 45 Part B 619 coordinators responded to the 2019 survey.

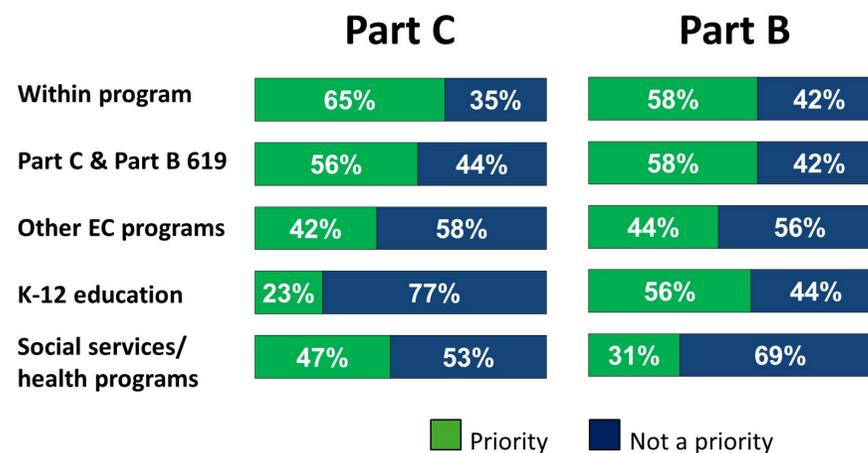


## Findings

### Percentage of States Having Key Data System Indicators, by Program



### State Priorities for Building or Improving Linkages



- \* Some states are linking with other programs, as noted in the above chart.
- \* More than half of states are prioritizing building or improving linkages within program and between Part C and Part B 619.



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## Conclusion

- \* Data systems are processes needed to turn data into information that can be leveraged for improved services.
- \* Both Part C and Part B 619 state programs have basic data elements for federal reporting; however, many states do not collect robust data needed for continuous program improvement, such as linking within programs and between programs.
- \* States should identify critical questions they need their state data system to answer as they plan for building or improving linkages within and across data systems.

## Implications

State early intervention and early childhood special education agencies have been making progress but still need to link their data systems with other early childhood programs in order to answer important questions. Making changes in a state data system is a long-term undertaking; thus, we expect it will take several years for major changes to occur nationwide across these indicators