

## Data Calculation—Indicator C8A: Transition Planning



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### Indicator

The percentage of toddlers with disabilities exiting Part C with timely transition planning for whom the Lead Agency has developed an IFSP with transition steps and services at least 90 days, and at the discretion of all parties, not more than nine months, prior to the toddler's third birthday.

### Measurement

Percent = [(# of toddlers with disabilities exiting Part C at age 3 who have an IFSP with transition steps and services at least 90 days, and at the discretion of all parties, not more than nine months, prior to their third birthday) divided by the (# of toddlers with disabilities exiting Part C at age 3)] multiplied by 100.

### General Considerations

- The measurement is intended to capture those children exiting at age 3 for whom an IFSP must be developed with transition steps and services within the required timeline consistent with 34 CFR 303.209(d) and, as such, only children exiting at age 3 who should have had a transition plan in their IFSP between 2 years 3 months and 2 years 9 months should be included in the denominator.
- A transition plan is not required for children who are found eligible for Part C 89 days or less before the child's third birthday, but an initial IFSP is required and must include appropriate transition content. *These children are not reported in Indicator C8A.*
- An IFSP is not required for children who are referred to Part C less than 45 days (44 days or less) before the child's third birthday. Instead, if these children may be eligible for Part B, they are referred to Part B with parental consent (if required to disclose personally identifiable information). *These children are not reported in Indicator C8A.*

### Numerator and Denominator Guidance

The **numerator** includes:

- All toddlers who exited Part C at age 3, who had transition steps and services:
  - Documented timely in their IFSPs
  - Documented late due to exceptional family circumstances,<sup>1</sup> if the state chooses to include this data

<sup>1</sup> Exceptional family circumstances are those that prevent the family from being available for a screening (if applicable), an evaluation and assessment, or an initial IFSP meeting (34.CFR 303.310(b)) related to the 45-day timeline requirement. Similarly, such circumstances may prevent the family from being available for service provision, the transition conference, IFSP reviews, annual IFSP meetings, etc. Family or child illness, family scheduling conflicts, and numerous unsuccessful attempts to contact the family are some examples of exceptional family circumstances.

The **denominator** includes:

- All toddlers with IFSPs who exited Part C at age 3 regardless of whether the transition plan was delayed for any reason.

## Data Source

- Statewide data system/database
  - All children for the entire year, or
  - All children for a portion of the year (e.g., fourth quarter, August through December)

OR

- Monitoring
  - Selection of children from database or other source that the state used to monitor EIS programs and/or providers

## Data Points Needed for Calculation

- Child’s DOB
- Whether the IFSP includes transition steps and services that meet the requirements of 34 CFR 303.344(h)(2)
- Date transition steps were documented in IFSP
- Reason for delay
- Date of exit from Part C

NOTE: To determine if a child is considered a “Late Referral to Part C” (when a child is found eligible for Part C 89 days or less before the child’s third birthday), the Part C eligibility date is needed.

## Example Calculation

1,500 toddlers exiting Part C who have a timely transition plan +  
 35 toddlers exiting Part C at age 3 whose plans were delayed due to exceptional family circumstances

1,610 toddlers exiting Part C at age 3

OR

$(1500 + 35) / 1,610 = 0.953 \times 100 = 95.3\%$  of toddlers exited Part C at age 3 with timely transition plans

## Resources

- [Federal IDEA Part C and Part B Transition Requirements for Late Referrals to IDEA Part C \(135 days or less before a child’s third birthday\)](#): This resource describes the requirements, roles, and responsibilities of Parts C and B programs within three time periods for late referrals to Part C.
- [OSEP 2023 Early Childhood Transition Questions and Answers](#): This resource incorporates longstanding policy and provides further OSEP clarification on early childhood transition requirements as children transition from the Part C to Part B.
- [OSEP Policy Letter to Jennifer Nix \(March 17, 2023\)](#): This letter responds to questions raised regarding the requirements under IDEA for children transitioning from Part C to Part B.

This data calculation document is one in a series of documents available at: <https://dasycenter.org/spp-apr-checklists-and-tips/>

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