

Georgia Part C FFY 2005 SPP/APR Response Table

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<p>1. Percent of infants and toddlers with IFSPs who receive the early intervention services on their IFSPs in a timely manner. [Compliance Indicator]</p>	<p>The State's FFY 2005 reported data for this indicator are 92%. OSEP could not determine whether the State made progress because the State revised its measurement for this indicator. The State did not meet its FFY 2005 target of 100%. OSEP cannot determine if the State corrected findings of noncompliance related to this indicator because the State did not report that it made any findings related to Indicator 1 in FFY 2004.</p>	<p>In response to guidance provided by OSEP in 2006, the State revised its measurement for this indicator to include the timeliness of any early intervention (EI) services identified on the initial IFSP and any additional EI services identified on subsequent IFSPs, instead of just services on the initial IFSPs, and to report based on child, rather than discrete service. OSEP accepts those revisions. OSEP's February 28, 2006 SPP response letter indicated that the State must include in the February 1, 2007 APR data that demonstrate compliance with the requirements in 34 CFR §§303.340(c), 303.342(e), and 303.344(f)(1). The data in the February 1, 2007 APR show noncompliance. The State must review its improvement activities and revise them, if appropriate, to ensure they will enable the State to include data in the FFY 2006 APR, due February 1, 2008 that demonstrate compliance with the timely service provision requirements in 34 CFR §§303.340(c), 303.342(e) and 303.344(f)(1), including correction of noncompliance identified in FFY 2005.</p>
<p>2. Percent of infants and toddlers with IFSPs who primarily receive early intervention services in the home or programs for typically developing children. [Results Indicator]</p>	<p>The State's FFY 2005 reported data for this indicator are 99.6%. The State's target for FFY 2005 is 95% or above.</p>	<p>The State revised the targets for this indicator in its SPP and OSEP accepts those revisions. Targets were revised to reflect stakeholder input and clarification from OSEP. Revised targets were lowered from initial targets of 99.77% through 99.79% to 96% for FFY 2006 – 2010. While the State's targets for provision of services to infants and toddlers in natural environments do not demonstrate an increase from its FFY 2004 baseline, because the State reported more than 95% of infants and toddlers received services in natural environments, there is no expectation that an increase in that percentage is necessary. It is important that the State monitor to ensure that IFSP teams make individualized decisions regarding the settings in which infants and toddlers receive early intervention services, in accordance with Part C natural environment requirements.</p>

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<p>3. Percent of infants and toddlers with IFSPs who demonstrate improved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Positive social-emotional skills (including social relationships); B. Acquisition and use of knowledge and skills (including early language/communication); and C. Use of appropriate behaviors to meet their needs. <p>[Results Indicator; New]</p>	<p>Entry data provided.</p>	<p>The State reported the required entry data and activities. The State must provide progress data and improvement activities in the FFY 2006 APR, due February 1, 2008.</p>
<p>4. Percent of families participating in Part C who report that early intervention services have helped the family:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Know their rights; B. Effectively communicate their children's needs; and C. Help their children develop and learn. <p>[Results Indicator; New]</p>	<p>The State's reported baseline data for this indicator are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4A. 90% 4B. 92% 4C. 91% 	<p>The State provided baseline data, targets and improvement activities and OSEP accepts the SPP for this indicator.</p>
<p>5. Percent of infants and toddlers birth to 1 with IFSPs compared to:</p>	<p>The State's FFY 2005 reported data for this indicator under IDEA section 618 are 0.48%. These data</p>	<p>OSEP looks forward to the State's data demonstrating improvement in performance in the FFY 2006 APR, due February 1, 2008.</p>

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<p>A. Other States with similar eligibility definitions; and</p> <p>B. National data.</p> <p>[Results Indicator]</p>	<p>represent slippage from the State's FFY 2004 data of .55%. The State did not meet its FFY 2005 target of .56%.</p>	
<p>6. Percent of infants and toddlers birth to 3 with IFSPs compared to:</p> <p>A. Other States with similar eligibility definitions; and</p> <p>B. National data.</p> <p>[Results Indicator]</p>	<p>The State's FFY 2005 reported data for this indicator under IDEA section 618 are 1.34%. These data represent progress from the State's FFY 2004 data of 1.33%. The State did not meet its FFY 2005 target of 1.40%.</p>	<p>The State reported progress and OSEP looks forward to the State's data demonstrating improvement in performance in the FFY 2006 APR, due February 1, 2008.</p>
<p>7. Percent of eligible infants and toddlers with IFSPs for whom an evaluation and assessment and an initial IFSP meeting were conducted within Part C's 45-day timeline.</p> <p>[Compliance Indicator]</p>	<p>The State's FFY 2005 reported data for this indicator are 98%. These data represent progress from the State's FFY 2004 data of 92%. The State did not meet its FFY 2005 target of 100%.</p> <p>OSEP cannot determine if the State corrected findings of noncompliance related to this indicator because it is unclear how many of the findings the State made related to Indicator 7 in FFY 2004 were corrected within one year. The State reported that it made 10 findings of noncompliance related to SPP indicators, five of which were related to Indicator 7. The</p>	<p>The State revised the improvement activities for this indicator in its SPP and OSEP accepts those revisions. Revisions were based on recommendations from Stakeholders and Lead Agency staff.</p> <p>OSEP's February 28, 2006 SPP response letter indicated that the State must include in the February 1, 2007 APR data that demonstrate compliance with the requirements in 34 CFR §§303.321(e)(2), 303.322(e)(1), and 303.342(a). The data in the February 1, 2007 APR show progress toward achieving compliance.</p> <p>OSEP appreciates the State's efforts and looks forward to reviewing data in the FFY 2006 APR, due February 1, 2008 that demonstrate compliance with the requirements in 34 CFR §§303.321(e)(2), 303.322(e)(1), and 303.342(a), including data demonstrating correction of noncompliance identified in FFY 2005 and FFY 2004.</p>

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	State further indicated that it corrected seven of the 10 findings, but it did not specify how many of the findings it corrected were related to Indicator 7.	
<p>8A. 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:</p> <p>A. IFSPs with transition steps and services;</p> <p>[Compliance Indicator]</p>	The State’s FFY 2005 reported data for this indicator are 100%. The State met its FFY 2005 target of 100%.	OSEP appreciates the State’s efforts in achieving compliance, and looks forward to reviewing data in the FFY 2006 APR, due February 1, 2008, that continue to demonstrate compliance with the requirements in 34 CFR §§303.148(b)(4) and 303.344(h).
<p>8B. 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:</p> <p>B. Notification to LEA, if child potentially eligible for Part B; and</p> <p>[Compliance Indicator]</p>	<p>The State’s FFY 2005 reported data for this indicator are 100%. While it appears that the State has met its target, OSEP has questions regarding the State’s policies and procedures.</p> <p>OSEP cannot determine if the State corrected findings of noncompliance related to this indicator because the State did not report that it made any findings related to Indicator 8B in FFY 2004.</p>	<p>It is unclear whether the FFY 2005 data reported for Indicator 8B reflect the revisions the State made to its procedures, as required by OSEP’s February 28, 2006 SPP response letter, and it is unclear if the State has adopted an opt-out policy under IDEA section 637(a)(9), 34 CFR §303.148(b)(1), and OSEP’s 2004 Letter to Elder.</p> <p>From pages 40 – 41 of the State’s FFY 2005 APR, it appears that the State allows parents to object to LEA notification. Unless a State has adopted a written notice and opt-out policy, IDEA section 637(a)(9) and 34 CFR §303.148(b)(1) require that the lead agency notify the LEA where a child resides of a child transitioning from Part B. It is unclear whether the State has adopted an opt-out policy under IDEA section 637(a)(9), 34 CFR §303.148(b)(1), and OSEP’s 2004 Letter to Elder. In the FFY 2006 APR, due February 1, 2008, the State must clarify whether it has adopted such an opt-out policy and exclude from its calculations (in both the numerator and denominator) for Indicator 8B, but provide a numerical count of, those children whose families elected to opt out. In addition, the State must ensure that such a policy is included in the</p>

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		<p>State's FFY 2007 Part C grant application, if it has not been previously provided to OSEP. If the State has not adopted such a policy, then LEAs must be notified of the child's name, date of birth, and parent contact information as required by IDEA section 637(a)(9) and 34 CFR §303.148(b)(1).</p> <p>In addition, OSEP looks forward to reviewing data in the FFY 2006 APR, due February 1, 2008, that demonstrate compliance with the requirements in IDEA section 637(a)(9) and 34 CFR §303.148(b)(1).</p>
<p>8C. 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:</p> <p>C. Transition conference, if child potentially eligible for Part B.</p> <p>[Compliance Indicator]</p>	<p>The State's FFY 2005 reported data for this indicator are 74%. OSEP could not determine whether the State made progress because the State revised its measurement for this indicator. The State did not meet its FFY 2005 target of 100%.</p> <p>OSEP cannot determine if the State corrected findings of noncompliance related to this indicator because it is unclear how many of the findings the State made related to Indicator 8C in FFY 2004 were corrected within one year. The State reported that it made 10 findings of noncompliance related to SPP indicators, five of which were related to Indicator 8C. The State further indicated that it corrected seven of the 10 findings, but it did not specify how many of the findings it corrected were related to Indicator 8C.</p>	<p>In response to guidance provided by OSEP in 2006, the State revised its measurement for this indicator to include the timeliness of the transition conferences, not just whether they were being held.</p> <p>OSEP's February 28, 2006 SPP response letter required the State to ensure that the identified noncompliance was corrected and include in the February 1, 2007 APR data that demonstrate compliance with the requirements of 34 CFR §303.148(b)(2)(i) (as modified by IDEA section 637(a)(9)). The data in the February 1, 2007 APR show continuing noncompliance.</p> <p>The State must review its improvement activities and revise the activities, if appropriate, to ensure they will enable the State to include data in the FFY 2006 APR, due February 1, 2008 that demonstrate compliance with the requirements of 34 CFR §303.148(b)(2)(i) (as modified by IDEA section 637(a)(9)), including correction of noncompliance identified in FFY 2005 and FFY 2004.</p>
<p>9. General supervision system (including monitoring,</p>	<p>The State's FFY 2005 reported data for this indicator are 80%, which</p>	<p>The State revised the improvement activities for this indicator in its SPP and</p>

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<p>complaints, hearings, etc.) identifies and corrects noncompliance as soon as possible but in no case later than one year from identification.</p> <p>[Compliance Indicator]</p>	<p>represents timely correction of 12 of 15 findings identified in FFY 2004. This represents progress from the State's FFY 2004 data of 45.4%. (OSEP collapsed the State's baseline data.) The State did not meet its FFY 2005 target of 100%.</p>	<p>OSEP accepts those revisions.</p> <p>OSEP's February 28, 2006 SPP response letter required the State to include in the February 1, 2007 APR documentation that the State ensured the correction of identified noncompliance, as soon as possible but in no case later than one year from identification. The data in the February 1, 2007 APR show continuing noncompliance. The State must review its improvement activities and revise the activities, if appropriate, to ensure they will enable the State to include data in the FFY 2006 APR that demonstrate compliance with the requirements in IDEA sections 616(a), 642, and 635(a)(10) and 34 CFR §303.501(b), including data on the correction of outstanding noncompliance identified in FFY 2004.</p> <p>The State reported how many findings were made for certain indicators, but when providing information regarding timely correction, the State did not indicate which findings were corrected. In its response to Indicator 9 in the FFY 2006 APR, due February 1, 2008, the State must disaggregate by APR indicator the status of timely correction of the noncompliance findings identified by the State during FFY 2005. In addition, the State must, in responding to Indicators 1, 7, 8C and 14, specifically identify and address the noncompliance identified in this table under those indicators.</p>
<p>10. Percent of signed written complaints with reports issued that were resolved within 60-day timeline or a timeline extended for exceptional circumstances with respect to a particular complaint.</p> <p>[Compliance Indicator]</p>	<p>The State's FFY 2005 reported data for this indicator are 100%, based on the timely resolution of the one written complaint filed. The State met its FFY 2005 target of 100%.</p>	<p>OSEP appreciates the State's efforts in achieving compliance, and looks forward to reviewing data in the FFY 2006 APR, due February 1, 2008, that continue to demonstrate compliance with the requirements in 34 CFR §303.512.</p>
<p>11. Percent of fully adjudicated due process hearing requests that were fully adjudicated within the applicable timeline.</p>	<p>The State did not receive any hearing requests during the FFY 2005 reporting period.</p>	<p>The State did not receive any hearing requests during the FFY 2005 reporting period.</p>

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<p>12. Percent of hearing requests that went to resolution sessions that were resolved through resolution session settlement agreements (applicable if Part B due process procedures are adopted).</p> <p>[Results Indicator; New]</p>	<p>Not applicable because Part B due process procedures have not been adopted.</p>	<p>Not applicable because Part B due process procedures have not been adopted.</p>
<p>13. Percent of mediations held that resulted in mediation agreements.</p> <p>[Results Indicator]</p>	<p>While the State reported that it received one request for mediation which resulted in a mediation agreement, the State is not required to provide targets or improvement activities until any FFY in which 10 or more mediations were conducted.</p>	<p>The State is not required to provide targets or improvement activities until any FFY in which 10 or more mediations were conducted.</p>
<p>14. State reported data (618 and State Performance Plan and Annual Performance Report) are timely and accurate.</p> <p>[Compliance Indicator]</p>	<p>The State's reported data for FFY 2005 for this indicator are 95%, showing that its section 618 and SPP data were 100% timely and 95% accurate. OSEP could not determine whether the State made progress because the baseline data and FFY 2005 actual target data were not reported in comparable terms. The State did not meet its FFY 2005 target of 100%.</p>	<p>As requested in OSEP's February 28, 2006 SPP response letter, the State revised the targets for this indicator in its SPP to explicitly indicate that its targets are 100% for both timely data and accurate data reports. The State also revised the improvement activities for this indicator. OSEP accepts those revisions.</p> <p>OSEP appreciates the State's efforts and looks forward to reviewing data in the FFY 2006 APR, due February 1, 2008 that demonstrate compliance with the requirements in IDEA sections 616, 618, and 642, and 34 CFR §§303.176 and 303.540.</p>