

Mississippi 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 76%. However, the data that the State reported for this indicator are not valid and reliable, because they do not reflect the measurement for this indicator. OSEP could not determine whether the State made progress, because the State revised its timely standard. The State did not meet its FFY 2005 target of 100%.</p> <p>The State reported that Hurricane Katrina negatively impacted compliance related to this indicator.</p> <p>The State’s FFY 2006 data in the Special Conditions report under its FFY 2006 Part C grant award indicate compliance of 83% for the period July 1, 2006 through November 30, 2006.</p> <p>The State did not report on timely correction of noncompliance.</p>	<p>The State revised its timely standard and the improvement activities for this indicator in its SPP and OSEP accepts those revisions.</p> <p>OSEP’s March 27, 2006 SPP response letter required the State to include, in the February 1, 2007 APR, confirmation that its data for this indicator are based on the timely provision of all early intervention services on the IFSP, not just the first service, and a revised timely standard. The State confirmed that the FFY 2005 data are based on the timely provision of all early intervention services and submitted its revised timely standard. However, the FFY 2005 data do not reflect the measurement for this indicator, because they measure the timely initiation of Part C services on initial IFSPs only and do not include the initiation of new services on subsequent IFSPs.</p> <p>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 both: (1) measure the timeliness of initiation for all new Part C services on all IFSPs (not just initial IFSPs); and (2) 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>Mississippi’s FFY 2006 Part C grant award letter includes Special Conditions on that award and requires the State to submit two progress reports, the first with the State’s February 1, 2007 APR and the second by June 1, 2007 with data demonstrating compliance with the timely service provision requirements in 34 CFR §303.342(e). The State’s February 1, 2007 report under these Special Conditions provided data of 83% compliance for the period from July 1, 2006 through November 30, 2006 and provided data on delays attributable to exceptional family circumstances and those due to other factors, which the State indicated it has taken actions to correct. OSEP will respond separately to the State’s June 1, 2007 Special Conditions progress report.</p>

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<p>2. Percent of infants and toddlers with IFSPs who primarily receive early intervention services in the home or programs for typically developing children.</p> <p>[Results Indicator]</p>	<p>The State's FFY 2005 reported data for this indicator are 96%. The State met its FFY 2005 target of 93%.</p>	<p>The State revised the improvement activities for this indicator in its SPP and OSEP accepts those revisions.</p> <p>The State met its target.</p> <p>OSEP's March 27, 2006 SPP response letter required the State to include, in the February 1, 2007 APR, a final progress report, which was due October 30, 2006, demonstrating compliance with the requirements in 34 CFR §303.344(d)(1)(ii), that IFSPs include appropriate child-outcome based justifications when early intervention services are not provided in the natural environment. The State provided data showing that 1311 (96%) of 1371 children with IFSPs received Part C services primarily in the natural environment and that the State monitored for the other 60 children who received services primarily outside a natural environment during FFY 2005. OSEP appreciates the State's efforts to ensure compliance while improving performance.</p> <p>It is also important that the State continue to 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>
<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 	<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>

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needs. [Results Indicator; New]		
<p>4. Percent of families participating in Part C who report that early intervention services have helped the family:</p> <p>A. Know their rights;</p> <p>B. Effectively communicate their children's needs; and</p> <p>C. Help their children develop and learn.</p> <p>[Results Indicator; New]</p>	<p>The State's reported baseline data for this indicator are:</p> <p>4A. 79.77%</p> <p>4B. 80.69%</p> <p>4C. 81.61%</p>	<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>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 .47%. This represents slippage from FFY 2004 data of .74%. The State did not meet its FFY 2005 target of .51%.</p> <p>In its SPP submitted in December 2005, the State explained that the December 2005 child count was considerably lower than the previous year because of the relocation of families outside of Mississippi following Hurricane Katrina.</p>	<p>The State revised the improvement activities for this indicator in its SPP and OSEP accepts those revisions.</p> <p>OSEP looks forward to the State's data demonstrating improvement in performance in the FFY 2006 APR, due February 1, 2008.</p>
<p>6. Percent of infants and toddlers birth to 3 with IFSPs compared</p>	<p>The State's FFY 2005 reported data for this indicator under IDEA section</p>	<p>The State revised the improvement activities for this indicator in its SPP and</p>

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<p>to:</p> <p>A. Other States with similar eligibility definitions; and</p> <p>B. National data.</p> <p>[Results Indicator]</p>	<p>618 are 1.34%. This represents slippage from the State's FFY 2004 data of 1.69%. The State did not meet its FFY 2005 target of 1.43%.</p> <p>In its SPP submitted in December 2005, the State explained that the December 2005 child count was considerably lower than the previous year because of the relocation of families outside of Mississippi following Hurricane Katrina.</p>	<p>OSEP accepts those revisions.</p> <p>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 88%. This represents progress from the FFY 2004 data of 72%. The State did not meet its FFY 2005 target of 100%.</p> <p>The State reported that Hurricane Katrina negatively impacted compliance related to this indicator.</p> <p>The State's FFY 2006 data in the Special Conditions report under its FFY 2006 Part C grant award indicate compliance of 87% for the period July 1, 2006 through November 30, 2006.</p> <p>The State did not report on timely correction of noncompliance for this indicator.</p>	<p>Mississippi's FFY 2006 Part C grant award letter requires the State to submit two progress reports, the first with the State's February 1, 2007 APR, and the second by June 1, 2007 with data demonstrating compliance with the 45-day timeline requirements in 34 CFR §§303.321(e)(2), 303.322(e)(1) and 303.342(a). The State's February 1, 2007 report under these Special Conditions provided data for the period from July 1, 2006 through November 30, 2006 showing 87% compliance, and included data on delays attributable to exceptional family circumstances and delays due to system problems. The State indicated that correction plans have been developed and teams responsible for evaluation, assessment and IFSP development have been established in health districts where efficient use of resources has been problematic. OSEP will respond separately to the State's June 1, 2007 Special Conditions progress report.</p> <p>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 45-day timeline requirements in 34 CFR §§303.321(e)(2), 303.322(e)(1) and 303.342(a), including correction of noncompliance identified in FFY 2005.</p> <p>OSEP's March 27, 2006 SPP response letter required the State to submit data to OSEP by June 1, 2006 demonstrating compliance with the service coordination requirements in 34 CFR §303.23(a)(2). As indicated in the State's FFY 2006</p>

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		Part C grant award letter, the State provided documentation that resolved this issue. OSEP appreciates the State's efforts.
<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>	<p>The State's FFY 2005 reported data for this indicator are 83%. This represents progress from the FFY 2004 data of 42%. The State did not meet its FFY 2005 target of 100%.</p> <p>The State did not report on timely correction of noncompliance.</p>	<p>OSEP's March 27, 2006 SPP response letter required the State to include data in the February 1, 2007 APR demonstrating compliance with the requirement in 34 CFR §§303.344(h) and 303.148(b)(4). Although the FFY 2005 data show noncompliance, the data represent progress from the State's FFY 2004 data.</p> <p>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 requirements in 34 CFR §§303.344(h) and 303.148(b)(4), including correction of noncompliance identified in FFY 2005.</p>
<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 66%. This represents progress from the FFY 2004 data of 32%. The State did not meet its FFY 2005 target of 100%.</p> <p>The State did not report on timely correction of noncompliance.</p>	<p>OSEP's March 27, 2006 SPP response letter required the State to include data in the February 1, 2007 APR demonstrating compliance with the requirements in 34 CFR §303.148(b)(1). The State's FFY 2005 data, while indicating progress, continue to show noncompliance.</p> <p>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 requirements in 34 CFR §303.148(b)(1), including correction of noncompliance identified in FFY 2005.</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</p>	<p>The State's FFY 2005 reported data for this indicator are 45%. This represents slippage from the FFY 2004 data of 54%. The State did not meet its FFY 2005 target of 100%.</p>	<p>The State revised the improvement activities for this indicator in its SPP and OSEP accepts those revisions.</p> <p>OSEP's March 27, 2006 SPP response letter required the State to include data in the February 1, 2007 APR demonstrating compliance with the requirements in 34 CFR §303.148(b)(2)(i). The State's FFY 2005 data show noncompliance as well as slippage from its FFY 2004 data.</p>

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<p>third birthday including: C. Transition conference, if child potentially eligible for Part B. [Compliance Indicator]</p>	<p>The State did not report on timely correction of noncompliance.</p>	<p>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 requirements in 34 CFR §303.148(b)(2)(i) as modified by IDEA section 637(a)(9), including correction of noncompliance identified in FFY 2005.</p>
<p>9. General supervision system (including monitoring, complaints, hearings, etc.) identifies and corrects noncompliance as soon as possible but in no case later than one year from identification. [Compliance Indicator]</p>	<p>The State's FFY 2005 APR provided no FFY 2005 data for this indicator because "no systemic focused and/or compliance monitoring was carried out in 2003 or 2004 which identified noncompliance or which was designed to correct noncompliance no later than one year from identification." The State did not meet its FFY 2005 target of 100%. The State's FFY 2006 data in the Special Conditions report under its FFY 2006 Part C grant award indicate that the State conducted monitoring and made findings of noncompliance by December 2006.</p>	<p>The identification and timely correction requirements of this indicator are the subject of Special Conditions under Mississippi's FFY 2006 Part C grant award. The State's February 1, 2007 report under these Special Conditions indicates that the State monitored all nine health districts by the end of 2006, issued monitoring reports in January 2007, which included 19 findings of noncompliance that must be corrected by January 2008, and developed correction plans. 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 requirements in IDEA sections 616(a), 642 and 34 CFR §303.501(b). The State must include in Indicator 9 of the FFY 2006 APR updated data through January 2008 on the status of the correction of the 19 findings of noncompliance referenced in its FFY 2005 APR. Also, 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 on the noncompliance findings identified by the State during FFY 2005. In addition, the State must, in reporting on Indicators 1, 7, 8A, 8B, 8C, and 14, specifically identify and address the noncompliance noted in this table under those indicators. The State must also submit data in the FFY 2006 APR demonstrating correction of the FFY 2005 noncompliance discussed above in Indicator 2 regarding the requirements in 34 CFR §303.344(d)(1)(ii).</p>
<p>10. Percent of signed written complaints with reports issued that were resolved within 60-day timeline or a timeline extended for exceptional</p>	<p>The State's FFY 2005 data for this indicator are 100%, based on the timely resolution of one written complaint received. The State met</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 demonstrate compliance with the requirements in 34 CFR §303.512.</p>

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<p>circumstances with respect to a particular complaint.</p> <p>[Compliance Indicator]</p>	<p>its FFY 2005 of 100%.</p>	
<p>11. Percent of fully adjudicated due process hearing requests that were fully adjudicated within the applicable timeline.</p> <p>[Compliance Indicator]</p>	<p>The State reported that it did not receive any requests for due process hearings during the FFY 2005 reporting period.</p>	<p>OSEP's March 27, 2006 SPP response letter required the State to submit, as part of its FFY 2006 Part C grant application, a written assurance that its prior written notice was revised to include the required content about due process hearings and mediations as required by 34 CFR §303.403(b). As indicated in the State's FFY 2006 Part C grant award letter, the State provided documentation that resolved this issue. OSEP appreciates the State's efforts.</p>
<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.</p>	<p>Not applicable, because the State has not adopted Part B due process procedures.</p>
<p>13. Percent of mediations held that resulted in mediation agreements.</p> <p>[Results Indicator]</p>	<p>The State reported that it did not hold any mediations in FFY 2005.</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 FFY 2005 reported data for this indicator are 100%. However, in Indicator 9, the State was unable to collect FFY 2005 timely correction data and in Indicator 1, the FFY 2005 data do not reflect the measurement for that indicator. The State did not meet its</p>	<p>While the State's FFY 2005 reported data for this indicator are 100%, OSEP notes that as discussed above in Indicator 9, the State only provided monitoring data for FFY 2005 and not timely correction data, which will not be available until January 2008, and in Indicator 1, the State provided FFY 2005 data that do not reflect the measurement for that indicator.</p> <p>The State must review its improvement activities and revise, if appropriate, to ensure they will enable the State to include data in the FFY 2006 APR, due</p>

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	FFY 2005 target of 100%.	February 1, 2008 that demonstrate compliance with the requirements in IDEA sections 616, 618 and 642, and 34 CFR §§303.176 and 303.540.