SoonerStart
Early Intervention Program

Oklahoma State Department of Education – Special Education Services (OSDE-SES)
SoonerStart Early Intervention Program Overview

• **State:** *Oklahoma Early Intervention Act*

• **Federal:** *Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA)*

• **Mission:** Oklahoma SoonerStart Early Intervention builds upon and provides supports and resources to assist family members and caregivers to enhance children learning and development through everyday learning opportunities.
SoonerStart Early Intervention Program Overview

• Services
  • Direct services (assessment, speech and physical therapy, etc.)
  • Information
  • Modeling
  • Guidance
  • Consultation

• Eligibility Criteria
  • Birth to 36 months of age
  • Two 25% delays or one 50% delay in:
    • Cognitive development
    • Physical development
    • Communication development
    • Social/emotional development
    • Adaptive development
  • Automatic qualifying syndromes and conditions
SoonerStart Early Intervention Program
5-Year Fiscal Review

• FY 2011
  • Federal Funding from Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Grants B and C - $5,303,920
  • State Funding - $13,761,397
  • Medicaid Reimbursement - $148,161.70

• FY 2012
  • Federal Funding from Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Grants B and C - $5,301,454
  • State Funding - $14,417,922
  • Medicaid funding - $135,561.11
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5- Year Fiscal Review

• FY2013  
  • Federal Funding from Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Grants B and C - $5,347,542  
  • State Funding - $14,417,922  
  • Medicaid Reimbursement - $114,398.88

• FY 2014  
  • Federal Funding from Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Grants B and C - $5,703,256  
  • State Funding - $14,611,837  
  • Medicaid Reimbursement – $123,904.75
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5- Year Fiscal Review

• FY2015
  • Federal funding from Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Grants B and C - $5,373,551
  • State Funding-$14,400,341
  • Medicaid funding - $112,169.85
SoonerStart Early Intervention Program Performance Measures

State Performance Plan/ Annual Performance Report FY2015 – How well are we serving infants and toddlers?

• **Indicator 1: Timely Services** - 98% of SoonerStart services were provided within 15 working days from the date of parent consent.

• **Indicator 2: Natural Environment** - 95% of all infants and toddlers with an IFSP received early intervention services in their natural environment, such as the home or child care.

• **Indicator 3: Early Childhood Outcomes**
  • *Outcome A:* Positive social-emotional skills - 78% of children made progress by the time they exited the SoonerStart program.
SoonerStart Early Intervention Program Performance Measures

• **Outcome B**: Acquisition and use of knowledge and skills-83% of children made progress upon exit.
• **Outcome C**: Use of appropriate behaviors to meet their needs-84% of children made progress by the time they exited the SoonerStart program.

• **Indicator 4: Family Outcomes**-96% of families stated they knew their rights, 91% of families reported early intervention services helped them effectively communicate their children’s needs and 95% of families reported services helped their children develop and learn.

• **Indicator 5&6: Child Find (Birth to Three)**-4,034 infants and toddlers, birth to 3, were served with an IFSP-2.56% of Oklahoma’s population of children birth to 3.
SoonerStart Early Intervention Program Performance Measures

• **Indicator 7: 45-day timeline**-93% of eligible infants and toddlers were evaluated and provided an IFSP within 45 days of referral.

• **Indicator 8: Transition**-98% of children exiting the early intervention program at age 3 received transition steps and services on their IFSP.
Parent Education Program
(PEP)

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Parent Education Program (PEP) Program Overview

• **Parent Education Program** (formerly known as Oklahoma Parents as Teachers (OPAT)) became a law in 1993, and Title 70 Section 10-105.3 of the Oklahoma Statute was updated in 2015.

• **Purpose** – Provide practical information and guidance to parents regarding:
  • Language development;
  • Cognition;
  • Social skills; and
  • Motor development.
Parent Education Program (PEP) Program Overview

• **PEP** is designed to support parents as their child’s first and most important teachers.

• **Benefits:**
  • Increased knowledge of child development and safety
  • A better foundation for school success
  • Stronger parent-child interaction
  • Developmental screenings
Parent Education Program (PEP) Program Overview

Each school district facilitating a PEP must:

• Submit an annual grant application and budget;
• Provide a 25% in kind match;
• Submit mid-year and end-of-year expenditure reports;
• Operate program at least 10 months out of the year;
• Attend trainings and other informational meetings;
and
• Provide health (Vision and Hearing) and developmental screenings for children.
Parent Education Program (PEP)  
5- Year Fiscal Review

• **FY 2012**: 74 school districts were funded with $1,585,471, serving 2,975 families.

• **FY 2013**: 42 school districts were funded with $1,001,500, serving 1,885 families.

• **FY 2014**: 38 school districts were funded with $1,015,000, serving 1,910 families.

• **FY 2015**: 37 school districts were funded with $998,000, serving 1,962 families.

• **FY 2016**: 29 school districts were funded with $884,000, Families served-TBD
Parent Education Program (PEP) Program Performance Measures

National Indicators will drive performance and data collection:

- Teen parents;
- Child or parent with disability or chronic health condition;
- Low educational attainment;
- Low income;
- Substance abuse;
- Foster family; and
- Homeless/unstable housing.
Parents Education Program (PEP) Program Performance Measures

National Indicators (con’t):

• Incarcerated parent;
• Parent with mental illness;
• Low birthweight;
• Domestic violence;
• Recent immigrant;
• Death in the immediate family; and
• Child abuse or neglect.
Parent Education Program (PEP)
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