

<p>Outcome: Cluster D will meet the target of serving 1.4% of children ages Birth to one</p>	<p>So that: Early intervention services are reaching families and children in need.</p>
<p>Strategy update from last quarter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - LPCC Coordinator, Coordinators and Director have been working together to increase the Birth to One percentage in the Cluster. The LPCC Coordinator has diligently been working with DCS Staff in the Cluster. LPCC Coordinator, Kelsey has outreached to the Regional Managers in DCS as well as attending the DCS staff meetings in Tippecanoe County in November. Cluster D has been in communication with every DCS office that covers Cluster D. Cluster D has been working on the community outreach and ensuring that families are aware of the First Steps services, particularly families with children under the age of one. Cluster has established a Child Find plan to be used but not limited to the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Quarter 1 (January- March 2015) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ WIC ▪ DCS ▪ Healthy Families ▪ Community Agencies o Quarter 2 (April- June 2015) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Physicians' Offices ▪ Clinics ▪ Hospitals ▪ Churches and community activities o Quarter 3 (July- September 2015) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 4-H Fair ▪ Child Care ▪ Preschools o Quarter 4 (October- December 2015) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Public Schools (High Schools) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Childhood Programs ▪ Pregnancy Programs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teen Mother Programs • Matrix Program <p>This plan will allow our Cluster guidance to ensure outreach is completed in multiple aspects in the community yearly. The above areas of focus are to be covered in every county that Cluster D covers. Cluster D is also in the process of planning a Resource Fair that is open to the community and will be held on May 21st. This event is open to multiple agencies and community members to be able to share their information at one central location.</p> 	

October-December 2014 Outreach Activities

- Susana attended the Benton County Healthy Families Advisory Board on October 14th
- Susana attended the Tippecanoe/Carroll County Baby Talk/Healthy Families meeting on October 14th
- Rachel Garcia and Amy Hill attended the MOPS Group for First Steps Presentation on October 14th
- Susana, Amy Hill and Veronica Campbell presented for the HDFS 454: Career Assessment and Professional Development Class on October 27th
- Amy Hill provided 25 brochures and 10 referral forms to the Boone County WIC office.
- Susana presented at the Child and Family Health class at Purdue University on November 18th
- Susana presented at the Tippecanoe DCS team meeting on November 16th
- Family Voices and Autism Society of Indiana presented at First Steps Team Meeting on November 19th
- Susana met with Brenda Reynolds from March of Dimes on December 4th to discuss First Steps mission and goals
- Kelsey Hall mailed Newborn Hospital Outreach cards to twenty five families: 16 in Tippecanoe, 1 in Montgomery, 1 in Newton, 1 in Marion, 1 in Clinton, 1 in Warren, 1 in Carroll, and 2 in White counties.
- Susana attended BNI International - Business Networking and Referrals Meeting on December 17th
- NICU and March of Dimes Directors have been invited to attend our sub-committee of the LPCC, Child Find committee to provide insight on how to reach additional families that may be in need of our services. March of Dimes Director has attended the Child Find Committee and the NICU Director contacted the SPOE Director informing her that she was unable to attend.
- Cluster D is scheduled to attend the upcoming March of Dimes walk for a 3rd year in a row. The Coordinators and providers will be collaborating to share First Steps information prior to, during and after the walk.
- Cluster D collaborated with the Project Sweet Peas to make welcome bags and Valentine’s Day cards for families in the NICU as well as received their information to share with families.

Explanation of Data:

Quarterly Data (__/__, %):

Since the Birth to One data can not be pulled from the iSPOE, the cluster has received the current data with an internal referral log and have noticed in comparison to July-September, referral numbers for Birth to One have continuously increased.

Month	Birth to One Referrals	Total Referrals	Percentage (B-1)
July	17	125	13.6%

Strategies(Who is responsible/timeline/evaluation):

August	29	145	20%
September	24	136	17.6%
October	35	132	26.5%
November	40	119	33.6%
December	31	111	27.9%

List barriers to accomplishing strategies and how to address them:

It appears that the families we receive referrals for in the age group are not interested or unsure of what concerns to have for their child. Many families are interested in monitoring their child at home and calling First Steps at a later time. In order to ensure these families are contacted at a later time, First Steps will work to collaborate with community agencies that work with the specified age group.

Resources needed:

State Clarification IIDC Training Mentoring Other: _____

Explain:

As a Cluster, we will need to continuously train staff and community agencies that serve the Birth to One population. This would ensure that children who are not referred or receive First Steps services are aware of our program and services we offer if services are needed in the future.

Stakeholder Collaboration:

The Child Find Committee has met in January and discussed the Birth to One Indicator. We have discussed the current indicator. Team reviewed the Birth to One indicator and are in agreement that Birth to One children are being referred but not always develop and IFSP due to not eligible or no concerns at the moment. The committee discussed ways to increase the Birth to One percentage in Cluster D. Committee agreed that families with children in the Birth to One category may need reminder that First Steps services are available if concerns arise in the future. Team discussed the Child Find plan and how we can fully implement it to be successful with the Birth to One group by ensuring we communicate with every county in our Cluster.