### Indiana First Steps Quality Improvement Plan

**Indicator:** 6  
**First Quarter QIP**

**Cluster:** A  
**Quarter Date:** April-June 2015

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<th><strong>Outcome:</strong> Cluster a will service at least 3.83% of children Birth to three</th>
<th><strong>So that:</strong> early intervention services are reaching the maximum number of children and families in need of services early enough to achieve maximum impact.</th>
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**Explaination of Data:** Quarterly Data (3.28%/3.83%):

According to the latest Cluster A Profile Report for the reporting period 4/1/2014-3/31/2015, Cluster A is serving 1063 children or 3.28% of children Birth to Three. Clusters recently received new targets for the FFY14. The new target for Indicator 6: Birth to Three was increased from 3.0% to 3.83%, which means Cluster A is no longer meeting the Target for Indicator 6. In order to meet this target, Cluster A would need to increase all Children with an IFSP by 178 children. We hypothesize that an increase in Child Find activities in all counties serviced will have the greatest impact on increasing the percentage of children being served by Cluster A.

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<th><strong>Strategies</strong> (Who is responsible/timeline/evaluation):</th>
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If we hypothesize that increasing Child Find activities will increase the number of children served in Cluster A, then Council Coordinators will contact local pediatrician practice groups via mail, phone or in person to offer training and resources for staff to share with families of children under the age of three. We will continue to attend provider fairs, vendor fairs to provide information to the community. Outreach Information will also be given to Coordinators to allow them to share information in the areas that they serve while out doing home visits in some of the more remote areas served by Cluster A.

**Timeline:** June – September 2015

**Evaluation:** Monitor number of referrals on Monthly Referral log to determine if referrals are increasing,

**List barriers to accomplishing strategies and how to address them:**

Clusters are no longer able to get a one-day child count via ISPOE. The child counts provided on the Profile Reports appear to be from a timeframe prior to that when the strategies are implemented. This can make it difficult to measure a true increase in children with IFSPs for several Quarters.
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**Explain:**
Explanation of what day the one day child counts in the Profile Reports are done, to help with measuring progress toward meeting this target.

**Stakeholder Collaboration:**
6/9/2015 Council Coordinators and management staff discussed strategies to increase referrals and discussed the staffing difficulties associated with this.
6/10/2014 Met with LPCC and discussed the new targets. One member mentioned a new NICU follow-up clinic opening in Lake County in July. This could be a potential source of increased referrals in young children.